

THE BOYS OF SUMMER: AWARDS AND OTHER HONORS

Roger Kahn's 1971 masterwork about baseball and life struck a deep chord with Americans. As a result, the term *Boys of Summer* established itself forever in the popular lexicon. Merely playing in the big leagues, even for a moment, is certainly a tremendous accomplishment. However, the boys of our fondest summer memories are typically the stars whose ability, skill, and determination make them rise above the ordinary and place them ahead of their peers. Recognition by others in their field usually follows.

Most of this encyclopedia—indeed, most of any baseball encyclopedia—is filled with statistics. This section, however, is different: It records what the people who have watched baseball for a living thought about the players who produced the statistics. Who was the most valuable player? The *best* player? The best pitcher? The most impressive rookie? Which managers did the best job? Who were the best minor league prospects? Which players were leaders in their communities?

If you look carefully at the players who won the major awards, you'll also see signs of how the game has evolved. Different eras have brought different skills to the forefront, and the weight that the voters have given the various aspects of baseball has changed significantly over time. The major awards shown in this section represent the collective opinions of writers, editors, managers, coaches, and ballplayers over the past century, from the Chalmers Award in 1911 to last year's Rookie of the Year Award. Unanimous selections for all awards are indicated by asterisks.

Lists of "Ex Post Facto" awards for Most Valuable Player, Cy Young, and Rookie of the Year are also presented. Going back in time, we have chosen the players that we think would have won the major awards if they had been given out then (or if the awards had been given out in both leagues). Note that these Ex Post Facto awards do not necessarily represent who we think *should* have won. Instead, we have tried to apply the standards of times past and, based on what the writers historically valued, we have chosen who we think *would have won* had the writers of the time been given the opportunity to vote.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD

The most important award in baseball is undoubtedly the Most Valuable Player Award. No other annual sports award generates as much debate as much as the AL and NL MVPs. Furthermore, no other award in American sports has as long and controversial a history.

The first incarnation of the MVP award was the Chalmers Award, named after Hugh Chalmers, an automobile manufacturer who decided in 1910 that it would be great publicity to give one of his company's automobiles to the player with the highest batting average in each league at the season's end. Unfortunately for the sponsor, the AL batting race that year ended in a white-hot controversy as the St. Louis Browns allowed Nap Lajoie to lay down 7 bunt hits on the last day of the season to give him an edge over the widely disliked Ty Cobb. AL President Ban Johnson ruled that a recalculation showed that Cobb had won the race anyway, and Chalmers ended up awarding cars to both Lajoie and Cobb.

To avoid this type of embarrassment, Chalmers decided in 1911 to change the rules of the contest, constituting a committee of baseball writers to determine—following the season—the "most important and useful player to his club and to the league." This was clearly the first Most Valuable Player Award. However, the Chalmers Award did not prove to be the hoped-for marketing bonanza, and the award was discontinued after 1914.

In 1922 the American League created a new award to honor "the baseball player who is of greatest all-around service to his club." Regrettably, the league saddled the new award with several rules that led to widespread dissatisfaction. Voters were required to select one (and only one) player from each team and were not allowed to vote for player-managers. Moreover, previous award winners were disqualified from consideration. Flawed from its inception, the award was dropped in 1929. The National League, which had in 1924 instituted its own contest (without the controversial restrictions), again followed the AL's lead and eliminated its award in 1930.

After a brief interregnum the Baseball Writers Association of America created the modern MVP award in 1931, adopting the same system that the NL had used for its abandoned MVP award. One writer in each league city was asked to fill out a ten-place ballot; ten points was awarded to the recipient of a first-place vote, nine points for a

second-place vote, and so on, with one point awarded for a tenth place vote. In 1938 the BBWAA began polling three writers in each league city and raised the number of points for first-place votes to fourteen. The only significant change in the MVP balloting since then has been the reduction of writers polled to two per league city in 1961.

Despite continuing debate, the BBWAA has never spelled out the definition of the Most Valuable Player. Is the MVP simply the *best* player? Should candidates on pennant winners get special consideration? Must the MVP play on a contending team? Should starting pitchers qualify for the honor despite not participating in the great majority of their team's games? What about relief pitchers? Can any player be "most valuable" if his team finishes last?

