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San Francisco Giants All-Time Team

This franchise began as the New York Gothams in 1883, becoming the Giants in 1885. After various ups and downs during their early years, they managed a .600+ winning percentage in 14 of the 21 seasons from 1904-24. This stretch produced nine pennants, though only three World Series titles. They slipped only slightly for the next decade, before capturing three pennants and one World Series from 1933-37.

The club then entered a dry-spell until the Willie Mays era began, during which the team was regularly above .500, and won three pennants and one World Series – in 1954, which was their last while in New York. They moved to San Francisco for the 1958 season, and continued to be a generally strong contender until the 1970s when they slipped to the bottom half of their division. They took the division title twice in the late 1980s, and went to the World Series in 1989 only to be swept in four games.

The Giants finished first or second in their division every year from 1997 to 2004, and then finally had ultimate success again in 2010 backed by their strong starting pitching and a mostly veteran lineup of castoffs.

The New York / San Francisco Giants All-Time Team is full of outstanding players, including some of the best to ever play the game. Their top outfielders and starting pitchers are superb, though they are a bit weaker, relatively speaking, at some other positions.

1st Base

The two choices at 1B are I think pretty obvious. **Willie McCovey** (1959-73, 77-80) played all of his best years for the Giants, leaving for only three years to play for San Diego and Oakland. Not the most durable of players (he only played 150+ games in a season four times), he was a leading power hitter of his day, smashing 30+ HRs and 90+ RBIs seven times. He led the NL in HR three times, and RBIs twice. Playing in only 52 games in 1959, his 13 HRs and .354 BA were enough to take home top rookie honors. 1969 was his career year, as he batted .320 with 45 HR, 126 RBI, and 121 BB to win the league MVP award. His

propensity to strike out decreased as he gained more experience, and eventually he became patient enough to be amongst the league-leaders in walks each year. He wasn't quick on the bases or in the field, but his lanky 6'4" frame made "Stretch" an adequate fielder at 1B.

Bill Terry (1923-36) benefitted from hitting during the offensive late-20s and early-30s. He played his entire career with the Giants, and has the team's highest career batting average. He never won an MVP award, but he was amongst the top-10 in voting six times. And that doesn't include 1930, when no MVP award was given, a year that saw Terry lead the league with a .401 average and a whopping 254 hits. Aside from that, Terry rarely led the league in any offensive categories, but he was regularly amongst the leaders in BA, OBP, Hits, D, T, Runs, RBIs, and more. He had seven seasons with 100+ runs, six with 100+ RBIs, and nine with 30+ doubles. He too wasn't a great baserunner, but he was a pretty good fielder and easily makes this team as the backup.

There were a few other candidates to consider, including most notably old-timer Roger Connor (1883-89, 91, 93-94). One of the major power hitters of his times, Connor regularly hit double-digit HRs and triples in the same season. He paced the NL in batting in 1885 with a .371 mark, and was regularly amongst the league leaders in just about every offensive category.

Another candidate is Will Clark (1986-93) who played his first eight seasons in San Francisco, five as an All-Star. His best year was 1989, when he led the league in runs (104) and was runner-up in BA (.333) and hits (196), earning him second place in the MVP balloting behind teammate Kevin Mitchell.

During the early 1920s while Ruth was redefining the game, George "High Pockets" Kelly (1915-17, 19-26) twice led the NL in RBIs and once in HRs. A .301 hitter, he was a good RBI man (with six consecutive 90+ RBI seasons) and was a good fielder as well.

Johnny Mize (1942, 46-49) had two good seasons and two great seasons for the Giants, including his impressive 1947 numbers: .302, 51 HR, 138 RBI, 137 runs. Fred Merkle (1907-16) stole a lot of bases, and J.T. Snow (1907-05) took home four of his six Gold Glove awards as a Giant. Whitey Lockman (1945, 47-57) played both OF and 1B for the Giants, but was not a particularly impressive hitter. And finally, Orlando Cepeda (1958-66), who admittedly played more time at 1B than in the OF for the Giants, will need to be considered at the latter position since there is obviously no room here.

2nd Base

Put bluntly, 2B has rarely been a strong position for the Giants. The starter will be **Larry Doyle** (1907-16, 18-20), a dead-ball era player who played most of his career for the Giants. He won the batting title in 1915 with a rather mediocre .320 average. His 1912 season earned him the MVP award (The Chalmers Award), with his .330 average, 36 SBs, and 10 HRs edging out Honus Wagner. He had five consecutive 30+ SB seasons, but given when he played that isn't that impressive. His statistics indicate he wasn't a particularly gifted fielder, nor did he do well in most of his three consecutive years in the World Series (1911-13). Nonetheless, he is the best available so he gets the starting spot.

The backup spot will go to **Jeff Kent** (1997-02), who was on pace to become the starter after just another one or two solid seasons, but then left via free agency after the 2002 season. You could make a case for him over Doyle as the starter, based on his HR and RBI numbers: his six seasons in San Fran provided between 22 and 37 HRs and over 100 RBIs every year. His best year was in 2000, when his 33 HR, 114 R, 125 RBI, and .334 BA were enough to capture the NL MVP award (beating teammate Barry Bonds). He provided solid production, especially for a 2B, but only for six seasons.

Another Giants star 2B was Frankie Frisch (1919-26), but as he split time at 3B, we'll consider him again in a moment. Robby Thompson (1986-96) played his entire 11-year career for the Giants. He had moderate power for a 2B (double digit HRs in six seasons) and was a good fielder. But he was fragile, playing the most games (149) in his rookie season, and ending his career early due to injury as well. Tito Fuentes (1965-67, 69-74) was a late-60s and early-70s middle infielder for the Giants, but his accomplishments don't come close to getting him on this roster.

3rd Base

Third base is a bit stronger, thankfully. In my view, **Matt Williams** (1987-96) is the pretty clear starter, although it took him a while to find his major-league swing: in his first three partial seasons he batted .188, .205, and .202. In 1990 he led the league in RBIs with 122, having the first of four 30+ HR seasons for the Giants. His 43 dingers in the strike-shortened 1994 season led the league, and the talk that year was of Williams, Griffey Jr., and others making a run at Maris's HR record. He was the runner-up in the MVP balloting that season, and took home his third gold glove for the Giants.

