

**Top Ten Sluggers**

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**Top Ten Percentage Hall of Fame Vote Getters**

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# Sandlot Stats

## Chapter 18

### Learning Statistics with Baseball

*The interesting facts for **Chapter 18** provide many top ten hitting lists. See if you agree or disagree with these lists.*

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### TOP TENS

**TOP TEN SLUGGERS** – From a survey done by the Sporting News in 2000, the top 10 sluggers were:

10	Mike Schmidt
9	Ted Williams
8	Reggie Jackson
7	Harmon Killebrew
6	Willie Mays
5	Hank Aaron
4	Mickey Mantle

3	Jimmie Foxx
2	Mark McGwire
1	Babe Ruth

**Create your own list of top ten sluggers since 2000. State the criteria you are using for your selections.**

**TOP TEN PLAYERS OF THE CENTURY-** Picked by The Associated Press in 2000.

<b>Players of the Century by The Associated Press (2000)</b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Babe Ruth	59
2	Willie Mays	53
3	Hank Aaron	38
4	Ted Williams	33
5	Ty Cobb	26
6	Joe DiMaggio	24
7	Walter Johnson	22
8	Lou Gehrig	16
9	Jackie Robinson	15

10	Honus Wagner	11
<b>Players of the Century by The Associated Press</b>		

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**TOP TEN TEAMS** – Picked by authors Bob Neyer and Eddie Epstein

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Rank	Bob Neyer	Eddie Epstein
10	1961 New York Yankees	1986 New York Mets
9	1942 St. Louis Cardinals	1953 New York Yankees
8	1986 New York Mets	1961 New York Yankees
7	1929 Philadelphia Athletics	1974 Oakland Athletics
6	1927 New York Yankees	1975 Cincinnati Reds
5	1906 Chicago Cubs	1906 Chicago Cubs
4	1975 Cincinnati Reds	1998 New York Yankees
3	1998 New York Yankees	1970 Baltimore Orioles
2	1970 Baltimore Orioles	1927 New York Yankees
1	1939 New York Yankees	1939 New York Yankees

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selections.

### TOP TEN HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF HALL OF FAME VOTES

Rank	Year	Player	Ballots	Votes Received	Omitted	%
1	1992	Tom Seaver	430	425	5	98.8
2	1999	Nolan Ryan	497	491	6	98.8
3	2007	Cal Ripken Jr.	545	537	8	98.5
4	1936	Ty Cobb	226	222	4	98.2
5	1999	George Brett	497	488	9	98.2
6	1982	Henry Aaron	415	406	9	97.8
7	2007	Tony Gwynn	545	532	13	97.6
8	1995	Mike Schmidt	460	444	16	96.5
9	1989	Johnny Bench	447	431	16	96.4
10	1994	Steve Carlton	455	436	19	95.8

Which players came closest on votes received and yet never were elected to the Hall of Fame?

### TOP TEN GREATEST MOMENTS IN BASEBALL – Compiled by the Sporting News

10.	Enos Slaughter's Mad Dash
9.	Willie Mays' Catch
8.	E-3 on Bill Buckner
7.	Mark McGwire Hits No. 62
6.	Kirk Gibson's Home Run
5.	Hank Aaron's 715th Home Run
4.	Carlton Fisk Waves It Fair