While there have never been official answers to these questions, it is clear that the voting patterns of the BBWAA have changed over time. In the 1950s, for example, MVP voting favored "up the middle" players: center fielders, middle infielders, and catchers. Players like Nellie Fox (who won the 1959 AL MVP) and Dick Groat (1960 NL MVP) would not be serious candidates for the award today; in the last twenty-five years, writers have valued sluggers with high RBI totals (e.g., Juan Gonzalez and Jeff Kent) more highly than any other type of player. It is difficult to tell whether these voting patterns will persist; the argument over whether Alex Rodriguez of the last-place Rangers deserved the 2003 AL MVP is a perfect example of the utter lack of definition for the award.

Award voting, especially MVP balloting, frequently seems to stir up more controversy than it used to. Voters in the last twenty years have made some very debatable selections, including some outright mistakes, but it's wise to recall that their counterparts in earlier times were perfectly capable of picking less-than-qualified winners. Glamour statistics, mostly RBIs, have always tended to help players that are having otherwise modest seasons win prestigious trophies. Jackie Jensen, Hank Sauer, Frank McCormick, and Jeff Burroughs—MVP winners all—are good examples. Furthermore, decent but otherwise unspectacular players having that one "career year" (e.g., Zoilo Versalles, Bobby Shantz, and Bob Elliott) have copped awards despite clearly superior competition. Compared to some of the stranger BBWAA decisions of earlier times, the record-setting seventh MVP and Cy Young Awards given to Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens in 2004 seem like no-brainers.

Chalmers Award

AMERICAN LEAGUE		NATIONAL LEAGUE	
1911	Ty Cobb*, Det	1911	Frank Schulte, Chi
1912	Tris Speaker, Bos	1912	Larry Doyle, NY
1913	Walter Johnson, Was	1913	Jake Daubert, Bro
1914	Eddie Collins, Phi	1914	Johnny Evers, Bos

League Award

AMERICAN LEAGUE		NATIONAL LEAGUE	
1922	George Sisler, StL		
1923	Babe Ruth*, NY		
1924	Walter Johnson, Was	1924	Dazzy Vance, Bro
1925	Roger Peckinpaugh, Was	1925	Rogers Hornsby, StL
1926	George Burns, Cle	1926	Bob O'Farrell, StL
1927	Lou Gehrig, NY	1927	Paul Waner, Pit
1928	Mickey Cochrane, Phi	1928	Jim Bottomley, StL
		1929	Rogers Hornsby, Chi

BBWAA AL & NL MVP Awards

AMERICAN LEAGUE		NATIONAL LEAGUE	
1931	Lefty Grove, Phi	1931	Frankie Frisch, StL
1932	Jimmie Foxx, Phi	1932	Chuck Klein, Phi
1933	Jimmie Foxx, Phi	1933	Carl Hubbell, NY
1934	Mickey Cochrane, Det	1934	Dizzy Dean, StL
1935	Hank Greenberg*, Det	1935	Gabby Hartnett, Chi
1936	Lou Gehrig, NY	1936	Carl Hubbell*, NY
1937	Charlie Gehringer, Det	1937	Joe Medwick, StL
1938	Jimmie Foxx, Bos	1938	Ernie Lombardi, Cin
1939	Joe DiMaggio, NY	1939	Bucky Walters, Cin
1940	Hank Greenberg, Det	1940	Frank McCormick, Cin
1941	Joe DiMaggio, NY	1941	Dolph Camilli, Bro
1942	Joe Gordon, NY	1942	Mort Cooper, StL
1943	Spud Chandler, NY	1943	Stan Musial, StL
1944	Hal Newhouser, Det	1944	Marty Marion, StL
1945	Hal Newhouser, Det	1945	Phil Cavarretta, Chi
1946	Ted Williams, Bos	1946	Stan Musial, StL
1947	Joe DiMaggio, NY	1947	Bob Elliott, Bos
1948	Lou Boudreau, Cle	1948	Stan Musial, StL
1949	Ted Williams, Bos	1949	Jackie Robinson, Bro
1950	Phil Rizzuto, NY	1950	Jim Konstanty, Phi
1951	Yogi Berra, NY	1951	Roy Campanella, Bro
1952	Bobby Shantz, Phi	1952	Hank Sauer, Chi
1953	Al Rosen*, Cle	1953	Roy Campanella, Bro
1954	Yogi Berra, NY	1954	Willie Mays, NY

