



The Boys of Summer: Awards and Other Honors

	AL PLAYER	AL PITCHER	NL PLAYER	NL PITCHER
1984	Alvin Davis, Sea	Mark Langston, Sea	Juan Samuel, Phi	Dwight Gooden, NY
1985	Ozzie Guillen, Chi	Ted Higuera, Mil	Vince Coleman, STL	Tom Browning, Cin
1986	Jose Canseco, Oak	Mark Eichhorn, Tor	Robby Thompson, SF	Todd Worrell, STL
1987	Mark McGwire, Oak	Mike Henneman, Det	Benito Santiago, SD	Mike Dunne, Pit
1988	Walt Weiss, Oak	Bryan Harvey, Cal	Mark Grace, Chi	Tim Lincecum, SD
1989	Craig Worthington, Bal	Tom Gordon, KC	Jerome Walton, Chi	Andy Benes, SD
1990	Sandy Alomar Jr., Cle	Kevin Appier, KC	Dave Justice, Atl	Mike Harkey, Chi
1991	Chuck Knoblauch, Min	Juan Guzman, Tor	Jeff Bagwell, Hou	Al Osuna, Hou
1992	Pat Listach, Mil	Cal Eldred, Mil	Eric Karros, LA	Tim Wakefield, Pit
1993	Tim Salmon, Cal	Aaron Sele, Bos	Mike Piazza, LA	Kirk Rueter, Mon
1994	Bob Hamelin, KC	Brian Anderson, Cal	Raul Mondesi, LA	Steve Trachsel, Chi
1995	Garret Anderson, Cal	Julian Tavaraz, Cle	Chipper Jones, Atl	Hideo Nomo, LA
1996	Derek Jeter, NY	James Baldwin, Chi	Jason Kendall, Pit	Alan Benes, STL
1997	Nomar Garciaparra, Bos	Jason Dickson, Ana	Scott Rolen, Phi	Matt Morris, STL
1998	Ben Grievie, Oak	Rolando Arroyo, TB	Todd Helton, Col	Kerry Wood, Chi
1999	Carlos Beltran, KC	Tim Hudson, Oak	Preston Wilson, Fla	Scott Williamson, Cin
2000	Mark Quinn, KC	Kazuhiro Sasaki, Sea	Rafael Furcal, Atl	Rick Ankiel, STL
2001	Ichiro Suzuki, Sea	C.C. Sabathia, Cle	Albert Pujols, STL	Roy Oswalt, Hou
2002	Eric Hinske, Tor	Rodrigo Lopez, Bal	Brad Wilkerson, Mon	Jason Jennings, Col
2003	Jody Gerut, Cle	Rafael Soriano, Sea	Scott Podsednik, Mil	Dontrelle Willis, Fla
2004	Bobby Crosby, Oak		Jason Bay, Pit	
2005		Huston Street, Oak	Willy Tavares, Hou	

The Sporting News Manager of the Year Award

The Sporting News has honored a Manager of the Year since 1936, forty-six years before the BBWAA first gave a comparable award. In response to the BBWAA's selection of a Manager of the Year for each major league, The Sporting News started doing the same in 1986.