There are numerous candidates for the backup 3B, but this is where I will bring **Frankie Frisch** (1919-26) back into the discussion. He played 622 games at 2B, but also played 347 at 3B, enough to reasonably qualify him at both positions. Frisch had seven solid seasons in New York before joining the Cardinals (in a trade for Rogers Hornsby after the 1926 season). He had 20+ steals each full-year as a Giant, and batted over .300 in all but one, ending up with a .321 mark. He scored 100+ runs in four consecutive years, and provided solid defense at both positions. He was a key player for the pennant winning Giants from 1921-24, and performed very well in all four World Series (of which they won the first two). It is hard to keep him off this team, so he gets the backup 3B spot.

Choosing Frisch isn't easy though, as numerous others had to be considered. Jim Davenport (1958-70) and Art Devlin (1904-11) have played in more games at 3B for the Giants than anyone else. Davenport played his entire career in San Francisco, and was a good fielder, but not much of a hitter. Devlin played for the Giants for most of his career, and was a good base runner (266 SB), but also was not a very impressive hitter.

Freddie Lindstrom (1924-32) hit .318 for the Giants, and had several fine offensive seasons for the Giants, including his 1928 season of .358 BA, 231 H, 39 D, 14 HR, and 107 RBI, and his 1930 season of .379 BA, 231 H, 39 D, 22 HR, 127 R, and 106 RBI. Darrell Evans (1976-83) had seven full seasons in a Giants uniform during the 70s and 80s (though not his best). He hit 20+ homers three times and was patient at the plate. He played about a third of his games at 1B, but clearly had no shot of making this roster at that position, so I'm at least giving him a mention here.

Jim Ray Hart (1963-73) provided even more power, hitting 20+ HR each year from 1964-68, but only had five full seasons and was weak defensively. Sid Gordon (1941-43, 46-49, 55) missed some key seasons to the war, but blossomed in 1948 when he hit .299 with 30 HR and 107, and followed that up in 1949 with .284, 26 HR, and 90 RBI. And Hank Thompson (1949-56) played for the Giants about as long as Evans and Hart, and like them displayed some power at the plate, with three seasons of 20+ HRs. Clearly the All-Time Giants have a fair amount of depth at 3B.

Shortstop

There are really only two strong candidates for SS on this roster; the difficulty is in choosing who the starter is. I'll go with **Travis Jackson** (1922-36) who played his entire career for the Giants, and was elected to

the Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee in 1982 (one of their more questionable selections in my opinion). He had six .300+ seasons, and 20+ HRs and 100+ RBIs once each--which given the era he played in is not very impressive. Looking at his games played, it doesn't seem that he was very durable, as he only played 140+ games four times. He also wasn't much of a base stealer, but was a good fielder (he played about 80 percent of his games at SS, the remainder at 3B). He did not hit well in four World Series: he managed only .149 with one extra base hit in 67 at-bats.

George Davis (1893-01, 03) had clearly superior peak performances over Jackson. His playing time was split even more heavily at 3B, where he played around 40 percent of his games. He posted a .300+ average in all nine of his full seasons as a Giant, and in five of those seasons managed both 90+ runs and 90+ RBI. He also stole between 25 and 65 bases per season. His three best seasons were 1893 (.355, 27 triples), 1894 (.352, 125 runs), and 1897 (.353, and a league-leading 135 RBI). He was a solid fielder, so you could certainly make a case for him as the starter over Jackson.

Art Fletcher (1909-20) played nearly his entire career for the Giants, and played almost as many games at SS as Jackson, so he certainly deserved a look. He was apparently a typical player of the 1910s: no power, moderate speed, and so on. The only remarkable statistical thing I could find was that he led the NL in being hit-by-pitch five times, and finished in at least the top-four in that category every year from 1911-1920.

Chris Speier (1971-77, 87-89) played his first six seasons in San Fran, as well as his last three, finally retiring in 1989. He had a little pop in his bat (double digit HRs four times), was an all-star each year from 1972-74, but does not come close to making this roster.

John "Monte" Ward (1883-89) was an extremely versatile 19th Century star, playing mostly SS but also seeing time at OF, 2B, and even as a pitcher (he had been a star pitcher earlier in his career for Providence, an early National League team). He played nine seasons for New York, and was a good contact hitter: he scored 100+ runs three times and rarely struck out. He was a good baserunner, leading the league with 111 SBs in 1887 (his SB totals from the first half of his career are unavailable, including three seasons for New York).

Alvin Dark (1950-56) was a .292 hitter and an all-star three times for the Giants. He hit double digit HRs in five consecutive seasons, and scored 90+ runs four times. He went 17-41 (.415) in his two New York World Series (1951, 1954). He also managed the team from 1961-64, taking the pennant in 1962 with a 103-62 record.

Lastly, recent SS Rich Aurilia (1995-03, 07-09) both started and ended his career for the Giants. His one all-star campaign was his 2001 career-year, when he ended up batting .324 with 37 HR, 97 RBI, 114 Runs, and a league-leading 206 hits.

Catcher

The history of Giants who have donned the tools of ignorance is not a pretty site. None of those who have played the most often at Catcher are really qualified to make this roster, so instead I will go with two more well-known players who played some of their time in New York at other positions. **Buck Ewing** (1883-89, 91-92) played more than half his games as a catcher, but also played OF, 1B, 2B, and 3B. He batted over .300 in 8 of his 9 full seasons in NY, though it should be noted that he played in over 100 games in a season only twice (somewhat typical for catchers of that era). He was a superb run scorer though, crossing the plate 643 times in 734 games. As with many 19th century stars, he had triples power and stole a lot of bases (though like Ward, the available statistics are incomplete).

Roger Bresnahan (1902-08) played six full seasons for New York in the early 1900s, catching most of the time but also playing some OF. He was regularly amongst the league leaders in OBP, and he ran quite well for a catcher too. He is perhaps most famous for introducing shin guards to the major leagues in 1908.

There have been around a dozen Giants who have caught more games than Ewing and Bresnahan, but relatively speaking they are not strong candidates for this roster. Here are some of them, in chronological order:

- Chief Meyers (1909-15) was a .301 hitter while catching for New York. He came in second in BA in 1912 (.358) while pacing the league with a .441 OBP.
- Shanty Hogan (1928-32) was a good hitter, compiling a .311 average over five years for the Giants.
- Gus Mancuso (1933-38, 42-44) helped the Giants to three pennants, but doesn't have particularly impressive numbers.
- Harry Danning (1933-42) played his entire career as a Giant and was an All-Star in four consecutive seasons. He had two double digit HR seasons, and three with a .300+ average.