1955	Yogi Berra, NY
1956	Mickey Mantle*, NY
1957	Mickey Mantle, NY
1958	Jackie Jensen, Bos
1959	Nellie Fox, Chi
1960	Roger Maris, NY
1961	Roger Maris, NY
1962	Mickey Mantle, NY
1963	Elston Howard, NY
1964	Brooks Robinson, Bal
1965	Zoilo Versalles, Min
1966	Frank Robinson*, Bal
1967	Carl Yastrzemski, Bos
1968	Denny McLain*, Det
1969	Harmon Killebrew, Min
1970	Boog Powell, Bal
1971	Vida Blue, Oak
1972	Dick Allen, Chi
1973	Reggie Jackson*, Oak
1974	Jeff Burroughs, Tex
1975	Fred Lynn, Bos
1976	Thurman Munson, NY
1977	Rod Carew, Min
1978	Jim Rice, Bos
1979	Don Baylor, Cal
1980	George Brett, KC
1981	Rollie Fingers, Mil
1982	Robin Yount, Mil
1983	Cal Ripken, Bal
1984	Willie Hernandez, Det
1985	Don Mattingly, NY
1986	Roger Clemens, Bos
1987	George Bell, Tor
1988	Jose Canseco*, Oak
1989	Robin Yount, Mil
1990	Rickey Henderson, Oak
1991	Cal Ripken, Bal
1992	Dennis Eckersley, Oak
1993	Frank Thomas*, Chi
1994	Frank Thomas, Chi
1995	Mo Vaughn, Bos
1996	Juan Gonzalez, Tex
1997	Ken Griffey Jr.*, Sea
1998	Juan Gonzalez, Tex
1999	Ivan Rodriguez, Tex
2000	Jason Giambi, Oak
2001	Ichiro Suzuki, Sea
2002	Miguel Tejada, Oak
2003	Alex Rodriguez, Tex
2004	Vladimir Guerrero, Ana
2005	Alex Rodriguez, NY
2006	Justin Morneau, Min
2007	Alex Rodriguez NY

Ex Post Facto MVP Award

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

1871	Levi Meyerle, Ath
1872	Ross Barnes, Bos
1873	Ross Barnes, Bos
1874	Cal McVey, Bos
1875	Cal McVey, Bos

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

1882	Hick Carpenter, Cin
1883	Harry Stovey, Phi
1884	Guy Hecker, Lou
1885	Bob Caruthers, StL
1886	Bob Caruthers, StL
1887	Tip O'Neill, StL
1888	Silver King, StL
1889	Harry Stovey, Phi
1890	Jimmy Wolf, Lou
1891	Dan Brouthers, Bos

UNION ASSOCIATION

1884	Fred Dunlap, StL
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PLAYERS LEAGUE

1890	Hardy Richardson, Bos
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FEDERAL LEAGUE

1914	Benny Kauff, Ind
1915	Ed Konetchy, Pit

NATIONAL LEAGUE

1876	Ross Barnes, Chi
1877	Deacon White, Bos
1878	Paul Hines, Pro
1879	Paul Hines, Pro
1880	George Gore, Chi
1881	Cap Anson, Chi
1882	Cap Anson, Chi
1883	Jim Whitney, Bos
1884	Charley Radbourn, Pro
1885	John Clarkson, Chi
1886	King Kelly, Chi
1887	Sam Thompson, Det
1888	Buck Ewing, NY
1889	John Clarkson, Bos
1890	Jack Glasscock, NY
1891	Billy Hamilton, Phi
1892	Dan Brouthers, Bro
1893	Ed Delahanty, Phi
1894	Hugh Duffy, Bos
1895	Hughie Jennings, Bal
1896	Hughie Jennings, Bal