1936	Joe McCarthy, NY AL	1961	Ralph Houk, NY AL
1937	Bill McKechnie, Bos NL	1962	Bill Rigney, LA AL
1938	Joe McCarthy, NY AL	1963	Walt Alston, LA NL
1939	Leo Durocher, Bro NL	1964	Johnny Keane, STL NL
1940	Bill McKechnie, Cin NL	1965	Sam Mele, Min AL
1941	Billy Southworth, STL NL	1966	Hank Bauer, Bal AL
1942	Billy Southworth, STL NL	1967	Dick Williams, Bos AL
1943	Joe McCarthy, NY AL	1968	Mayo Smith, Det AL
1944	Luke Sewell, STL AL	1969	Gil Hodges, NY NL
1945	Ossie Bluege, Was AL	1970	Danny Murtaugh, Pit NL
1946	Eddie Dyer, STL NL	1971	Charlie Fox, SF NL
1947	Bucky Harris, NY AL	1972	Chuck Tanner, Chi AL
1948	Billy Meyer, Pit NL	1973	Gene Mauch, Mon NL
1949	Casey Stengel, NY AL	1974	Bill Virdon, NY AL
1950	Red Rolfe, Det AL	1975	Darrell Johnson, Bos AL
1951	Leo Durocher, NY NL	1976	Danny Ozark, Phi NL
1952	Eddie Stanky, STL NL	1977	Earl Weaver, Bal AL
1953	Casey Stengel, NY AL	1978	George Bamberger, Mil AL
1954	Leo Durocher, NY NL	1979	Earl Weaver, Bal AL
1955	Walt Alston, Bro NL	1980	Bill Virdon, Hou NL
1956	Birdie Tebbetts, Cin NL	1981	Billy Martin, Oak AL
1957	Fred Hutchinson, STL NL	1982	Whitey Herzog, STL NL
1958	Casey Stengel, NY AL	1983	Tony La Russa, Chi AL
1959	Walt Alston, LA NL	1984	Jim Frey, Chi NL
1960	Danny Murtaugh, Pit NL	1985	Bobby Cox, Tor AL

	AL	NL
1986	John McNamara, Bos	Hal Lanier, Hou
1987	Sparky Anderson, Det	Buck Rodgers, Mon
1988	Tony La Russa, Oak	Jim Leyland, Pit
1989	Frank Robinson, Bal	Don Zimmer, Chi
1990	Jeff Torborg, Chi	Jim Leyland, Pit
1991	Tom Kelly, Min	Bobby Cox, Atl
1992	Tony La Russa, Oak	Jim Leyland, Pit
1993	Johnny Oates, Bal	Bobby Cox, Atl
1994	Buck Showalter, NY	Felipe Alou, Mon
1995	Mike Hargrove, Cle	Don Baylor, Col
1996	Johnny Oates, Tex	Bruce Bochy, SD
1997	Davey Johnson, Bal	Dusty Baker, SF
1998	Joe Torre, NY	Bruce Bochy, SD
1999	Jimmy Williams, Bos	Bobby Cox, Atl
2000	Jerry Manuel, Chi	Dusty Baker, SF
2001	Lou Piniella, Sea	Larry Bowa, Phi
2002	Mike Scioscia, Ana	Bobby Cox, Atl
2003	Tony Peña, KC	Bobby Cox, Atl
2004	Ron Gardenhire, Min	Bobby Cox, Atl
(tie)	Buck Showalter, Tex	
2005	Ozzie Guillen, STL	Bobby Cox, Atl

The Sporting News Comeback Player of the Year Award

Other organizations have selected Comeback Player of the Year awards, but only The Sporting News version has stood the test of time. No one has ever really defined a "comeback" for the purposes of this award, but it's safe to say that no other award for on-field achievement in baseball honors players with a higher average age.

	AL	NL
1965	Norm Cash, Det	Vern Law, Pit
1966	Boog Powell, Bal	Phil Regan, LA
1967	Dean Chance, Min	Mike McCormick, SF
1968	Ken Harrelson, Bos	Alex Johnson, Cin
1969	Tony Conigliaro, Bos	Tommie Agee, NY
1970	Clyde Wright, Cal	Jim Hickman, Chi
1971	Norm Cash, Det	Al Downing, LA
1972	Luis Tiant, Bos	Bobby Tolan, Cin
1973	John Hiller, Det	Davey Johnson, Atl
1974	Ferguson Jenkins, Tex	Jimmy Wynn, LA

