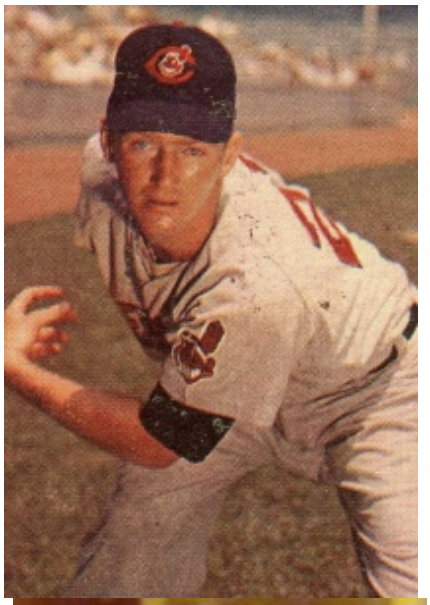
We started with four ballots and sixteen legends spanning more than a century of Cleveland baseball history. Now, your votes have brought us to the final 4-man ballot to decide which local icon the Indians should honor with his own statue at Progressive Field (unofficially, of course).

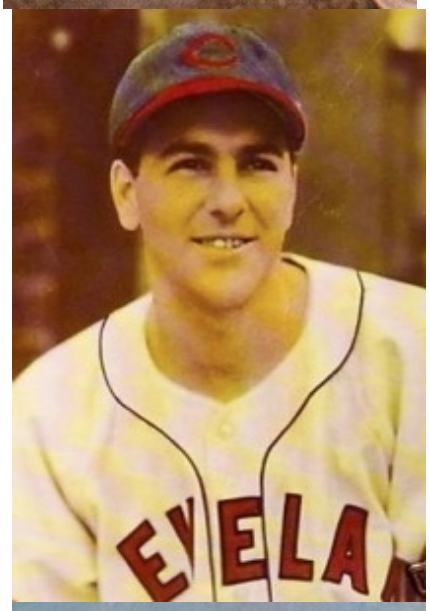
Before we get to the results and the final poll, however, let's briefly recap. The premise behind this first edition of the Totem Poll was simple. Many Major League teams have a half dozen or more statues of great players outside their stadium gates. The Indians, for the time being, have just one—albeit it the most deserving one-- the late Bob Feller. The question is, for a franchise with so much history, don't we have some more alumni worthy of statuization? And beyond that, who should be the next in line for the honor?

To find out, we created four separate polls with four candidates each: Historic Hurlers, Infield Generals, Centerfield Legacy, and Local Folk Heroes. After accumulating well over 1,000 total votes, we now have the winners of those preliminary ballots , and can get on to the business of letting the Indians know our final vote for "The Next Statue at Progressive Field." So, let's get to it.

Totem Poll #1: A New Tribe Statue – Final Ballot

Herb Score vs Lou Boudreau vs Larry Doby vs John Adams

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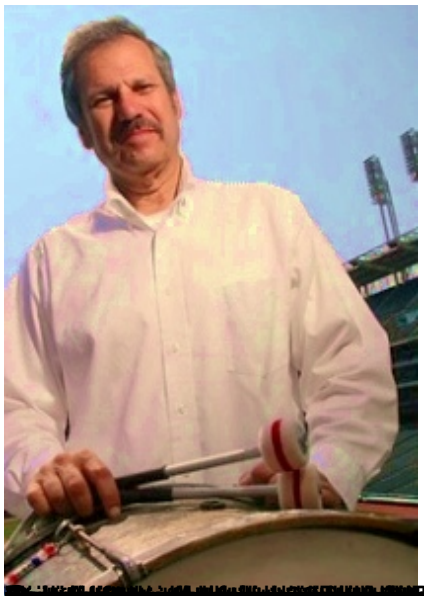

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The Numbers:

Herb Score (1933-2008)
Indians Pitcher (1955-59): 49-34, 3.17 ERA, 1955 ROY, AL Strikeout Leader ’55, ‘56
Indians Broadcaster (1964-1997) – Elected to Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 1998
Won Historic Hurlers Ballot with 33% of Vote
(Cy Young 23%, Satchel Paige 23%, Bob Lemon 21%)

Lou Boudreau (1917-2001)
Indians Shortstop (1938-50): .296 AVG, .798 OPS, 8-time All-Star, 1948 MVP
Indians Manager (1942-50): 728-649 record, 1948 World Championship
Hall of Fame: 1970
Won Infield Generals Ballot with 45% of Vote
(Omar Vizquel, 31%, Nap Lajoie 20%, Ray Chapman 4%)

Larry Doby (1923-2003)
Indians Centerfielder (1947-55, 58): .286 AVG., .889 OPS, 215 HR, 7-time All-Star
Hall of Fame: 1998
Has a statue in his hometown of Paterson, NJ (see photo at top of page)
Won Centerfielder Legacy Ballot with 51% of Vote
(Tris Speaker 21%, Kenny Lofton 19%, Ear Averill 9%)

John Adams (born 1951)
Indians Drummer (1973-Present): Over 3,000 games “played”

Won Local Folk Heroes Ballot with 41% of Vote
(Rocky Colavito 37%, Louis Sockalexis 14%, Andre Thornton 8%)

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Stay tuned in June for the final results of Totem Poll #1!