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NOTE: Our October newsletter highlighted awards that are less well-known than most post season awards (like the MVP and Cy Young awards) and this newsletter will include many of the other awards not mentioned yet. We present awards for hitting, pitching, defense, and for those qualities that go beyond physical skills to surmount near-impossible obstacles.

Most chapter members are Mets and/or Yankees fans so players from those teams usually will have biographies from SABR's BioProject Committee alongside any oral interviews from the Oral History Committee within each issue. The photos used are from the SABR website.



[A Major League Baseball Lifetime Pass](#)

How would you like a Major League Baseball Lifetime Pass to any regular season game? Yes, so would I! Players, managers, coaches, umpires, league executives, and assorted people of special interest can get a lifetime free pass to attend but only one guest (non-transferable) per entry who spent 8 years or more in the league or, for an executive, at least 25 years.



What Do the Players Think?

In 1965, *The Sporting News* created the Comeback Player of the Year Award but Major League Baseball did not recognize the award officially until forty years later in 2005 when it presented its own Comeback Player award. Mostly, the recipients have overcome injury or other adversity and have returned to a position of achievement.

What did the players think about the Comeback Player of the Year Award?

The Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA) voted in 1992 for the first of its several “Players Choice Awards” – the Comeback Player in the NL and the AL. In 1993, the Comeback Player Award was replaced by an Outstanding Player award, one for the AL and one for the NL. In 1994, another two awards were created: Outstanding Pitcher and Outstanding Rookie, again for each league.

In 1997, a single award for one player was given – a Marvin Miller Man of the Year award and again in 1998 – a Player of the Year award. The votes are on a secret ballot and the prize money is donated to a charity of each winner's choice.

In 2015, the third single-recipient award, the Always Game Award, was given to “the player who – game in and game out – constantly exhibits positive energy, grit, tenacity, hustle, perseverance, relentlessness and sportsmanship; all for the benefit of his teammates and fans” https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Players_Choice_Awards and the winners for all Players Choice awards can be found at that website and at <https://www.mlbplayers.com/players-choice-awards> where the MLBPA website could use an update! These Players Choice awards are decided by the Players Association:

Best Comeback Player
Best Pitcher
Best Player
Best Rookie
Curt Flood Award
Marvin Miller Man of the Year
Philanthropist of the Year
*Player of the Decade
Player of the Year



Marvin Miller

Interviewee: Miller, Marvin
Interview Date: 3/26/2004
Interviewer: Vincent, Fay
Duration: 3:43:14

<https://sabr.org/interview/marvin-miller-2004/>

*This was given only once, in 1999,
to Ken Griffey, Jr.

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<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/marvin-miller/>

Although the first Players Choice Award in 1992 was the Comeback Player Award, it was not awarded from 1993 to 1996, but in 1997, it resumed. Here are the NY recipients:

2004	Orlando Hernández	NYY	
2005	Jason Giambi	NYY	Giambi also received the Comeback Award from MLB
2008	Fernando Tatis	NYM	
2013	Mariano Rivera	NYY	Rivera also received the Comeback Award from MLB
2015	Matt Harvey	NYM	Harvey also received the Comeback Award from MLB

Who Was Curt Flood?

Curt Flood was a catalyst for player rights when he fought against the reserve clause, with help from the players' union rep Marvin Miller, and by taking his case in 1970 to the Supreme Court, which rejected his arguments in *Flood v. Kuhn*.

The MLBPA gives the Curt Flood Award to a former player who, like Flood did, shows timeless and selfless dedication to the Players Association to advance players' rights. The 2024 recipient is Dave Winfield.

Curt Flood sat for 2 interviews, 30 years apart. This one is the first, from 1962:

Interviewee: Flood, Curt
Interview Date: 1962
Interviewer: Evans, Clifford
Duration: 08:00

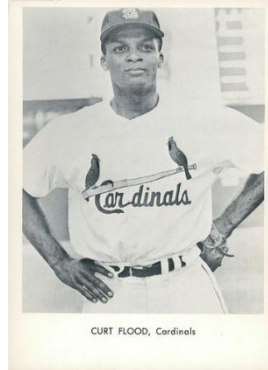
From the Clifford Evans Archive, used by permission of Gregory L. Peterson. Radio executive Evans conducted audio interviews of baseball players during spring training in the early 1960s. You can watch this interview as a video and a PDF is available as well. Transcribed by Jordan Sprunger (2022).

