



Frick Award List Has Distinct Taste of Chicago

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The National Baseball Hall of Fame announced the 41 finalists for its Ford Frick Award today, and the names confirm what we knew already – few if any markets have had a greater impact in the broadcast booth than this one.

No fewer than nine broadcasters with local ties are in contention for the annual honor. The list includes Lou Boudreau, Thom Brennaman, Ed Farmer, Ken Harrelson, Pat Hughes, Ron Santo, Dwayne Staats, Steve Stone and Bert Wilson.

Every active or retired broadcaster who worked at least 10 consecutive years for a team or network was eligible for consideration in round one of the fan vote on the Internet. The second leg begins today at www.facebook.com/baseballhall and continues through 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5.

The top three vote-getters will earn spots on the final ballot, while a committee will determine the seven others. A 21-member panel will select the recipient, who will be made known at the annual winter meetings in early December.

Chicago greats Jack Brickhouse, Harry Caray and Bob Elson were chosen previously.