- Wes Westrum (1947-57) (.217, .356 OBP, 2 AS) caught the most (902 games), playing his entire career for the Giants. He twice belted 20+ HRs in a season, but his batting average does not impress (.217).
- Tom Haller (1961-67) was an All-Star twice for San Fran, and produced six double-digit HR seasons while always batting around .250.
- Bob Brenly (1981-89) had four 15+ HR seasons in the 1980s, and was an All-Star in 1984 when he ended up hitting .291 with 20 HR and 80 RBI.

Outfield

The Giants outfield is absolutely loaded. We'll start with **Willie Mays** (1951-52, 54-72) who played all but the last one and a half of his seasons for the Giants. Often regarded as the greatest player of all time, he was Rookie of the Year on 1951. He took home MVP honors in 1954 and 1965, and twelve times was in the top six in MVP balloting. He scored 100+ runs in 12 consecutive seasons, had 100+ RBIs 10 times, 30+ HRs 11 times (four times led the league), and batted over .300 10 times. Plus he was a legendary centerfielder and led the league in SBs four times.

Next is the admittedly controversial **Barry Bonds** (1993-07), who after seven seasons for the Pirates played the rest of his career in San Francisco. Bonds won five MVP awards as a Giant, and of course set the single season HR record with 73 in 2001 and Walk record with 198 in 2002, only to surpass that in 2004 with 232. In San Fran he has had ten seasons of 100+ R and nine with 100+ RBI. And he won two batting titles hitting .370 in 2002 and .362 in 2004. Though knee problems have slowed him recently, he did have six 25+ SB seasons when he first came to the Bay, including a 40-40 season in 1996. Also an outstanding fielder, he has won five Gold Gloves as a Giant. For many, the steroid situation taints all of those accomplishments, but unless you are going to rule him out on that ground, he pretty obviously deserves a starting spot on this All-Time team roster.

That said, how much you discount Bonds' statistical achievements determines whether you rank him second or third amongst all-time Giants outfielders. And that is because **Mel Ott** (1926-47) is also a very strong candidate for the second spot. Ott played his entire Hall-of-Fame career for the New York Giants, starting out as a 17 year old, and busting out at age 20 in 1929 with 42 HR, 151 RBI, 28 Runs, a .328 average, and a .449 OBP. He had nine seasons with 100+ R, nine with

100+ RBI, eight with 30+ HR, ten with 100+ walks, and ten with a .300+ average. He took home six HR crowns, though he never placed higher than third in the MVP voting. He had far less success as a manager of the Giants, where he had a .467 winning percentage over six and a half seasons. As icing on the cake, this starting trio is not only offensively powerful, but they can all play their natural positions (Mays in CF flanked by Bonds in LF and Ott in RF).

The backups are not nearly as impressive, but they are no slouches either. **Mike Tiernan** (1887-1899) was a 19th century-style slugger. He twice led the league in HRs with 13 in 1890 and 16 in 1891, but also had 162 triples over his career. He had 100+ runs seven times, with his best being 147 in only 122 games in 1889. In fact, his runs scored per game ratio is very impressive: 1316 Runs in only 1478 games played. He had 50+ steals three times and was regularly amongst the league leaders in numerous other categories.

To me, **Orlando Cepeda** (1958-66) also clearly deserves a spot, as he played his first seven full years as a Giant before moving on to St. Louis and numerous other clubs. His rookie campaign of 25 HR, 96 RBI, 15 SB, and a .312 average earned him Rookie of the Year honors. He had 100+ runs three times, 100+ RBI three times, 30+ HR four times, and he never batted below .297 in those seven seasons. His best year for San Fran was surely 1961, when he belted 46 HR with 142 RBI, leading the league in both (and earning him a distant second place finish in the MVP vote, behind Frank Robinson). He played more games at 1B (872) than in the OF (231), but this is where I have a roster spot for him.

The sixth spot is not an easy decision, but after some consideration **Bobby Bonds** (1968-74) emerged as the strongest selection. Like Cepeda, Bonds started his career in San Fran, playing his first seven seasons there. After a mediocre half-season as a rookie, he put together six consecutive 20+ HR seasons, and had 40+ steals in five of them. Easily the best power/speed combination of his day, he also had an infamous strikeout problem, posting six 100+ K seasons, including two embarrassing totals of 189 and 187 — not a quality you want in a leadoff man. Nonetheless, he scored 100+ runs five times (first or second in the league each year) and was also an excellent defender as he won three Gold Glove awards as right fielder.

I chose Bonds the Elder primarily over three early New York Giants outfielders. The first here is centerfielder George Van Haltren (1894-03) who was a teammate of Tiernan's for several years. A more one-dimensional hitter, Van Haltren was all about scoring runs: as a Giant he had seven consecutive 100+ run seasons. He was a .321 hitter, and like many of his era, he could run well (seven seasons of 30+ steals). George

Joseph Burns (1911-21) (who is not to be confused with his contemporary in the AL, George Henry Burns) came along about a decade after Van Haltren. He led the league in Runs five times, and stolen bases twice. And Ross Youngs (1917-26) played his entire career as a Giant, overlapping some with Burns' tenure. He scored 100+ runs three times, leading the league with 121 in 1923. He stole fewer bases than Van Haltren or Burns, but was a solid .322 hitter. He likely would have had a truly fine career, but a kidney disorder led to premature death at the age of 30.

There were yet two others that I seriously considered for the sixth OF spot. Bobby Thomson (1946-53, 57) had six 20+ HR seasons and four 100+ RBI seasons for the Giants. He played 176 games at 3B, but spent most of his time in the OF. Jo-Jo Moore (1930-41) played his entire career as a Giant. He managed three 100+ Run seasons, batted .298, and was an All-Star six times.

Cy Seymour (1896-00, 06-10) is an interesting case, as he started out primarily as a pitcher, but played a bit in the field as well, and then returned to New York at the end of his career as an outfielder only. As a pitcher he had three full seasons (1897-99) going 18-14, 25-19, and 14-18. His weakness was his lack of control, as he paced the NL in walks each year. As a hitter his best seasons were during his time in Cincinnati.