<https://sabr.org/interview/curt-flood-1962/>

Here is another one, from 1992:

Interviewee: Flood, Curt
Interview Date: 8/9/1992
Interviewer: Brown, Paul
Duration: 0:23:41

<https://sabr.org/interview/curt-flood-1992/>



For a superb BioProject article on Flood, read <https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/curt-flood/> by Terry Sloope. In a clear, comprehensive summary, he shows what Flood was up against: a club's right to renew a player's contract for one year in perpetuity with no recourse for the player but to leave major league baseball if he did not want to continue with that team.

Despite the loss on appeals, Flood's case influenced the new 1970 Basic Agreement which now gave players the right to take their grievances to independent arbitration. In 1974, Sloope tells us, "Catfish Hunter won his freedom from the Oakland Athletics when an arbitrator ruled that Athletics owner Charles Finley had violated the terms of Hunter's contract. The

MLBPA AWARDS

Given to Recipients on NY Teams

Outstanding Player (began 1993)

2007 Alex Rodriguez NYY
2011 Curtis Granderson NYY

Outstanding Pitcher (began 1994)

1994 Jimmy Key NYY
2001 Roger Clemens NYY
2012 R. A. Dickey NYM
2018 Jacob deGrom NYM
2019 Jacob deGrom NYM

Outstanding Rookie (began 1994)

1996 Derek Jeter NYY
2014 Jacob deGrom NYM
2017 Aaron Judge NYY
2018 Miguel Andújar NYM
2019 Pete Alonso NYM

Marvin Miller Man of the Year (began 1997)

2013 Mariano Rivera NYY
2016 Curtis Granderson NYM
2022 Francisco Lindor NYM

Player of the Year (began 1998)

2007 Alex Rodriguez NYY
2022 Aaron Judge NYY

following year, Miller used the arbitration process to win free agency for Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally, who had played the 1975 season without contracts. They argued that the owners' right to renew a player's contract was good for only one year if a player had refused to sign a new contract."

Sloope writes, "To the shock and dismay of the owners, the arbitrator, Peter Seitz, agreed, changing the owner-player relationship forever." As of November 2024, free agency survives and thrives.



The Edgar Martínez Outstanding Designated Hitter Award

Back in 1973, the new Designated Hitter Rule was controversial for several reasons: it would mean the AL and the NL would be playing by different rules; it would revamp managerial strategies; it could give AL pitchers a rest on days when they pitched and the DH substituting for them could create more runs to help that pitcher win. NL pitchers would not enjoy such an advantage. These were only some of the issues being debated at the time. For more history as well as the pros and cons of the DH, go to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Designated_hitter.

Yet in that first year, 1973, an award for the best DH was presented to the AL recipient and has been given ever since although in 1994, no award was given due to the players' strike which canceled the season on August 12 for the remainder of the year. In 2004, it was renamed the Edgar Martínez Outstanding Designated Hitter Award because by that time, Martinez had won the award *five times*. The voters are mostly writers and media personnel.

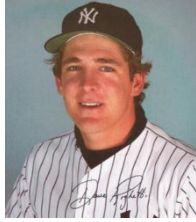
In 2020, for health and safety measures during COVID, the NL accepted the DH and Marcell Ozuna of the Atlanta Braves became the first DH recipient in the National League. While 2021 saw the return in the NL of **not** using a DH, that league did agree to the Rule 5.11 for a DH in the NL beginning in 2022, almost 50 years after rejecting its use.

In 2021, Shohei Ohtani of the Los Angeles Dodgers became the first player to win both the Edgar Martínez Award and the American League MVP award in the same season, then repeated this remarkable achievement in 2023! This year, he was unanimously voted the best DH, becoming the second player to win the award from the National League, and the *only* player to win the award from both leagues. Ohtani is now third in receiving this award; Martinez himself won 5 times, being surpassed only by David Ortiz who won 8 times.

