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**YANKEES WIDEN LEAD OVER PHILLIES, METS
IN QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NEW JERSEY BASEBALL POLL**

The New York Yankees are the favorite team of 47 percent of New Jersey baseball fans, gathering more support than the Philadelphia Phillies and the New York Mets combined, according to the Quinnipiac University New Jersey Baseball Poll released today. The Phillies have the love of 20 percent of New Jersey baseball fans and the Mets score 18 percent.

This compares to results of the March 17, 2017, Baseball Poll by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University, showing the Yankees at 39 percent, followed by the Phillies with 21 percent and the Mets with 20 percent.

A total of 49 percent of New Jersey adults are “very interested” or “somewhat interested” in Major League Baseball, while 51 percent of those in this state without a home team are not interested.

“When New Jersey baseball fans sing, ‘Take me out to the ball game,’ they are more often than not talking about going to Yankee Stadium. Only about one in five Garden State baseball fans say their favorite team is either the New York Mets or the Philadelphia Phillies. Just about half cite the Yankees as their guys,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac Poll. “None of the other major league teams even comes close when it comes to winning the hearts of Jersey guys, or gals.”

From March 8 – 12, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,147 New Jersey adults with a margin of error of +/- 4 percentage points, including the design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts nationwide public opinion surveys, and statewide polls in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa and Colorado as a public service and for research.

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33. (Adults) How interested are you in following major league baseball; very interested, somewhat interested or not interested at all?

ADULTS.....					
	AGE IN YRS				
	Tot	Men	Wom	18-49	50+
Very interested	19%	27%	12%	20%	20%
Somewhat interested	30	29	32	24	37
Not interested	51	45	56	56	42
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-

AREA.....					
	Philly				
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	land	Shore
Very interested	19%	18%	18%	26%	17%
Somewhat interested	26	29	26	39	31
Not interested	56	53	56	35	52
DK/NA	-	-	1	-	-

33a. (If Very or Somewhat interested q33) What is your favorite major league baseball team?

BASEBALL FANS.....					
	AGE IN YRS				
	Tot	Men	Wom	18-49	50+
New York YANKEES	47%	45%	49%	51%	44%
Phila. PHILLIES	20	20	20	20	19
New York METS	18	20	16	14	22
Boston RED SOX	3	2	4	5	2
Los Angeles DODGERS	2	2	1	2	1
St. Louis CARDINALS	2	1	2	1	1
Atlanta BRAVES	1	-	2	1	1
Baltimore ORIOLES	1	-	1	1	1
Chicago CUBS	1	2	1	3	-
Detroit TIGERS	1	1	-	1	-
DK/NA	4	4	3	1	5

AREA.....					
	Philly				
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	land	Shore
New York YANKEES	69%	58%	53%	14%	44%
Phila. PHILLIES	2	3	7	65	23
New York METS	22	25	15	3	21
Boston RED SOX	6	3	-	6	-
Los Angeles DODGERS	-	-	8	3	-
St. Louis CARDINALS	-	2	-	2	2
Atlanta BRAVES	-	-	9	-	-
Baltimore ORIOLES	-	-	1	-	2
Chicago CUBS	-	3	-	1	-
Detroit TIGERS	-	-	-	-	3
DK/NA	-	5	6	5	1