1955	Roy Campanella, Bro
1956	Don Newcombe, Bro
1957	Hank Aaron, Mil
1958	Ernie Banks, Chi
1959	Ernie Banks, Chi
1960	Dick Groat, Pit
1961	Frank Robinson*, Cin
1962	Maury Wills, LA
1963	Sandy Koufax, LA
1964	Ken Boyer, StL
1965	Willie Mays, SF
1966	Roberto Clemente, Pit
1967	Orlando Cepeda*, StL
1968	Bob Gibson, StL
1969	Willie McCovey, SF
1970	Johnny Bench, Cin
1971	Joe Torre, StL
1972	Johnny Bench, Cin
1973	Pete Rose, Cin
1974	Steve Garvey, LA
1975	Joe Morgan, Cin
1976	Joe Morgan, Cin
1977	George Foster, Cin
1978	Dave Parker, Pit
1979	Keith Hernandez, StL
(tie)	Willie Stargell, Pit
1980	Mike Schmidt*, Phi
1981	Mike Schmidt, Phi
1982	Dale Murphy, Atl
1983	Dale Murphy, Atl
1984	Ryne Sandberg, Chi
1985	Willie McGee, StL
1986	Mike Schmidt, Phi
1987	Andre Dawson, Chi
1988	Kirk Gibson, LA
1989	Kevin Mitchell, SF
1990	Barry Bonds, Pit
1991	Terry Pendleton, Atl
1992	Barry Bonds, Pit
1993	Barry Bonds, SF
1994	Jeff Bagwell*, Hou
1995	Barry Larkin, Cin
1996	Ken Caminiti*, SD
1997	Larry Walker, Col
1998	Sammy Sosa, Chi
1999	Chipper Jones, Atl
2000	Jeff Kent, SF
2001	Barry Bonds, SF
2002	Barry Bonds, SF
2003	Barry Bonds, SF
2004	Barry Bonds, SF
2005	Albert Pujols, StL
2006	Ryan Howard, Phi
2007	Jimmy Rollins, Phi

1897	Willie Keeler, Bal
1898	Jimmy Collins, Bos
1899	Ed Delahanty, Phi
1900	Honus Wagner, Pit
1901	Honus Wagner, Pit
1902	Honus Wagner, Pit
1903	Honus Wagner, Pit
1904	Joe McGinnity, NY
1905	Christy Mathewson, NY
1906	Frank Chance, Chi
1907	Honus Wagner, Pit
1908	Christy Mathewson, NY
1909	Honus Wagner, Pit
1910	Sherry Magee, Phi
[1911-14]	See Chalmers Awards]
1915	Grover Alexander, Phi
1916	Grover Alexander, Phi
1917	Grover Alexander, Phi
1918	Hippo Vaughn, Chi
1919	Edd Roush, Cin
1920	Rogers Hornsby, StL
1921	Rogers Hornsby, StL
1922	Rogers Hornsby, StL
1923	Dolf Luque, Cin
[1924-29]	See NL Awards]
1930	Hack Wilson, Chi

AMERICAN LEAGUE

1901	Nap Lajoie, Phi
1902	Cy Young, Bos
1903	Nap Lajoie, Cle
1904	Jack Chesbro, NY
1905	Rube Waddell, Phi
1906	Nap Lajoie, Cle
1907	Ty Cobb, Det
1908	Ed Walsh, Chi
1909	Ty Cobb, Det
1910	Jack Coombs, Phi
[1911-14]	See Chalmers Awards]
1915	Ty Cobb, Det
1916	Ty Cobb, Det
1917	Eddie Cicotte, Chi
1918	Babe Ruth, Bos
1919	Eddie Cicotte, Chi
1920	Babe Ruth, NY
1921	Babe Ruth, NY
[1922-28]	See AL Awards]
1929	Lew Fonseca, Cle
1930	Joe Cronin, Was

BBWAA Cy Young Award

In 1956 the BBWAA, prodded by Commissioner Ford Frick, created the Cy Young Award in order to annually honor the best pitcher in the major leagues. The award was named after Cy Young, the all-time leader in pitching wins (and losses), who had died in 1955. The impetus for the award's creation was the lack of support pitchers had been receiving in MVP balloting. Ironically, the creation of the Cy Young would further reduce that support. In 1967 voters began selecting one Cy Young winner in each league. In 1970 a three-place ballot replaced the original one-place ballot.