The only DH playing for a New York team to win the Edgar Martinez Outstanding Designated Hitter Award was **Don Baylor in 1985 for the Yankees**.

The Rivera/Hoffman Reliever of the Year Awards

From 1976 to 2012, the *Roloids Relief Man Award* was given by Major League Baseball to the best relief pitchers in each league. Roloids antacid supposedly brought relief to an upset stomach but the award's name changed in 2013 when Roloids' ownership changed. The baseball "firemen" wearing a New York uniform who were recognized for "saving the day" are:



Dave Righetti sat for a 2016 interview.
<https://sabr.org/interview/dave-righetti-2016/>
 Interviewee: Righetti, Dave
 Interview Date: 2016-04-25
 Interviewer: Baldassaro, Lawrence
 Duration: 0:44:39

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<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/dave-righetti/>



Dave Righetti sat for a 2024 interview as well.
<https://sabr.org/interview/dave-righetti-2024/>
 Interviewee: Righetti, Dave
 Interview Date: 2024-05-09
 Interviewer: McMurray, John
 Duration: 1:35:36

1978	Goose Gossage	NYY
1986	Dave Righetti	NYY
1987	Dave Righetti	NYY
1990	John Franco	NYM
1996	John Wetteland	NYM
1999	Mariano Rivera	NYY
2001	Mariano Rivera	NYY
2001	Armando Benítez	NYM
2004	Mariano Rivera	NYY
2005	Mariano Rivera	NYY
2009	Mariano Rivera	NYY

From 2005 through 2013, the Major League Baseball *Delivery Man of the Year Award* honored the reliever who best "delivered" the win and this was at first an agreement between MLB and the package delivery company DHL Express, whose sponsorship ended after 2010. Until 2009, fans voted online for a sole reliever from 10 finalists selected by an MLB panel. In 2009, only the panel chose the winner.

NY Yankee saver Mariano Rivera won in 2005, 2006 and 2009 and when MLB in 2014 announced a *Reliever of the Year Award* for each league, the AL award was named after Rivera, the all-time leader in saves. The NL award is named for Trevor Hoffman, who had been the all-time saves leader from 2006 until 2011 and who is still the all-time National League saves leader (as of 2024). A panel of retired relievers votes for 3 pitchers for each league using the 5-3-1 system of points.

The 3 relievers for the Yankees and Mets voted as the best in a season are:

2015	Andrew Miller	NYY
2019	Aroldis Chapman	NYY
2022	Edwin Díaz	NYM

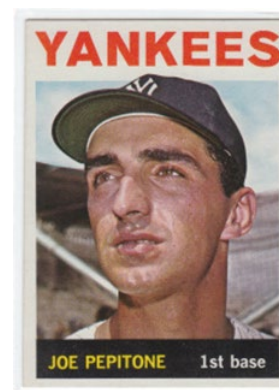
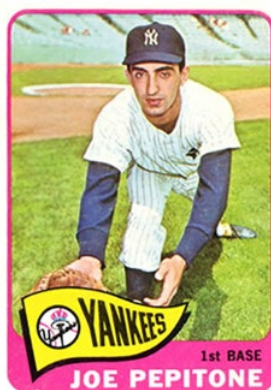
The Rawlings Gold Glove Awards

Possibly the most prestigious honor for a defensive player is the Rawlings Gold Glove Award. In 1957, the Rawlings baseball glove company created the Gold Glove Award (a gold lamé-tanned leather glove) for the best fielders that year in each position. In 1958, the Gold Glove was awarded to the best fielders for each position in both the NL and the AL and in 2011, outfield positions were specified as LF, CF, and RF. In 2020, Rawlings also bestowed a Gold Glove Award for team defense, again giving one in the AL and one in the NL. Beginning in 2022, a Gold Glove Award in each league has been given to a utility player as well.