As if all of those guys weren't enough, there were various others that I looked at briefly (listed in chronological order):

- Old-timer Jim O'Rourke (1885-89, 91-92) played mostly in the outfield, but was versatile and played C, 1B, and 3B too. He could steal bases, and perhaps his best season for the Giants was 1885 when he scored 119 Runs and led the NL in Triples with 16.
- Fred Snodgrass (1908-15) played most of his career for the Giants and was typical of the era in that he was a light hitter who stole 25+ bases in each of his five full seasons.
- After two fantastic seasons in the short-lived Federal League, Benny Kauff (1916-20) played parts of five seasons for the Giants, providing some offense and speed. Kauff lived a wild life in many ways, and was implicated in a car theft ring. Although acquitted, Commissioner Landis was unconvinced of his innocence and so banned Kauff from the game for life.
- Irish Meusel (1921-26), older brother of outfielder Bob Meusel (see the All-Time Yankees chapter), joined the Giants midway through a fine 1921 campaign where he had 201 hits for a .343 average. In 1922 he hit .331 with 17 triples, 16 HR, and 132 RBI, and then in 1923 batted .297 with 14 triples, 19 HR, and a league-

leading 125 RBI. He had 100+ RBIs two more times, and ended his time with the Giants as a .314 hitter (although he didn't walk much, so had only a .352 OBP).

- Don Mueller (1948-57) played most of his career as a Giant, with his best year being 1954 when he hit .342 and led the league with 212 hits.
- Jack Clark (1975-84) played roughly the first half of his career in San Fran, and managed five 20+ HR seasons during that span.
- Chili Davis (1981-87) also started his career as a Giant, and provided a mediocre HR and SB combination, with his biggest power seasons coming later in his career.
- Kevin Mitchell (1987-91) provided significant power for the Giants, most notably during his MVP 1989 campaign when he hit .291 and led the league with 47 HR and 125 RBI.

And I'll wrap up here by noting Monte Irvin (1949-55) who starred for many years in the Negro Leagues, and joined the Giants at age 30. He had a few fine offensive seasons in the majors, including 1951 when he batted .312 with 24 HR, and a league-leading 121 RBI.

Starting Pitching

There is lots of great pitching talent to consider for this team, but the staff ace is clearly **Christy Mathewson** (1900-16). He played almost his entire career (all but one game in fact) with the Giants, but the striking thing is that his career was only 15 full seasons long. He averaged over 24 wins a season, and topped 30 wins four times. His miniscule 2.12 ERA for the Giants has to be seen in light of his era (when the average ERA was relatively low), but Christy often beat the league average by a full run (such as in 1909 when he posted his lowest, a 1.14 mark, which compares well to a 2.54 league average). Indeed, he took home five ERA titles, led the league in wins four times, and strikeouts five times. He twice won the pitching Triple Crown: in 1905 he went 31-9 with a 1.28 ERA and 206 K, while in 1908 he managed 37-11 with a 1.43 ERA and 259 K. A control master, he led the league in fewest walks per nine innings seven times. His 5-5 record in the post-season seems unfair, given he posted a 1.06 ERA in 11 starts (including three shutouts in the 1905 series, the only of the four his Giants won).

I found it tremendously difficult to choose who should be the second and third pitcher on this roster, as **Carl Hubbell** (1928-43) and **Juan Marichal** (1960-73) are both superb and have very similar career

and peak statistics. (In fact, they are each other's "most similar pitcher" according to Bill James' Similarity Score system, with a score of 912.) King Carl played his entire career with the Giants, winning 20+ games five times (consecutive). He led the league in wins three times and ERA three times. Most notably, he won two MVP awards: in 1933 with a 23-12 record and a 1.66 ERA and again in 1936 with a 26-6 record and a 2.31 ERA. Marichal pitched nearly his entire career for the Giants, winning 20+ games six times. The Dominican Dandy led the league in ERA once and wins twice, and was an All-Star nine times.

As with other long-standing clubs, it is tough to compare pitchers from the 1800s (with its three-man rotations and 40 win seasons) to modern era stars. The three old-timers who I think deserve spots on this All-Time team are Hall-of Famers **Mickey Welch** (1883-92), **Amos Rusie** (1890-95, 97-98), and **Tim Keefe** (1885-89, 91). Welch pitched eight full seasons for New York, with his best being 1885 when he went 44-11 with a 1.66 ERA (compared to a really low league ERA of 2.68). He was always amongst the league leaders in most pitching categories, but never led the league in anything significant. Rusie also pitched eight full seasons for New York, and had his best season in 1894 with a 36-13 record and a 2.78 ERA (compared to a really high 5.26 league ERA). He won the pitching triple crown that year, and regularly led the league in strikeouts (though he also led the league in walks every year from 1890-94). Keefe was a teammate of Welch, but only pitched five full years for the Giants. During those years he led the league in ERA twice, wins twice, and had seasons of 32-13, 42-20, 35-19, 35-12, and 28-13, ending with a .680 winning percentage for the Giants.

Soon after these guys there was **Joe McGinnity** (1902-08), who joined New York during the 1902 season after three 25+ win seasons for other teams. He continued his winning ways and won 25+ games three times for the Giants too, leading the league each time. 1904 was his best season: 35-8 with a 1.61 ERA, which paired nicely with Mathewson's 33 wins (the highest win totals for a pair of teammates).

The eighth starter on this roster will be **Gaylord Perry** (1962-71) who started his long career for the Giants in 60s as a teammate of Marichal's. He had two 20+ win seasons for the Giants, and was regularly amongst the league leaders in ERA and SOs, though some of his best seasons (including his two Cy Young awards) came later with other clubs.

All of this means that Freddie Fitzsimmons (1925-37) is left off this All-Time team, though you could certainly make a case for him. His numbers aren't phenomenal, but he did have four 18+ win seasons and nearly had a .600 winning percentage.

I had to consider numerous others as well, starting with Hal Schumacher (1931-42, 46) who pitched his entire career for the Giants. He started off great in 1933-35 going 19-12, 23-10, and 19-9, but never again managed more than 13 wins. Hooks Wiltse (1904-14) pitched almost his entire career in New York, and was a teammate of McGinnity and Mathewson. He had two 20+ win seasons, and a few other good years. And Jeff Tesreau's (1912-18) short career was entirely in New York. He started strong capturing the ERA crown in his rookie season (1.96) and winning 20+ games the next two years. But he slowly faded after that, and eventually disagreements with manager John McGraw led to his early retirement (at age 31).

The others I looked at briefly were (in chronological order):

- Jouett Meekin(1894-99) went 33-9 in his first season in New York, and also posted seasons with 26-14 and 20-11 records.
- Red Ames (1903-13) went 22-8 in his first full season, and compiled a 2.45 ERA during an era of low ERAs.
- Rube Marquard (1908-15) also had three strong seasons for the Giants, posting records of 24-7, 26-11, and 23-10 in 1911-13.
- Sal Maglie (1945, 50-55) had three good years for the Giants going 18-4, 23-6, and 18-8 from 1950-52, and winning the ERA crown in 1950 with a 2.71 mark.
- Larry Jansen (1947-54) pitched most of his career for the Giants. He went 21-5 as rookie, and later led the NL in wins with a 23-11 record in 1951.
- Johnny Antonelli (1954-60) had two 20+ win seasons, led the league in ERA (2.30) in 1954, and was an all-star five of his six full seasons as a Giant.

