



# REDS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

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## Fans Vote Chris Sabo into Reds Hall of Fame

*Veterans committee selects Pedro Borbon and Tony Mullane for 2010 class*

CINCINNATI (October 6, 2009) – Third baseman **Chris Sabo** and pitchers **Pedro Borbon** and the late **Tony Mullane** will be the next three players inducted into the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame.

Sabo was selected by the fans through the Modern Player Ballot sponsored by Cincyfavorites.com. The Veterans Committee selected Borbon and Mullane to make up the Reds Hall of Fame Class of 2010.

The trio will be honored next summer during on-field ceremonies at Great American Ball Park and at the Hall's star-studded Induction Gala, bringing the Hall's membership ranks to 72 players, three managers and three executives.

"Fan voting has played an important role in the election of Reds Hall of Famers dating back to the first Hall of Fame class in 1958," said Hall of Fame executive director Rick Walls. "I'd like to thank Cincyfavorites.com, the thousands of Reds fans who cast their votes, as well as the Hall's Veterans Committee for its time and energy in this involved selection process."

Sabo was the top vote-getter from more than 19,000 ballots cast online, at the ballpark, at Montgomery Inn restaurants and at participating Skyline locations. Paul O'Neill finished second and John Franco was third.

Pedro Borbon and Tony Mullane were selected by the Reds Hall of Fame's Veterans Committee, a committee comprised of members of the media, Hall of Famers, historians, fans and Hall of Fame executives.

### **Chris Sabo**

One of the most accomplished third basemen in club history, Chris Sabo and his trademark goggles burst on the Cincinnati baseball scene in 1988. An All-Star in his first season, Sabo led the Reds in doubles and stolen bases en route to becoming one of only seven players in Reds history to win the Rookie of the Year Award. Sabo anchored third base for the Reds for the next five seasons, including All-Star campaigns in 1990 and 1991. During the Reds' 1990 World Championship season, he led the club in home runs, doubles and runs scored. In the National League Championship Series against Pittsburgh, his two-run home run in Game 4 proved to be the gamewinner. In the World Series his .563 batting average was the second highest on the club and included a two-home run, three-RBI performance in the Reds' 8-3 victory in Game 3. A fine defensive player, Sabo twice led NL third basemen in fielding percentage and finished second in the league once. For his career, he ranks in the club's top 25 in home runs and doubles and in the club's top 50 in games played, at bats, hits, RBI, runs scored, stolen bases, walks, slugging percentage and total bases. Sabo will join Bill Werber (Class of 1961) and Heinie Groh (Class of 1963) as the only third basemen inducted into the Reds Hall of Fame. Sabo was born January 19, 1962.

### **Pedro Borbon**

Durability and effectiveness were the hallmarks of Pedro Borbon's 10-season career with the Reds. An essential member of the Big Red Machine's stellar bullpen corps, Borbon ranked in the National League's top five in games pitched each season from 1972-1977. And from 1970-1978, Borbon appeared in more games than any pitcher in the National League. In Reds history, no pitcher appeared in more games than Borbon's 531. Used in a wide variety of game situations, he had only one losing record in his Reds career and his 76 saves rank seventh on the club's all-time list. A member of both the 1975 and 1976 World Championship teams as well as National League pennant winners in 1970 and 1972 and the 1973 National League Western Division Champions, Borbon pitched in 20 postseason games during his Reds career, posting an ERA of 2.42, including a 1.26 ERA in League Championship Series play. Borbon will become the third relief pitcher inducted into the Reds Hall of Fame, joining Clay Carroll (Class of 1980) and Wayne Granger (Class of 1982). Borbon was born December 2, 1946.

### **Tony Mullane**

A native of County Cork, Ireland, Tony Mullane was the ace of the Reds' pitching staff from 1886-1892, winning more than 30 games in a season twice and more than 20 games five times. His 163 career wins in a Reds uniform stood as the club's all-time record until it was broken by Eppa Rixey in 1930 and now ranks second on the club's all-time list. Playing in an era in which pitchers regularly completed their starts, Mullane excelled in this area, recording a club-record 264 complete games in 285 career starts. Only three pitchers in Reds history have pitched more innings than Mullane's 2,599, and only 10 Reds pitchers have struck out more batters than Mullane's 993. His 250 strikeouts in 1886 stood as the club record until it was broken by Jim Maloney almost eight decades later and still ranks as the third-highest single-season total in Reds history. A natural right-handed thrower, an injury resulted in Mullane developing the ability to pitch with both hands, and while he did so infrequently, he is one of the few known ambidextrous pitchers in Major League history. Blessed with dashing good looks, he was nicknamed "The Apollo of the Box" and his popularity with female fans contributed to the development of Ladies Days at the ballpark. Mullane will be the seventh member of the Reds Hall of Fame who played all or part of his career in the 19th century. Mullane was born January 20, 1859 and died April 25, 1944.

### **About the Reds Hall of Fame:**

Established in 1958, The Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame is the oldest continually operating team Hall of Fame in all of baseball. Since its inception, 75 players, managers and executives have been honored with induction to the Reds Hall of Fame. The Reds Hall of Fame and Museum features 15,000 square feet of historical, interactive and educational exhibits, highlighting the rich and storied tradition of the Cincinnati Reds. On the web: [www.reds.com/HOF](http://www.reds.com/HOF).