There's no debating the goal of the Cy Young Award; voters do not give extra credit to pitchers on contenders, and you'll rarely hear talk about a pitcher's leadership skills from the electorate. However, there has been one major change over the last forty years in the voting pattern—the rise in the status of relief pitchers. No relief pitcher had ever appeared in the Cy Young results until Lindy McDaniel in 1960. It would not be until 1974 that a relief pitcher, in this case Mike Marshall, would capture a Cy Young Award. No reliever has yet won one unanimously, though Eric Gagne came within two first-place votes of doing so in 2003. Some baseball writers have argued that it would be more appropriate for relievers to compete against everyday players in the MVP race rather than against starting pitchers for the Cy Young.

Cy Young Award

1956	Don Newcombe, Bro NL
1957	Warren Spahn, Mil NL
1958	Bob Turley, NY AL
1959	Early Wynn, Chi AL
1960	Vern Law, Pit NL
1961	Whitey Ford, NY AL
1962	Don Drysdale, LA NL
1963	Sandy Koufax*, LA NL
1964	Dean Chance, LA AL
1965	Sandy Koufax*, LA NL
1966	Sandy Koufax*, LA NL

AL & NL Cy Young Awards

AL	NL
1967	Jim Lonborg, Bos
1968	Denny McLain*, Det
1969	Mike Cuellar, Bal
(tie)	Denny McLain, Det
1970	Jim Perry, Min
1971	Vida Blue, Oak
1972	Gaylord Perry, Cle
1973	Jim Palmer, Bal
1974	Catfish Hunter, Oak
1975	Jim Palmer, Bal
1976	Jim Palmer, Bal
1977	Sparky Lyle, NY
1978	Ron Guidry*, NY
1979	Mike Flanagan, Bal
1980	Steve Stone, Bal
1981	Rollie Fingers, Mil
1982	Pete Vuckovich, Mil
1983	La Marr Hoyt, Chi
1984	Willie Hernandez, Det
1985	Bret Saberhagen, KC
1986	Roger Clemens*, Bos
1987	Roger Clemens, Bos
1988	Frank Viola, Min
1989	Bret Saberhagen, KC
1990	Bob Welch, Oak
1991	Roger Clemens, Bos
1992	Dennis Eckersley, Oak
1993	Jack McDowell, Chi
1994	David Cone, KC
1995	Randy Johnson, Sea
1996	Pat Hentgen, Tor
1997	Roger Clemens, Tor
1998	Roger Clemens*, Tor
1999	Pedro Martinez*, Bos
2000	Pedro Martinez*, Bos
2001	Roger Clemens, NY
2002	Barry Zito, Oak
2003	Roy Halladay, Tor
2004	Johan Santana*, Min
2005	Bartolo Colon, LA
2006	Johan Santana*, Min
2007	C.C. Sabathia, Cle

Ex Post Facto Cy Young Awards

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

1871	George Zettlein, Chi
1872	Al Spalding, Bos
1873	Al Spalding, Bos
1874	Al Spalding, Bos
1875	Al Spalding, Bos

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

1882	Will White, Cin
1883	Will White, Cin

1884	Guy Hecker, Lou
1885	Bob Caruthers, StL
1886	Dave Foutz, StL
1887	Matt Kilroy, Bal
1888	Silver King, StL
1889	Bob Caruthers, Bro
1890	Scott Stratton, Lou
1891	George Haddock, Bos