Relief Pitching

I decided to go with eight starting pitchers only after I considered the relief pitching candidates. Here too, there are many who are deserving of recognition. In the end, choosing more than two would have been very difficult, so I decided to just go with two of the recent dominant closers, **Robb Nen** (1998-02) and **Rod Beck** (1991-97). Nen only pitched five seasons for the Giants, but his “Terminator” slider helped him notch between 37 and 45 saves each year – leading the league in 2001 with 45. In 1998 he had 40 SV, a 1.52 ERA, with 110 K and only 25 BB in 88.6 IP. In 2000 he was even more dominating: 41 SV, 1.50

ERA, with 92 K and only 19 BB in 66 IP. After spending a lot of time rehabilitating from three surgeries for a torn rotator cuff injury, Nen formally retired during the winter of 2005. Beck pitched 6+ years for the Giants immediately before Nen's tenure began. He had 30+ saves four times, plus 28 in the strike-shortened 1994 season. His best year was 1993, when he had 48 SVs, a 2.16 ERA, and 86 K and only 13 BB in 79.3 IP.

Choosing only two relievers means that Greg Minton (1975-87) and Gary Lavelle (1974-84) are excluded. Minton pitched eight full seasons for the Giants, and parts of five others. He had 19 or more saves five consecutive seasons as the Giants closer from 1980-84. 1982 was clearly his career year: 10-4, 30 SV, 1.83 ERA over 123 IP. That was good enough for sixth in the Cy Young voting and 8th in the MVP voting. Lavelle was a teammate of Minton's, and was generally the primary closer in the years Minton wasn't. He had three 20-save seasons, and three others with 10+. They both pitched nearly twice as many innings as Beck or Nen, over twice as many seasons. So if you think they had a greater positive impact on the Giants, then you could go with them instead — the tough thing would be trying to mix-and-match and take Nen or Beck with Minton or Lavelle. If you want all four on the team, then you need to go with two fewer starters.

Finally, there were a few others I considered:

- Frank Linzy (1963, 65-70) was the Giants' bullpen ace during the late 60s. He posted double-digit save totals five years in a row, and had some impressive ERA numbers such as 1.43, 1.51, and 2.08.
- Just prior to Linzy, the Giants had Stu Miller in their bullpen. He actually led the NL in ERA (2.47) in 1958 as a mixed starter and reliever, and then had a fine 1961 campaign with a 14-5 record, 2.66 ERA, and a league-leading 17 saves.
- Randy Moffitt (1972-81) was a quality guy in the Giants' bullpen during Minton and Lavelle's early years in the mid-seventies, putting together six consecutive 10+ save seasons.
- And honorable mention goes to Hoyt Wilhelm (1952-56), who started his Hall-of-Fame career at the age of 28 as a Giant in 1952, pitching five full seasons there before moving on.

Extra Spot

There are lots of candidates for the honorary “extra spot,” but I’ll go with 1B Roger Connor. He was amongst the league leaders in so many categories, with such regularity; I think he deserves this honor. I also

considered SP Fitzsimmons, and several OF such as Van Haltren, Burns, Youngs, and Thomson.

Team Captain

The captain must be Willie Mays, naturally. The other two starting outfielders, Barry Bonds and Mel Ott, are honorable mentions, along with SP Christy Mathewson.

Starting Lineup

A mythical starting lineup for this squad might look like this:

Willie Mays OF
Mel Ott OF
Barry Bonds OF
Willie McCovey 1B
Matt Williams 3B
Buck Ewing C
Travis Jackson SS
Larry Doyle 2B
Christy Mathewson SP

If you like George Davis over Travis Jackson at SS, then you could lead off with Davis, and move Mays to the three-hole, moving everyone else down a spot. Ditto if you wanted to start Frisch at 2B over Doyle.

The three starting outfielders happen to be one RF, one CF, and one LF each. If you were to add a DH – for those fantasy inter-league matchups – you could leadoff with either Terry or Tiernan:

Bill Terry DH
Mel Ott RF
Willie Mays CF
Barry Bonds LF
Willie McCovey 1B
Matt Williams 3B
Buck Ewing C

Travis Jackson SS

Larry Doyle 2B

Prospects for Current Players

What are the prospects of current Giants players making this all-time team? Their current hitters are either very young or joined the team as well-travelled veterans. Two pitchers, Tim Lincecum and Matt Cain, if they stay with the Giants for a long time, have the talent to make this roster one day. But they have a long way to go. And Brian Wilson has improved in his first three full years as the Giants closer, so if he sticks with the club, he could crack this All-Time Team. We'll see...

Giants Retired Numbers

Christy Mathewson (no number), Bill Terry (3), Mel Ott (4), Carl Hubbell (11), Monte Irvin (20), Willie Mays (24), Juan Marichal (27), Orlando Cepeda (30), Gaylord Perry (36), Willie McCovey (44)

Selections From Other Authors and Fan Surveys

- 1959: Sport magazine, January issue

As part of a running series, Sport magazine reported on all-time all-star teams picked by "big league publicity departments and the writers covering the clubs." In this case, this roster was selected one year after the team was "transplanted from New York to San Francisco." Here is what they had to say:

First Base: Bill Terry was the last of the National League's .400 hitters and was a brilliant fielder as well as an exceptional hitter. He spent his entire career with the Giants, from 1923 to 1936, and was player manager for his last five seasons.

Second Base: Frank Frisch, the old Fordham Flash, perhaps is best remembered as a St. Louis Cardinal star, but he played eight seasons for the Giants, from 1919 to 1926, during which he did some of his best hitting and helped the team to four pennants.

Shortstop: Travis Jackson, "Stonewall" to old Polo Grounds fans, held the position for most of his 14 years with the Giants, from 1923 to 1936. He gets the nod over Dave Bancroft, Dick Bartell and Alvin Dark because he combined powerful hitting with exceptional range in the field and a throwing arm that was the best of its time.

Third Base: Freddy Lindstrom, who played from 1924 to 1932, gets a close vote over Art Devlin of an earlier era, chiefly because of his fine hitting. In 1930, Freddy hit .379 only to have teammate Terry outdo him with .401.