Decades of criticism about the voting where managers and coaches in each league primarily saw only the teams in their division yet voted for all players in their league abated when statistics were included in determining the best fielders. In 2013, Rawlings collaborated on with the **Society for American Baseball Research** (SABR) to include a sabermetric addition, according to Wikipedia's sources https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gold_Glove_Award taken from Baseball-Reference (among others). The **SABR Defensive Index** (SDI) "accounted for 25 percent of the vote, while managers and coaches continued to provide the majority" of votes.

Complaints about the awards being a popularity contest have been reduced and "for the utility player awards, the sabermetric component and other defensive statistics are exclusively used to select the winners, without any voting by coaches." Here are the many Gold Glove winners who wore uniforms of New York teams when they were top fielders:

Gold Glove for 1B		
1957	Gil Hodges	Brooklyn Dodgers
1965	Joe Pepitone	NYY
1966	Joe Pepitone	NYY
1969	Joe Pepitone	NYY
1978	Chris Chambliss	NYY
1983	Keith Hernandez	NYM
1984	Keith Hernandez	NYM
1985	Don Mattingly	NYY
1985	Keith Hernandez	NYM
1986	Don Mattingly	NYY
1986	Keith Hernandez	NYM
1987	Don Mattingly	NYY
1987	Keith Hernandez	NYM
1988	Don Mattingly	NYY
1988	Keith Hernandez	NYM
1989	Don Mattingly	NYY
1991	Don Mattingly	NYY
1992	Don Mattingly	NYY
1993	Don Mattingly	NYY
1994	Don Mattingly	NYY
2009	Mark Teixeira	NYY
2010	Mark Teixeira	NYY
2012	Mark Teixeira	NYY



<https://sabr.org/interview/joe-pepitone-1991/>

Interviewee: Pepitone, Joe
 Interview Date: 7/6/1991
 Interviewer: Bergman, Irv
 Duration: 0:48:37

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<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/Joe-Pepitone/>



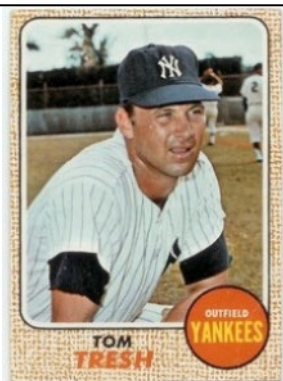
Interviewee: Maris, Roger
 Interview Date: 1962
 Interviewer: Evans, Clifford
 Duration: 07:46

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<https://sabr.org/interview/roger-maris-1962/>

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<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/roger-maris/>



Interviewee: Tresh, Tom
 Interview Date:
 Interviewer: Bergman, Irv
 Duration: 0:54:20
<https://sabr.org/interview/tom-tresh-unknown/>

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Gold Glove for 2B

1961	Bobby Richardson	NYY
1962	Bobby Richardson	NYY
1963	Bobby Richardson	NYY
1964	Bobby Richardson	NYY
1965	Bobby Richardson	NYY
1980	Doug Flynn	NYM
2010	Robinson Canó	NYY
2012	Robinson Canó	NYY

Gold Glove for 3B

1977	Graig Nettles	NYY
1978	Graig Nettles	NYY
1994	Wade Boggs	NYY
1995	Wade Boggs	NYY
1999	Scott Brosius	NYY

Gold Glove for SS

1997	Rey Ordóñez	NYM
1998	Rey Ordóñez	NYM
1999	Rey Ordóñez	NYM
2004	Derek Jeter	NYY
2005	Derek Jeter	NYY
2006	Derek Jeter	NYY
2009	Derek Jeter	NYY
2010	Derek Jeter	NYY
2023	Anthony Volpe	NYY

Gold Glove for OF

1957	Willie Mays	NYG
1958	Norm Siebern	NYY
1960	Roger Maris	NYY
1962	Mickey Mantle	NYY
1965	Tom Tresh	NYY
1970	Tommie Agee	NYM
1972	Bobby Murcer	NYY
1982	Dave Winfield	NYY
1983	Dave Winfield	NYY
1984	Dave Winfield	NYY
1985	Dave Winfield	NYY
1987	Dave Winfield	NYY
1997	Bernie Williams	NYY
1998	Bernie Williams	NYY
1999	Bernie Williams	NYY
2000	Bernie Williams	NYY
2006	Carlos Beltrán	NYM
2007	Carlos Beltrán	NYM
2008	Carlos Beltrán	NYM
2014	Juan Lagares – CF	NYM
2016	Brett Gardner – LF	NYY

