Grimm, Veeck Omissions Won't Change Our Mission

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Charlie Grimm and William Veeck failed to make the cut for Hall of Fame consideration this year, but the game is far from over in our minds.

Former players Bill Dahlen, Wes Ferrell, Marty Marion, Tony Mullane, Bucky Walters and Deacon White, executives Samuel Breadon, Alfred Reach and Jacob Ruppert and umpire Hank O'Day will comprise the Pre-Integration Era ballot this year, the Baseball Hall of Fame announced today.

Grimm was not chosen even though his three votes were at least one more than Breadon in the 2010 election. O'Day (eight votes) and Ruppert (seven) also appeared on the ballot that year.

Meanwhile, the Chicago Baseball Museum mission will not change.

We have advocated Grimm and Veeck for Hall of Fame induction based on their many significant achievements. We will continue to make their cases in hopes that they will be recognized in the next election, which will take place in three years.

While disappointed that local legends are not on the ballot, we understand that the list of worthy contenders is a lengthy one. Good luck to the current candidates.