Right Field: Mel Ott, the outstanding Giant of them all, played 20 years and set home-run records that still stand. He played from 1926 to 1947, the last six years as player-manager, and was a great fielder and thrower in addition to being one of the league's top all-time hitters.

Center Field: Willie Mays, a brilliant hitter, fielder, base-runner and inspirational player since he joined the team in 1951, has to be included even in mid-career. He sparked a makeshift team to pennants in 1951 and 1954 and was named the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1954.

Left Field: Ross Youngs never actually played left field during his career with the Giants, from 1917 to 1926, but he was too good to leave off the team. He was the right-fielder just before Ott and was noted as an aggressive player and a fine hitter. He dropped under .300 only once and his best marks were .355 in 1924 and .351 in 1920.

Catcher: Roger Bresnahan, the Duke of Tralee, was in a class by himself from 1902 to 1908, when he was both an outfielder and a catcher for the Giants. His best hitting year was 1903, when he hit .350, but it was his remarkable ability behind the plate that stamps Bresnahan as outstanding.

Righthanded Pitcher: Christy Mathewson is matched only by Grover Cleveland Alexander among all-time National League pitchers. He played for the Giants from 1900 to 1916 and won 20 games or more for 12 straight years. He won 37 games in 1908 and 33 in 1904, his two best years. He won 371 games for the Giants.

Lefthanded Pitcher: Carl Hubbell, the King of the Screwball, pitched from 1928 to 1943 and won 263 games. He won 20 games or more for five straight seasons, his best mark being a 26-6 record in 1936.

Back in 1959 this is a reasonable roster. Frisch and Lindstrom vs. Doyle and Frisch is a tough call. It is a little odd that they admit to choosing a non-LF for LF, as at that point they might as well just select three generic OF.

- 1969 The Sporting News Fan Poll

The July 5, 1969 issue reports the results of a fan poll for the long-standing franchises of the day. The results for the Giants are more complicated than for other teams. The fans in San Francisco selected separate all-time teams for the Giants of SF and the Giants of NY, but the fans of the Mets also selected an all-time New York Giants team.

In 1969 a SF Giants roster is drawing on only little over a decade of history, and is comprised of 1B McCovey, 2B Ron Hunt, 3B Jim Davenport, SS Hal Lanier, C Tom Haller, LF Harvey Kuenn, CF Willie Mays, RF Felipe Alou, RHP Juan Marichal, and LHP Johnny Antonelli. Lanier was a very weak hitter, but at that point had played the most at SS. I might have gone with Jose Pagan at SS, and voted for Lanier as a 2B, since at that point Ron Hunt had only played one and a half years for the Giants. Alou is an excellent choice in the outfield, but Kuenn only had four mediocre seasons as a Giant, and choosing him leaves Cepeda out of the lineup. And only three of Antonelli's seasons were after the move west, so surely Mike McCormick's resume was stronger for the LHP spot.

The SF fans chose the following for the NY Giants lineup: 1B Bill Terry, 2B Frankie Frisch, , 3B Fred Lindstrom, SS Alvin Dark, C Wes Westrum, LF Bobby Thompson, CF Willie Mays, RF Mel Ott, RHP Christy Mathewson, and LHP Carl Hubbell. I must assume the fans in 1969 simply failed to remember older plays like Jackson and Davis, and hence made the mistake of selecting Dark as the SS. And perhaps Ewing and Bresnahan were ignored for that reason and also because they played positions in addition to catcher. The other choices are all good ones.

The Mets fans chose mostly the same as the SF fans for the NY Giants lineup. They more sensibly chose Jackson at SS and Bresnahan at C. They also swapped Youngs in for Thomson in LF, which is at least debatable.

- 1981 Fan Poll as reported in *The Giants Encyclopedia* by Tom Schott and Nick Peters, 1999

At the end of the 1981 season fans selected the following all-time team for the first 25 years of the San Fran Giants: 1B Willie McCovey, 2B Tito Fuentes, SS Johnnie LeMaster, 3B Jim Davenport, C Tom Haller, LF Gary Matthews, CF Willie Mays, RF Jack Clark, "Utility" Orlando Cepeda, RHP Juan Marichal, LHP Vida Blue, RHRP Stu Miller, and LHRP Al Holland.

Perhaps the pain of the 1981 strike rattled some fans brains, because I don't understand how they could vote for LeMaster as the SS over three-

time all-star Chris Speier. Voting for Clark over Bonds for RF is less of a problem, but still a mistake I think. Mathews is someone I didn't look at much, but through 1981 he is a sensible selection for LF -- given that Cepeda is on the roster as 1B/OF "utility" player. Fans in 1981 likely had Vida Blue on their minds, but he was only 54-40 for them over four seasons, whereas southpaw Mike McCormick went 104-89, and had a 22-10 season. Minton vs. Miller for the RHRP spot is a tough call in 1981, but Holland over Lavelle? No way. Holland had just finished his second full season for them, and while he only had 7 saves in each, he did have fine ERAs of 1.75 and 2.41. But Lavelle also had many fine ERA seasons and by then had 87 saves.

- 1990: The Baseball Research Journal

In an interesting article, Robert C. Berlo used Thorn and Palmer's TPR (Total Player Rating) system to choose all-time teams. He selected players based on their best 800 consecutive games for the franchise, with a minimum of five years played. His results:

1B Willie McCovey 23.7

2B Frankie Frisch 17.0

SS George Davis 26.9

3B Art Devlin 14.2

RF Mel Ott 24.1

CF Willie Mays 35.5

LF Bobby Bonds 18.0

C Buck Ewing 22.4

SP Christy Mathewson 27.7

SP Carl Hubbell 25.6

SP Juan Marichal 24.9

SP Amos Rusie 23.9

RP Frank Linzy 7.1

Interesting results, and no real surprises. Since this approach favors peak performance over longevity I'd expect to see Davis over Jackson at SS. Along the same lines though, I'm a little surprised that Devlin beat out Lindstrom for 3B. And seeing Bonds listed as LF makes me wonder if this system discounted Cepeda's time as split between OF and 1B. The

starting staff is dead on, and Linzy as the RP instead of Minton or Lavelle is a close call.