Gold Glove for C

1963	Elston Howard	NYY
1964	Elston Howard	NYY
1973	Thurman Munson	NYY
1974	Thurman Munson	NYY
1975	Thurman Munson	NYY
2022	Jose Trevino	NYY

Gold Glove for P

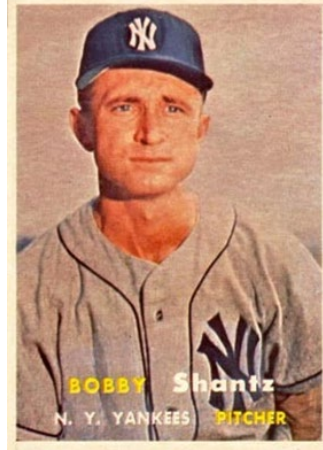
1957	Bobby Shantz	NYY
1958	Bobby Shantz	NYY
1959	Bobby Shantz	NYY
1960	Bobby Shantz	NYY
1982	Ron Guidry	NYY
1983	Ron Guidry	NYY
1984	Ron Guidry	NYY
1985	Ron Guidry	NYY
1986	Ron Guidry	NYY
1989	Ron Darling	NYM
2001	Mike Mussina	NYY
2003	Mike Mussina	NYY
2008	Mike Mussina	NYY

Gold Glove for Utility Player

2022	DJ LeMahieu	NYY
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Gold Glove for Team Defense

2022	New York Yankees
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Interviewee: Shantz, Bobby

Interview Date: 8/16/1991

Interviewer: Bulster, Robert

Duration: 0:43:13

<https://sabr.org/interview/bobby-shantz-1991/>

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The Silver Slugger Award

Presented by Hillerich & Bradby, the company that makes the Louisville Slugger bats, the Silver Slugger Award goes to ten players in each league after the votes have been tallied by MLB managers and coaches who cannot vote for anyone on the team they represent. The award, which is shaped like a 3-foot bat and is plated with sterling silver, began in 1980 to honor the best offensive players by positions.

Only the National League pitchers could get a Silver Slugger Award due to the NL rejecting the Designated Hitter position back in 1973. When the league did adopt the DH in 2022, the pitching “slugger” was replaced by a DH recipient.

Also in 2022, a Utility Player category was included in the awards and a best offensive team was added in 2023. Utility players have the ability and versatility to play more than one position in the field; a few can even boast both infield and outfield skills. Brock Holt of the Boston Red Sox was the first player ever to start at 7+ positions in 2015 before the All-Star break (he also played in that All-Star Game)!

Recipients for New York Teams

1B Silver Slugger

1984	Keith Hernandez	NYM
1985	Don Mattingly	NYY
1986	Don Mattingly	NYY
1987	Don Mattingly	NYY
1997	Tino Martinez	NYY
2002	Jason Giambi	NYY
2009	Mark Teixeira	NYY

2B Silver Slugger

1980	Willie Randolph	NYY
1999	Edgardo Alfonzo	NYM
2002	Alfonso Soriano	NYY
2006	Robinson Canó	NYY
2010	Robinson Canó	NYY
2011	Robinson Canó	NYY
2012	Robinson Canó	NYY
2013	Robinson Canó	NYY
2019	DJ LeMahieu	NYY
2020	DJ LeMahieu	NYY
2022	Jeff McNeil	NYM

3B Silver Slugger

1989	Howard Johnson	NYM
1991	Howard Johnson	NYM
1993	Wade Boggs	NYY
1994	Wade Boggs	NYY
2005	Alex Rodriguez	NYY
2007	Alex Rodriguez	NYY
2007	David Wright	NYM
2008	Alex Rodriguez	NYY
2008	David Wright	NYM