UNION ASSOCIATION

1884	Bill Sweeney, Bal
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PLAYERS LEAGUE	
1890	Silver King, Chi
FEDERAL LEAGUE	
1914	Claude Hendrix, Chi
1915	George McConnell, Chi
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
1876	George Bradley, StL
1877	Tommy Bond, Bos
1878	Tommy Bond, Bos
1879	Tommy Bond, Bos
1880	Larry Corcoran, Chi
1881	Larry Corcoran, Chi
1882	Charley Radbourn, Pro
1883	Charley Radbourn, Pro
1884	Charley Radbourn, Pro
1885	John Clarkson, Chi
1886	Lady Baldwin, Det
1887	John Clarkson, Chi
1888	Tim Keefe, NY
1889	John Clarkson, Bos
1890	Bill Hutchison, Chi
1891	Bill Hutchison, Chi
1892	Cy Young, Cle
1893	Amos Rusie, NY
1894	Amos Rusie, NY
1895	Cy Young, Cle
1896	Kid Nichols, Bos
1897	Kid Nichols, Bos
1898	Kid Nichols, Bos
1899	Vic Willis, Bos
1900	Joe McGinnity, Bro
1901	Deacon Phillippe, Pit
1902	Jack Chesbro, Pit
1903	Christy Mathewson, NY
1904	Joe McGinnity, NY
1905	Christy Mathewson, NY
1906	Mordecai Brown, Chi
1907	Orval Overall, Chi
1908	Christy Mathewson, NY
1909	Mordecai Brown, Chi
1910	Christy Mathewson, NY
1911	Christy Mathewson, NY
1912	Rube Marquard, NY
1913	Christy Mathewson, NY
1914	Bill James, Bos
1915	Grover Alexander, Phi
1916	Grover Alexander, Phi
1917	Grover Alexander, Phi
1918	Hippo Vaughn, Chi
1919	Hippo Vaughn, Chi
1920	Pete Alexander, Chi
1921	Burleigh Grimes, Bro
1922	Wilbur Cooper, Pit
1923	Dolf Luque, Cin
1924	Dazzy Vance, Bro
1925	Dazzy Vance, Bro
1926	Ray Kremer, Pit
1927	Charles Root, Chi
1928	Burleigh Grimes, Pit
1929	Burleigh Grimes, Pit
1930	Pat Malone, Chi
1931	Ed Brandt, Bos
1932	Lou Warneke, Chi
1933	Carl Hubbell, NY
1934	Dizzy Dean, StL
1935	Dizzy Dean, StL
1936	Carl Hubbell, NY
1937	Carl Hubbell, NY
1938	Bill Lee, Chi
1939	Bucky Walters, Cin
1940	Bucky Walters, Cin
1941	Whit Wyatt, Bro
1942	Mort Cooper, StL
1943	Mort Cooper, StL
1944	Bucky Walters, Cin
1945	Red Barrett, Bos-StL

1946	Howie Pollet, StL
1947	Ewell Blackwell, Cin
1948	Johnny Sain, Bos
1949	Warren Spahn, Bos
1950	Jim Konstanty, Phi
1951	Sal Maglie, NY
1952	Robin Roberts, Phi
1953	Warren Spahn, Mil
1954	Johnny Antonelli, NY
1955	Robin Roberts, Phi
1958	Warren Spahn, Mil
1959	Sam Jones, SF
1961	Warren Spahn, Mil
1964	Larry Jackson, Chi N