- 1992 *The All-Time All-Star Baseball Book*, Nick Acocella, and Donald Dewey

These authors split it up and have separate lineups for NY and SF. For NY they first note “This is the only franchise that can boast a Hall of Famer at every position,” and then give a lineup of Terry, Frisch, Lindstrom, Jackson, Ott, Mays, Youngs, Bresnahan, and Mathewson. As a means of honorable mention, they wrote: "Among the Cooperstown residents not making the team are Tim Keefe, Mickey Welch, Monte Ward, Buck Ewing, Roger Connor, George Kelly, Amos Rusie, Carl Hubbell, Monte Irvin, Rube Marquard, and Dave Bancroft."

For the San Francisco list, they begin by writing “The West Coast Giants have always had slugging outfielders and rarely had catchers who lasted more than a couple of seasons.” They then chose Cepeda, Thompson, Davenport, Speier, McCovey, Mays, Bonds, Haller, and Marichal. Interesting that they listed Cepeda at 1B and McCovey in the OF – could go either way I suppose. The rest of the infield is unimpressive, but are reasonable selections through 1992. Tom Haller was the best of the lackluster C candidates, while Juan Marichal was the obvious SP.

- 1995 *Baseball Ratings* by Charles S. Faber

The Faber system as applied in 1995 creates two reasonable lineups. For NY he lists the same players as Acocella, et al., did except for George Burns in the OF in place of Youngs. For SF McCovey, Thompson, and Speier again make it, and Matt Williams by then had done enough to join them. Haller is again the backstop. Mays and Bonds are in the OF, with Jack Clark joining them – leaving Cepeda out. The combined rotation is Mathewson, Marichal, Hubbell, Fitzsimmons, and Schumacher. Pretty good, though I prefer some of the old-timers over the last two. Lavelle is the top reliever listed.

- 1999 Fan Poll as reported in *The Giants Encyclopedia* by Tom Schott and Nick Peters, 1999

18 years after the 1981 fan poll, Bay area faithful selected another all-time SF Giants team. This time they wisely chose Speier at SS, and by then Robby Thompson and Matt Williams had done enough to replace

Fuentes and Davenport. And the outfield now not only had Barry Bonds in LF, but sensibly had his dad in RF. Cepeda again cracks the card as "Utility" man. And they smartly chose McCormick as LHP, and as the single reliever went with Rod Beck.

- 2003 *Rob Neyer's Big Book of Baseball Lineups* by Rob Neyer

Neyer first chose a starter and backup for only the San Francisco Giants, and then later in his book chose a starting lineup for the combined NY and SF franchise. So focusing on just the latter, he lists Bresnahan as the C and McCovey at 1B, both of which are good selections. He starts Kent at 2B, but then writes "The best of the Giants' old-time second basement was Frankie Frisch, but I'm partial to Larry Doyle, who said 'Gee, it's great to be young and a Giant.'" Like me he goes with Jackson at SS and Williams at 3B. The OF of Mays, Bonds, and Ott is obvious. His first three starting pitchers are solid (Mathewson, Hubbell, Marichal), and then includes Fitzsimmons as the fourth writing that Freddie is "pushed here by Hal Schumacher and Joe McGinnity." Nen is the closer.

- 2006 *The Team By Team Encyclopedia of Major League Baseball*, by Dennis Purdy

Purdy's massive book includes sections listing his choices of "significant" players for each franchise. He doesn't arrange these as all-time teams, with minimum players at each position. Nonetheless, I feel his choices worthy of including here. For the Giants he included: Barry Bonds, Cepeda, Connor, Davis, Doyle, Ewing, Fitzsimmons, Frisch, Hubbell, Jackson, Keefe, Kelly, Lindstrom, Marichal, Marquard, Mathewson, Mays, McCovey, McGinnity, Nen, O'Rourke, Ott, Perry, Rusie, Schumacher, Terry, Tiernan, Van Haltren, Ward, Welch, Wiltse, Youngs.

In my view Mr. Purdy made pretty good selections overall. He includes Van Haltren, O'Rourke, and Youngs, so I think he has omitted the senior Bonds. As you've seen by now, catcher has not been a position of strength for this franchise. So I'm glad to see Ewing included, but I think Bresnahan could have been too. I also think that more recent Giants sluggers Kent and Williams should have been profiled, and it is hard to include Nen but not Beck.

- 2007 Few and Chosen: Defining Giants Greatness Across the Eras, by Bobby Thomson with Phil Pepe

As with each book in this fun series, the authors choose a top five players at each position. For the Giants, their lists in order are:

Catcher: Roger Bresnahan, Walker Cooper, Shanty Hogan, Ernie Lombardi, Wes Westrum

First Base: Willie McCovey, Bill Terry, Orlando Cepeda, Johnny Mize, Whitey Lockman

Second Base: Frankie Frisch, Jeff Kent, Larry Doyle, Burgess Whitehead, Eddie Stanky.

Shortstop: Travis Jackson, Alvin Dark, Dave Bancroft, Dick Bartell, Buddy Kerr.

Third Base: Freddie Lindstrom, Matt Williams, Sid Gordon, Jim Davenport, Jim Ray Hart.

Left Field: Barry Bonds, Monte Irvin, Joe “Jo-Jo” Moore, Irish Meusel, Kevin Mitchell.

Center Field: Willie Mays, Chili Davis, Hank Leiber, Benny Kauff, Garry Maddox.

Right Field: Mel Ott, Bobby Bonds, Ross Youngs, Don Mueller, Felipe Alou.

Right-Handed Pitcher: Christy Mathewson, Juan Marichal, Gaylord Perry, Sal Maglie, Larry Jansen

Left-Handed Pitcher: Carl Hubbell, Rube Marquard, Art Nehf, Jonny Antonelli, Billy Pierce.

Relief Pitcher: Hoyt Wilhelm, Stu Miller, Marv Grissom, Robb Nen, Rod Beck.

Walker Cooper played only a few seasons for the Giants, but had one great year in 1947 when he hit .305 with 35 HR and 122 RBI. Ernie Lombardi finished his Hall of Fame career with five seasons in New York, but I really think Buck Ewing is missing from this list of Giants catchers.

At 1B, I think Roger Connor is a major omission – based on the index, I don’t see him mentioned anywhere in the book. At 2B, Whitehead played only five seasons for New York and didn’t do much to merit inclusion even fourth in this list. And Stanky only played two

seasons for the Giants, though Thomson notes he was a key player for those clubs.