SS Silver Slugger

2006	Derek Jeter	NYY
2006	José Reyes	NYM
2007	Derek Jeter	NYY
2008	Derek Jeter	NYY
2009	Derek Jeter	NYY
2012	Derek Jeter	NYY
2023	Francisco Lindor	NYM
2024	Francisco Lindor	NYM

OF Silver Slugger

1981	Dave Winfield	NYY
1982	Dave Winfield	NYY
1983	Dave Winfield	NYY
1984	Dave Winfield	NYY
1985	Dave Winfield	NYY

1985	Rickey Henderson	NYY
1988	Darryl Strawberry	NYM
2002	Bernie Williams	NYY
2004	Gary Sheffield	NYY
2005	Gary Sheffield	NYY
2006	Carlos Beltrán	NYM
2007	Carlos Beltrán	NYM
2011	Curtis Granderson	NYY
2017	Aaron Judge	NYY
2021	Aaron Judge	NYY
2022	Aaron Judge	NYY
2024	Aaron Judge	NYY
2024	Juan Soto	NYY



Curtis Granderson (above) was a New York Yankee from 2010-2013 and won the 2011 Silver Slugger Award as an outfielder. While he played for the New York Mets from 2014-2017, he received the 2016 Roberto Clemente Award for his many contributions in the community such as his outreach to inner-city children.

Granderson is well-known for his charity work and has won the Marvin Miller Man of the Year Award *four* times.

He also sat down for a SABR interview.

Interviewee: Granderson, Curtis

Interview Date: 2023-02-21

Interviewer: Digispino, Nicholas

Duration: 1:01:33

<https://sabr.org/interview/curtis-granderson-2023/>

Want to write a SABR bio? This bio is not yet assigned so please do contact bioproject@sabr.org for guidance.

More Recipients for New York Teams

C Silver Slugger

1985	Gary Carter	NYM
1986	Gary Carter	NYM
1993	Mike Stanley	NYN
1998	Mike Piazza	NYM
1999	Mike Piazza	NYM
2000	Jorge Posada	NYN
2000	Mike Piazza	NYM
2001	Jorge Posada	NYN
2001	Mike Piazza	NYM
2002	Jorge Posada	NYN
2002	Mike Piazza	NYM

2003	Jorge Posada	NYN
2007	Jorge Posada	NYN
2015	Brian McCann	NYN
2017	Gary Sánchez	NYN
2022	Jose Trevino	NYN

P Silver Slugger

1992	Dwight Gooden	NYM
2000	Mike Hampton	NYM

DH Silver Slugger

1980	Reggie Jackson	NYN
1983	Don Baylor	NYN
1985	Don Baylor	NYN



Mike Piazza



Jorge Posada

Two prominent catchers who each won 5 Silver Slugger awards were Mike Piazza for the NY Mets and Jorge Posada for the NY Yankees. Mike was interviewed by SABR's Larry Baldassaro.

Interviewee: Piazza, Mike
 Interview Date: 2006-06-06
 Interviewer: Baldassaro, Lawrence
 Duration: 0:41:56
<https://sabr.org/interview/mike-piazza-2006/>

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<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/mike-piazza/>

The Marvin Miller Man of the Year Award is for players who contribute not only to the game but to their communities as a way to inspire others. These recipients played for a New York team the year they won it:

2013	Mariano Rivera	NYN
2016	Curtis Granderson	NYM
2022	Francisco Lindor	NYM

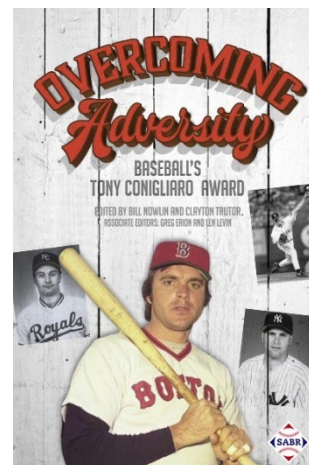
The Heart & Hustle Award

The Heart & Hustle Award is given by the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association (MLBPAA) to a current player who excels on the field and “best embodies the values, spirits and traditions of baseball.” In 2017, the **Yankee outfielder Brett Gardner** won the award https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heart_%26_Hustle_Award.

