

Fans Vote Killebrew the Greatest of the Greatest Twins Ever

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Six present Minnesota Twins are on the roster of the "Greatest Twins' Team" announced Tuesday.

Harmon Killebrew, who made the team at first base, also was voted the Greatest Twin ever, and as such, will compete later this season with the likes of Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth for the honorary title of Greatest Player Ever.

The All-Time Twins team was one of 20

picked by fans around the country. The contests were originated by Major League Baseball Promotions, Inc., at the suggestion of Commissioner Bowie Kuhn. The naming of the "Greatest Player Ever" will come at the celebration of 100 years of professional baseball at the All-Star Game in Washington July 22.

The two closest contests involved Killebrew. He outpolled Vic Power at first base 305-245, Rich Rollins had a 269-234 edge over Killebrew at third, Killebrew's 73 votes as a left-felder put him on the second team

at that spot behind Bob Allison, who had 470.

Closest to a unanimous pick was Tony Oliva, who had 645 votes in right field. Graig Nettles had one.

Ted Uhlaender polled 384 votes in center to 119 for Jimmie Hall and 109 for Lennie Green.

Leo Cardenas, although he has been with the team less than two months, got 177 votes at shortstop. Zoilo Versalles had 453.

Rod Carew, in his third year, easily outpolled Bernie Allen at second base 590-29.

John Roseboro's 90 votes at catcher were far behind Earl Battey's 529.

Camilo Pascual outdistanced Dean Chance 389-163 and Jim Kaat's closest competitor as best left-handed pitcher was Ron Perranoski. The margin there was 599-14.

Cesar Tovar received votes at six positions, including one as a catcher. He did best at third base with 112 for third place.

Battey is the only all-time choice no longer in professional baseball. Rollins was drafted last winter by Seattle. Versalles, who is on his third team since leaving Minnesota, is playing second, short and third for Cleveland, and Pascual is pitching for Washington.

Twins' assistant public relations director Jim Rantz reported that 650 votes were cast. There were a few heretics who refused to take the contest seriously and voted for the likes of Ron Henry, Hank Izkierdo, Bud Bloomfield, Ed Palmquist, Ted Lepcio and Lamar Jacobs.

One person named Rantz, who went to spring training with the Twins several years ago, as the "All-Time Greatest Twin."

"We threw that one out," Rantz said. "The guy was obviously mentally incompetent."

	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BA
C—Battey	853	2,762	297	768	76	350	.278
1B—Killebrew	1,190	4,162	699	1,101	325	831	.264
2B—Carew	304	1,124	141	334	14	113	.297
3B—Rollins	888	3,048	385	830	71	369	.272
SS—Versalles	1,065	4,148	564	1,046	86	401	.253
LF—Allison	1,133	3,721	621	954	204	614	.256
CF—Uhlaender	435	1,457	161	375	16	138	.258
RF—Oliva	805	3,093	471	952	115	460	.307
RHP—Pascual	88-57						
LHP—Kaat	134-104						

(Figures are only for games played as Twins.)

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