

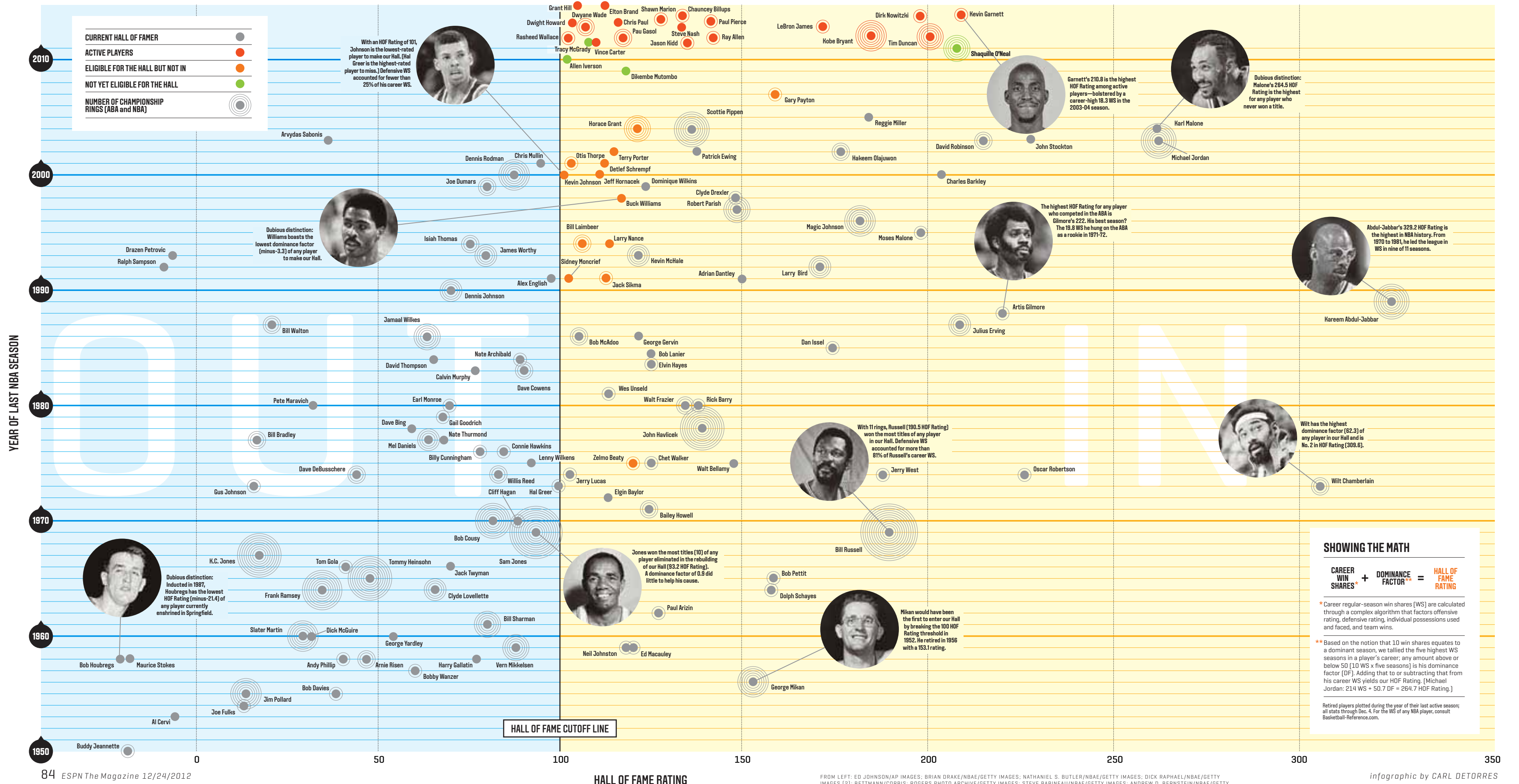
SPRINGFIELD IS A MADDENING MESS. COLD, HARD METRICS CLEAN IT UP.

HOW TO BUILD AN NBA HALL OF FAME? FIRST, DEFINE WHAT IT IS—AND ISN'T. From stars and those who played before the 1946 birth of the BAA (all of whom, yes, Rating (see below) and added 36 more (19 active, 17 retired) who did. The total

the 156 players now enshrined in Springfield, we cut 57 on demographics alone: female players, international-only are deserving of their own Hall). From there, we cut the 55 who didn't clear our threshold of a 100 Hall of Fame tally of inductees into *The Mag's* NBA Hall? A nice round 80—that is, until we enshrine Kevin Durant in two years.



THE REPLACEMENTS



SHOWING THE MATH

CAREER WIN SHARES* + DOMINANCE FACTOR = HALL OF FAME RATING**

* Career regular-season win shares (WS) are calculated through a complex algorithm that factors offensive rating, defensive rating, individual possessions used and faced, and team wins.

** Based on the notion that 10 win shares equates to a dominant season, we tallied the five highest WS seasons in a player's career; any amount above or below 50 (10 WS x five seasons) is his dominance factor (DF). Adding that to or subtracting that from his career WS yields our HOF Rating. (Michael Jordan: 214 WS + 50.7 DF = 264.7 HOF Rating.)

Retired players plotted during the year of their last active season; all stats through Dec. 4. For the WS of any NBA player, consult Basketball-Reference.com.