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
1901	Cy Young, Bos
1902	Cy Young, Bos
1903	Cy Young, Bos
1904	Jack Chesbro, NY
1905	Rube Waddell, Phi
1906	Al Orth, NY
1907	Bill Donovan, Det
1908	Ed Walsh, Chi
1909	George Mullin, Det
1910	Jack Coombs, Phi
1911	Walter Johnson, Was
1912	Walter Johnson, Was
1913	Walter Johnson, Was
1914	Walter Johnson, Was
1915	Walter Johnson, Was
1916	Babe Ruth, Bos
1917	Eddie Cicotte, Chi
1918	Walter Johnson, Was
1919	Eddie Cicotte, Chi
1920	Jim Bagby, Cle
1921	Red Faber, Chi
1922	Eddie Rommel, Phi
1923	George Uhle, Cle
1924	Walter Johnson, Was
1925	Stan Coveleski, Was
1926	George Uhle, Cle
1927	Waite Hoyt, NY
1928	Lefty Grove, Phi
1929	Lefty Grove, Phi
1930	Lefty Grove, Phi
1931	Lefty Grove, Phi
1932	Lefty Grove, Phi
1933	Lefty Grove, Phi
1934	Lefty Gomez, NY
1935	Wes Ferrell, Bos
1936	Tommy Bridges, Det
1937	Lefty Gomez, NY
1938	Red Ruffing, NY
1939	Bob Feller, Cle
1940	Bob Feller, Cle
1941	Bob Feller, Cle
1942	Tex Hughson, Bos
1943	Spud Chandler, NY
1944	Hal Newhouser, Det
1945	Hal Newhouser, Det
1946	Hal Newhouser, Det
1947	Bob Feller, Cle
1948	Bob LEMON, Cle
1949	Mel Parnell, Bos
1950	Bob LEMON, Cle
1951	Ed Lopat, NY
1952	Bobby Shantz, Phi
1953	Billy Pierce, Chi
1954	Bob LEMON, Cle
1955	Whitey Ford, NY
1956	Billy Pierce, Chi
1957	Jim Bunning, Det
1960	Chuck Estrada, Bal
1962	Dick Donovan, Cle
1963	Whitey Ford, NY
1965	Mudcat Grant, Min
1966	Jim Kaat, Min

of the Year Award because two voters purposely left him off their ballots as a result of his Japanese pro experience. Ironically, the first BBWAA Rookie of the Year Award winner, Jackie Robinson, and many of the other players who won the award in its first decade of existence, came from the high-level Negro Leagues and thus had a similar baseball background to the Japanese players of today who are competing for MLB's rookie awards.

A more general issue is whether voters should favor younger rookies who show greater potential over older rookies who perform better in their first years but have much lower ceilings. With more Japanese players entering the majors, this issue will remain a hot topic, but it appears unlikely that the rules will be altered anytime soon.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

1947	Jackie Robinson, Bro NL
1948	Alvin Dark, Bos NL

AL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

1949	Roy Sievers, StL
1950	Walt Dropo, Bos
1951	Gil McDougald, NY
1952	Harry Byrd, Phi
1953	Harvey Kuenn, Det
1954	Bob Grim, NY
1955	Herb Score, Cle
1956	Luis Aparicio, Chi
1957	Tony Kubek*, NY
1958	Albie Pearson, Was
1959	Bob Allison, Was
1960	Ron Hansen, Bal
1961	Don Schwall, Bos
1962	Tom Tresh, NY
1963	Gary Peters, Chi
1964	Tony Oliva, Min
1965	Curt Blefary, Bal
1966	Tommie Agee, Chi
1967	Rod Carew, Min
1968	Stan Bahnsen, NY
1969	Lou Piniella, KC
1970	Thurman Munson, NY
1971	Chris Chambliss, Cle
1972	Carlton Fisk, Bos
1973	Al Bumbry, Bal
1974	Mike Hargrove, Tex
1975	Fred Lynn*, Bos
1976	Mark Fidrych, Det
1977	Eddie Murray, Bal
1978	Lou Whitaker, Det
1979	Alfredo Griffin, Tor
(tie)	John Castino, Min
1980	Joe Charboneau, Cle
1981	Dave Righetti, NY
1982	Cal Ripken, Bal
1983	Ron Kittle, Chi
1984	Alvin Davis, Sea
1985	Ozzie Guillen, Chi
1986	Jose Canseco, Oak
1987	Mark McGwire*, Oak
1988	Walt Weiss, Oak
1989	Gregg Olson, Bal
1990	Sandy Alomar Jr., Cle
1991	Chuck Knoblauch, Min
1992	Pat Listach, Mil
1993	Tim Lincecum*, Cal
1994	Bob Hamelin, KC
1995	Marty Cordova, Min
1996	Derek Jeter*, NY
1997	Nomar Garciaparra, Bos
1998	Ben Grieve, Oak
1999	Carlos Beltran, KC
2000	Kazuhiko Sasaki, Sea
2001	Ichiro Suzuki, Sea
2002	Eric Hinske, Tor
2003	Angel Berroa, KC
2004	Bobby Crosby, Oak
2005	Huston Street, Oak
2006	Justin Verlander, Det
2007	Dustin Pedroia, Bos