At SS, old-timer George Davis is an obvious omission – again like Conner, he’s not even in the book’s index. In the outfield, as is typical in this book series, the book author omits himself from the listings. The old-timers are again ignored, most notably Van Haltren in CF and Tiernan in RF. Similarly with starting pitchers, where he includes Mathewson of course, but ignores old-timers Welch, Keefe, Rusie, and McGinnity. The choice of Peirce is particularly odd, as he won only 22 games with the Giants, but Thomson defends the selection based on Peirce’s key role for the pennant-winning 1962 team. For relievers, he clearly has a preference for quality bullpen guys from the era before the extreme specialization we have today, arguing that Wilhelm, Miller, or Grissom would have posted equal or better numbers than Nen or Beck if they pitched during the same time period.

Win Shares

Amongst other things, Bill James’ innovative Win Shares system is helpful in comparing players across eras. Using my data sources, and listing players only at the position I considered and rated them at for this book, the win shares for players while playing for the Giants are (100 or more):

First Base:

1. 360.6 Willie McCovey
2. 272.7 Bill Terry
3. 239.2 Roger Connor
4. 210.6 Will Clark
5. 150.3 Whitey Lockman
6. 147.4 George Kelly
7. 131.4 J.T. Snow
8. 125.1 Johnny Mize
9. 123.9 Fred Merkle

No surprises here really.

Second Base:

1. 265.9 Larry Doyle
2. 164.4 Robby Thompson
3. 162.1 Jeff Kent

It is interesting to see such a wide margin for Doyle, and even more so the fact that Thompson's Win Shares surpass those of Kent's seasons with the Giants.

Third Base:

1. 180.5 Art Devlin
2. 172.6 Frankie Frisch
3. 157.4 Matt Williams
4. 156.9 Darrell Evans
5. 150.1 Freddie Lindstrom
6. 144.6 Jim Ray Hart
7. 121.1 Hank Thompson
8. 115.9 Jim Davenport

Interesting that Devlin rates so highly, and Williams lower than I'd expected (sometimes Win Shares does a better job considering a player's era than my perceptions do).

Shortstop:

1. 212.7 Travis Jackson
2. 202.0 George Davis
3. 194.2 Art Fletcher
4. 155.5 John Ward
5. 137.7 Rich Aurilia
6. 134.6 Alvin Dark
7. 129.0 Dick Bartell
8. 119.3 Chris Speier

Interesting to see that my perception of this being a close call between Jackson and Davis is in line with these results, though Fletcher is right up there too.

Catcher:

1. 164.1 Buck Ewing
2. 146.0 Roger Bresnahan
3. 109.7 Harry Danning
4. 108.2 Chief Meyers
5. 101.3 Tom Haller

I see no surprises here really.

Outfield:

1. 625.2 Willie Mays
2. 522.9 Mel Ott
3. 499.6 Barry Bonds
4. 253.5 Mike Tiernan
5. 243.0 George Burns
6. 206.1 Ross Youngs
7. 192.0 George Van Haltren
8. 187.7 Bobby Bonds
9. 178.9 Orlando Cepeda
10. 169.6 Jo-Jo Moore
11. 160.4 Jack Clark
12. 145.4 Bobby Thomson
13. 143.0 Cy Seymour
14. 132.9 Jim O'Rourke
15. 112.0 Kevin Mitchell
16. 106.4 Fred Snodgrass
17. 104.5 Chili Davis
18. 102.9 Benny Kauff
19. 100.1 Irish Meusel

Interesting to see Ott ranking slightly above Barry Bonds using this metric, and even more interesting that Burns, Youngs, and Van Haltren rate higher than Bobby Bonds and Cepeda (Burns significantly so).

Starting Pitcher:

1. 417.4 Christy Mathewson
2. 303.5 Carl Hubbell
3. 284.5 Amos Rusie
4. 270.4 Mickey Welch
5. 256.7 Juan Marichal
6. 180.9 Tim Keefe
7. 173.5 Hal Schumacher
8. 169.2 Freddie Fitzsimmons
9. 168.8 Joe McGinnity
10. 154.8 Gaylord Perry
11. 154.1 Hooks Wiltse
12. 132.0 Jouett Meekin
13. 127.7 Johnny Antonelli
14. 122.3 Red Ames
15. 119.1 Jeff Tesreau
16. 118.2 Larry Jansen
17. 114.5 Dummy Taylor
18. 112.8 Jim Barr
19. 109.5 Sal Maglie
20. 103.0 Rube Marquard

Interesting to see my choice of #2 confirmed, as Hubbell tops Marichal in terms of Win Shares. Not surprisingly, Rusie and Welch show strongly here, outpacing Keefe and McGinnity's shorter tenures with the club. And Perry doesn't fair as well as I rated him, coming in behind both Schumacher and Fitzsimmons, and only barely ahead of Wiltse.

Relief Pitcher:

1. 102.5 Gary Lavelle

Interesting that Lavelle is the only reliever who managed to over 100 Win Shares, with Greg Minton coming in a distant second with 77.4.

Pos.	Name	Key Career Giants Statistics
1B	Willie McCovey	.274, 469 HR, 1113 R, 1388 RBI
1B	Bill Terry	.341, 1120 R, 1078 RBI
2B	Larry Doyle	.292, 906 R, 291 SB
2B	Jeff Kent	.297
3B	Matt Williams	.264, 247 HR
3B	Frankie Frisch	.321, 224 SB
SS	Travis Jackson	.291
SS	George Davis	.332, 354 SB
C	Buck Ewing	.306
C	Roger Bresnahan	.293, .403 OBP
OF	Willie Mays	.304, 646 HR, 336 SB, 2011 R, 1859 RBI
OF	Barry Bonds	.312, .666 Slg, .477 OBP, 586 HR, 263 SB, 1555 R, 1440 RBI
OF	Mel Ott	.304, .414 OBP, 511 HR, 1859 R, 1860 RBI
OF	Mike Tiernan	.311, 1313 R, 428 SB
OF	Orlando Cepeda	.308, 226 HR
OF	Bobby Bonds	.273, 186 HR, 263 SB
SP	Christy Mathewson	372-188, 2.12 ERA, 2507 SO, 433 CG/550 GS
SP	Carl Hubbell	253-154, 2.98 ERA
SP	Juan Marichal	238-140, 2.84 ERA, 2281 SO
SP	Mickey Welch	238-146, 2.69 ERA
SP	Amos Rusie	233-163, 2.89 ERA
SP	Tim Keefe	174-82, 2.53 ERA
SP	Joe McGinnity	151-88, 2.38 ERA
SP	Gaylord Perry	134-109, 2.96 ERA
RP	Robb Nen	24-25, 2.43 ERA, 206 SV
RP	Rod Beck	21-28, 2.97 ERA, 199 SV