	AL	NL
1975	Boog Powell, Cle	Randy Jones, SD
1976	Dock Ellis, NY	Tommy John, LA
1977	Eric Soderholm, Chi	Willie McCovey, SF
1978	Mike Caldwell, Mil	Willie Stargell, Pit
1979	Willie Horton, Sea	Lou Brock, STL
1980	Matt Keough, Oak	Jerry Reuss, LA
1981	Richie Zisk, Sea	Bob Knepper, Hou
1982	Andre Thornton, Cle	Joe Morgan, SF
1983	Alan Trammell, Det	John Denny, Phi
1984	Dave Kingman, Oak	Joaquin Andujar, STL
1985	Gorman Thomas, Sea	Rick Reuschel, Pit
1986	John Candelaria, Cal	Ray Knight, NY
1987	Bret Saberhagen, KC	Rick Sutcliffe, Chi
1988	Storm Davis, Oak	Tim Leary, LA
1989	Bert Blyleven, Cal	Lonnie Smith, Atl
1990	Dave Winfield, Cal	John Tudor, STL
1991	Jose Guzman, Tex	Terry Pendleton, Atl
1992	Rick Sutcliffe, Bal	Gary Sheffield, Col
1993	Bo Jackson, Chi	Andres Galarraga, Col
1994	Jose Canseco, Tex	Tim Wallach, LA
1995	Tim Wakefield, Bos	Ron Gant, Cin
1996	Kevin Elster, Tex	Eric Davis, Cin
1997	David Justice, Cle	Darren Daulton, Phi-Fla
1998	Bret Saberhagen, Bos	Greg Vaughn, SD
1999	John Jaha, Oak	Rickey Henderson, NY
2000	Frank Thomas, Chi	Andres Galarraga, Atl
2001	Ruben Sierra, Tex	Matt Morris, STL
2002	Tim Salmon, Phi	Mike Lieberthal, Phi
2003	Gil Meche, Sea	Javy Lopez, Atl
2004	Paul Konerko, Chi	Chris Carpenter, STL
2005	Jason Giambi, NY	Ken Griffey Jr., Cin

The Sporting News Fireman/Reliever of the Year Award

No comparison of baseball teams these days is complete without a discussion about relief pitchers, especially closers. Many baseball fans today view closers as one of their team's most valuable commodities, and blown leads by relievers earn the ire of baseball fans unlike any other failure in the game. Contrast that to the first half of the twentieth century, when relief pitchers were an anonymous and unappreciated lot. When The Sporting News created their Fireman of the Year award in 1960, no reliever had ever received a Cy Young vote, and only one, Hoyt Wilhelm in 1952, had ever finished in the top ten in MVP voting. The Fireman award winner was originally selected based on a strict statistical formula, devised by Jerome Holtzman, which added relief wins and saves. Today, the award winner (called Reliever of the Year as of 2001) is chosen by the magazine's editors.

	AL	NL
1960	Mike Forniello, Bos	Lindy McDaniel, STL
1961	Luis Arroyo, NY	Stu Miller, SF
1962	Dick Radatz, Bos	Roy Face, Pit
1963	Stu Miller, Bal	Lindy McDaniel, Chi
1964	Dick Radatz, Bos	Al McBean, Pit
1965	Eddie Fisher, Chi	Ted Abernathy, Chi
1966	Jack Aker, KC	Phil Regan, LA
1967	Minnie Rojas, Cal	Ted Abernathy, Cin
1968	Wilbur Wood, Chi	Phil Regan, Chi
1969	Ron Perranoski, Min	Wayne Granger, Cin
1970	Ron Perranoski, Min	Wayne Granger, Cin
1971	Ken Sanders, Mil	Dave Giusti, Pit
1972	Sparky Lyle, NY	Clay Carroll, Atl
1973	John Hiller, Det	Mike Marshall, Mon
1974	Terry Forster, Chi	Mike Marshall, LA
1975	Rich Gossage, Chi	Al Hrabosky, STL
1976	Bill Campbell, Min	Rawley Eastwick, Cin
1977	Bill Campbell, Bos	Rollie Fingers, SD
1978	Rich Gossage, NY	Rollie Fingers, SD
1979	Jim Kern, Tex	Bruce Sutter, Chi
(tie)	Mike Marshall, Min	

