

Ex-Chicago Players Face Long Odds in Hall Bids

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Former Chicago players moved forward in their Hall of Fame bids on Monday, but based on the latest results, they still faced uphill climbs, nonetheless.

While Tim Lincecum (11.2 percent), Fred McGriff (6.0), Lee Smith (5.3) and Rafael Palmeiro (1.6) merited increases in their vote totals, only Smith (290) was named on more than half of the 573 ballots. At 50.6 percent, he remained far short of the 75 percent requirement.

Barry Larkin and Ron Santo will represent the Class of 2012 next summer.