3.	Don Larsen's Perfect Game
2.	Bill Mazerowski's Home Run
1.	<b>The Shot Heard 'Round the World'</b>

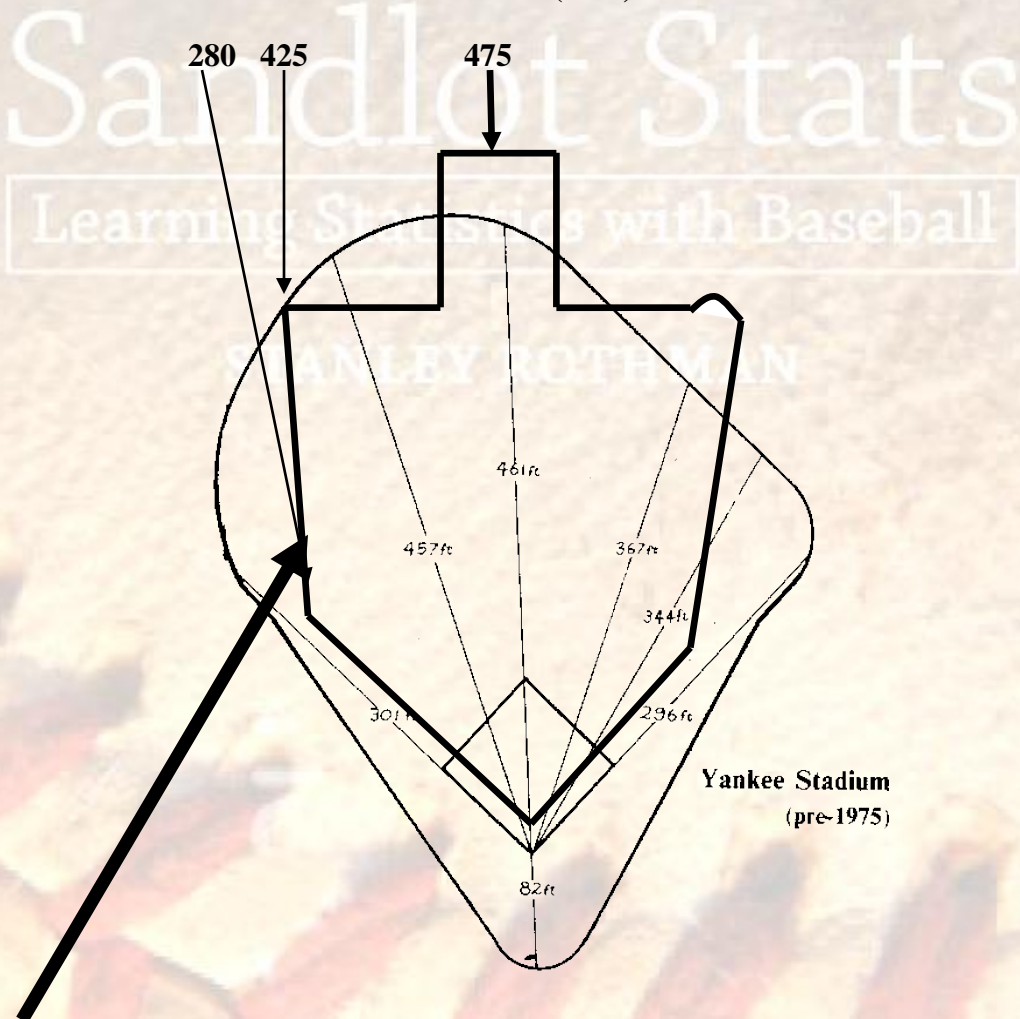
**The Shot Heard 'Round the World'** refers to Bobby Thomson's home run in 1951. Bobby Thomson's home run was voted the greatest moment in baseball. The importance of the home run is it allowed the Giants to win the 1951 pennant. Bobby Thomson became a hero to Giant fans and to this day his great achievement is talked about. He has appeared many times with Ralph Branca, the Dodger pitcher who served up his home run pitch.

The picture below shows the Polo Grounds as it was in 1951. *The Shot Heard 'Round the World'* traveled less than 300 feet. Notice, the distance down the left field line was 280 feet. What is not shown in the picture is that the upper deck in left field extended over the lower deck. Thomson's home run was just a high fly ball which would have been an out in almost any other stadium.



**Polo Grounds (In Bold) Enclosed Within Yankee Stadium (Pre-1975)**

**Polo Grounds Dimensions (bold)**



**The Shot Heard Round the World (Bobby Thomson's Home Run in 1951 playoff game against the Brooklyn Dodgers Landed Here)**

**State the top ten greatest moments in baseball that you personally experienced.**