NL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

1949	Don Newcombe, Bro
1950	Sam Jethroe, Bos
1951	Willie Mays, NY
1952	Joe Black, Bro
1953	Jim Gilliam, Bro
1954	Wally Moon, StL
1955	Bill Virdon, StL
1956	Frank Robinson*, Cin
1957	Jack Sanford, Phi
1958	Orlando Cepeda*, SF
1959	Willie McCovey*, SF
1960	Frank Howard, LA
1961	Billy Williams, Chi
1962	Ken Hubbs, Chi
1963	Pete Rose, Cin
1964	Richie Allen, Phi
1965	Jim Lefebvre, LA
1966	Tommy Helms, Cin
1967	Tom Seaver, NY
1968	Johnny Bench, Cin
1969	Ted Sizemore, LA
1970	Carl Morton, Mon
1971	Earl Williams, Atl
1972	Jon Matlack, NY
1973	Gary Matthews, SF
1974	Bake McBride, StL
1975	John Montefusco, SF
1976	Pat Zachary, Cin
(tie)	Butch Metzger, SD
1977	Andre Dawson, Mon
1978	Bob Horner, Atl
1979	Rick Sutcliffe, LA
1980	Steve Howe, LA
1981	Fernando Valenzuela, LA
1982	Steve Sax, LA
1983	Darryl Strawberry, NY
1984	Dwight Gooden, NY
1985	Vince Coleman*, StL
1986	Todd Worrel, StL
1987	Benito Santiago*, SD
1988	Chris Sabo, Cin
1989	Jerome Walton, Chi
1990	David Justice, Atl
1991	Jeff Bagwell, Hou
1992	Eric Karros, LA
1993	Mike Piazza*, LA
1994	Raul Mondesi*, LA
1995	Hideo Nomo, LA
1996	Todd Hollandsworth, LA
1997	Scott Rolen*, Phi
1998	Kerry Wood, Chi
1999	Scott Williamson, Cin
2000	Rafael Furcal, Atl
2001	Albert Pujols*, StL
2002	Jason Jennings, Col
2003	Dontrelle Willis, Fla
2004	Jason Bay, Pit
2005	Ryan Howard, Phi
2006	Hanley Ramirez, Fla
2007	Ryan Braun, Mil

Ex Post Facto Rookie of the Year Award

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	
1872	Candy Cummings, Mut
1873	Paul Hines, Was
1874	Tommy Bond, Atl
1875	George Bradley, StL
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION	
1882	Pete Browning, Lou
1883	Arlie Latham, StL
1884	Dave Orr, NY
1885	Norm Baker, Lou
1886	Matt Kilroy, Bal

1887	Mike Griffin, Bal
1888	Mickey Hughes, Bro
1889	Jesse Duryea, Cin
1890	Cupid Childs, Syr
1891	Willard Mains, Cin

UNION ASSOCIATION	
1884	Harry Moore, Was

PLAYERS LEAGUE	
1890	Phil Knell, Phi

FEDERAL LEAGUE	
1914	Benny Kauff, Ind
1915	Jim Kelly, Pit

BBWAA Rookie of the Year Award

Inspired by its Chicago branch, which had been honoring top rookies since 1940, the Baseball Writers Association of America took the Rookie of the Year awards national starting in 1947. After honoring only one rookie in 1947 and 1948, the BBWAA started giving the award to a rookie in each league in 1949. In the early days of the award, there was significant confusion over which players qualified as rookies. The first set of standards dealing with this was established in 1957. The current standards, which say that any player who has accumulated more than 130 at bats, 50 innings, or a certain amount of time on the major league roster is no longer a rookie, took effect in 1971. Writers used a one-place ballot for most of the award's history until 1980, when voters shifted over to a three-place ballot.

Though there's no longer any debate over which players are technically rookies, there is discussion as to whether certain players should be *considered* rookies. Hideki Matsui lost the 2003 AL Rookie