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Sabo's Career Playing Record													
Yr	Club	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1988	Cincinnati	.271	137	538	74	146	40	2	11	44	29	52	46
1989	Cincinnati	.260	82	304	40	79	21	1	6	29	25	33	14
1990	Cincinnati	.270	148	567	95	153	38	2	25	71	61	58	25
1991	Cincinnati	.301	153	582	91	175	35	3	26	88	44	79	19
1992	Cincinnati	.244	96	344	42	84	19	3	12	43	30	54	4
1993	Cincinnati	.259	148	552	86	143	33	2	21	82	43	105	6
1994	Baltimore	.256	68	258	41	66	15	3	11	42	20	38	1
1995	Chicago (AL)	.254	20	71	10	18	5	0	1	8	3	12	2
	St. Louis	.154	5	13	0	2	1	0	0	3	1	2	1
1996	Cincinnati	.256	54	125	15	32	7	1	3	16	18	27	2
Major League Totals		.268	911	3354	494	898	214	17	116	426	274	460	120
Reds Totals		.270	818	3012	443	812	193	14	104	373	250	408	116

Sabo's National League Championship Series Record													
Yr	Club/Opp	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1990	Cin vs Pit	.227	6	22	1	5	0	0	1	3	1	4	0

Sabo's World Series Record													
Yr	Club/Opp	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1990	Cin vs Oak	.563	4	16	2	9	1	0	2	5	2	2	0



Borbon's Career Playing Record														
Yr	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1969	California	2-3	6.15	22	0	0	0	0	41.0	55	31	28	11	20
1970	Cincinnati	0-2	6.75	12	1	0	0	0	17.1	21	15	13	6	6
1971	Cincinnati	0-0	4.15	3	0	0	0	0	4.1	3	3	2	1	4
1972	Cincinnati	8-3	3.17	62	2	0	0	11	122.0	115	45	43	32	48
1973	Cincinnati	11-4	2.16	80	0	0	0	14	121.0	137	33	29	35	60
1974	Cincinnati	10-7	3.24	73	0	0	0	14	139.0	133	54	50	32	53
1975	Cincinnati	9-5	2.95	67	0	0	0	5	125.0	145	47	41	21	29
1976	Cincinnati	4-3	3.35	69	1	0	0	8	121.0	135	49	45	31	53
1977	Cincinnati	10-5	3.19	73	0	0	0	18	127.0	131	48	45	24	48
1978	Cincinnati	8-2	4.98	62	0	0	0	4	99.1	102	56	55	27	35
1979	Cincinnati	2-2	3.43	30	0	0	0	2	44.2	48	17	17	8	23
1979	San Francisco	4-3	4.89	30	0	0	0	3	46.0	56	28	25	13	26
1980	St. Louis	1-0	3.79	10	0	0	0	1	19.0	17	10	8	10	4
Major League Totals		69-39	3.52	593	4	0	0	80	1026.2	1098	436	401	251	409
Reds Totals		62-33	3.32	531	4	0	0	76	920.2	970	367	340	217	359

Borbon's National League Championship Series Record														
Yr	Club/Opp	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1972	Cin vs Pit	0-0	2.08	3	0	0	0	0	4.1	2	1	1	0	1
1973	Cin vs NYM	1-0	1.93	4	0	0	0	1	4.2	3	1	1	1	3
1975	Cin vs Pit	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
1976	Cin vs Phi	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	0	1	4.1	4	0	0	1	1
NLCS Totals		1-0	1.26	10	0	0	0	3	14.1	9	2	2	2	6

Borbon's World Series Record														
Yr	Club/Opp	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1972	Cin vs Oak	0-1	3.86	6	0	0	0	0	7.0	7	3	3	2	4
1975	Cin vs Bos	0-0	6.00	3	0	0	0	0	3.0	3	3	2	2	1
1976	Cin vs NYY	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	1.2	0	0	0	0	0
World Series Totals		0-1	3.86	10	0	0	0	0	11.2	10	6	5	4	5



Mullane's Career Playing Record														
Yr	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1881	Detroit (NL)	1-4	4.91	5	5	5	0	0	44.0	55	42	24	17	7
1882	Louisville (AA)	30-24	1.88	*55	*55	51	5	0	460.1	418	212	96	*78	*170
1883	St. Louis (AA)	35-15	2.19	53	49	49	3	*1	460.2	372	222	112	74	191
1884	Toledo (AA)	36-26	2.52	67	65	64	*7	0	567.0	481	276	159	89	325
1886	Cincinnati (AA)	33-27	3.70	63	56	55	1	0	529.2	*501	315	*218	166	250
1887	Cincinnati (AA)	31-17	3.24	48	48	47	*6	0	416.1	414	234	150	121	97
1888	Cincinnati (AA)	26-16	2.84	44	42	41	4	*1	380.1	341	194	120	75	186
1889	Cincinnati (AA)	11-9	2.99	33	24	17	0	*5	220.0	218	133	73	89	112
1890	Cincinnati (NL)	12-10	2.24	25	21	21	0	1	209.0	175	101	52	96	91
1891	Cincinnati (NL)	23-26	3.23	51	47	42	1	0	426.1	390	250	153	187	124
1892	Cincinnati (NL)	21-13	2.59	37	34	30	3	1	295.0	222	131	85	127	109
1893	Cincinnati (NL)	6-6	4.41	15	13	11	0	1	122.1	130	84	60	65	24
1894	Baltimore (NL)	12-16	4.45	34	26	23	0	1	244.2	277	177	121	124	71
	Baltimore (NL)	6-9	6.31	21	15	9	0	*4	122.2	155	117	86	90	43
	Cleveland (NL)	1-2	7.64	4	4	3	0	0	33.0	46	35	28	10	3
Major League Totals		284-220	3.05	555	504	52	30	15	4531.1	4195	2523	1537	98	82
Reds Totals		163-124	3.15	316	285	264	15	9	2599.0	2391	1442	911	926	993

\* Led League, (AA) - American Association, (NL) - National League