The Tony Conigliaro Award

The Tony Conigliaro Award honors the memory of Boston Red Sox outfielder Tony Conigliaro. It is given annually to a Major League Baseball (MLB) player who overcomes adversity with courage, determination, and spirit, as Conigliaro did after he was hit in the face by a pitch at Fenway Park in 1967. He missed the rest of the year and all of 1968, but made a comeback in 1969, winning *The Sporting News* Comeback Player of the Year Award.

In 1970, his vision problems worsened and in 1975, he retired at age 30. Conigliaro died in 1990, which led the Red Sox to create the award that is usually given in December. Representing the media, the commissioner, and the two leagues' offices is a panel that votes on the selection. In 2012, the **New York Mets pitcher R. A. Dickey** was the recipient. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tony_Conigliaro_Award.



You can also read *Overcoming Adversity: The Tony Conigliaro Award* (SABR, 2017) <https://sabr.org/latest/sabr-digital-library-overcoming-adversity-baseballs-tony-conigliaro-award/> edited by Bill Nowlin and Clayton Trutor. This e-book covers 29 inspirational biographies plus another bio about Tony Conigliaro himself.

2024 Postseason Baseball Awards

The MLB Comeback Player of the Year Awards:

Both southpaws: AL - Garrett Crocket , Chicago White Sox & NL - Chris Sale, Atlanta Braves

The Baseball Writers' Association of America (BBWAA) MVP Awards:

Both unanimous: AL - **Aaron Judge, NY Yankees** & NL - Shohei Ohtani, L.A. Dodgers.

The BBWAA Cy Young Awards:

Both left-handers: AL - Tarik Skubal, Detroit Tigers & NL - Chris Sale, Atlanta Braves.

BBWAA presents the Jackie Robinson Rookie of the Year Awards:

Both starting right-handers: AL - **Luis Gil, NY Yankees** & NL - Paul Skenes, Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Hank Aaron Awards for the best overall offensive performer in each league (as voted for by the fans and a panel of Hall of Famers):

AL - **Aaron Judge, NY Yankees** & NL - Shohei Ohtani, L.A. Dodgers.

The Roberto Clemente Award for extraordinary character, community involvement, philanthropy and positive contributions, both on and off the field: Salvador Perez of the Kansas City Royals.

SHARING OUR STORIES

M. Frank's Westchester Column: Hinchliffe Stadium

By Mike Frank

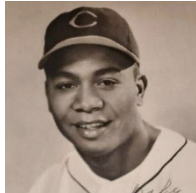
Hinchliffe Stadium is a 7,500-seat stadium located in Paterson, New Jersey, near the Great Falls. It's a historic site within a National Historic Park. The park was completed and dedicated in 1932 under then-mayor, John V. Hinchliffe. After years of neglect, it was closed in 1996, but lovingly brought back to life in recent years.

The history of the stadium and the Negro Leagues are strongly linked. The Black Yankees played there, as did the Newark Eagles. The New York Cubans called it home. All the great Black Hall of Famers of the era played there. It was home to more than just baseball; minor pro and school football, boxing, auto and motorcycle racing all happened there.



The stadium is now the home of minor league, professional, and college baseball. As it was rebuilt, the Charles J. Muth Museum was established in the building. Marty Appel, the Yankee maven, spoke there in the fall. There's an event coming up January 25, a card show at which Ralph (Hall Ball) Carhart will speak.

The museum is generally open Wednesdays and Saturdays. You can check with the Elysian Fields (northern New Jersey) Chapter for more information. Hinchliffe Stadium is off Route 80, the last exit in Paterson, about 15 miles from the George Washington Bridge.



Larry Doby played at Hinchliffe Stadium and he twice did interviews that you can read here <https://sabr.org/interview/larry-doby-1994/>

Interviewee: Doby, Larry

Interview Date: 1994-02-18

Interviewer: Harris, Tom

Duration: 1:18:22 in 2 parts. This interview includes a transcript.

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<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/Larry-Doby/>

Here is another interview <https://sabr.org/interview/larry-doby-2000/>

Interviewee: Doby, Larry

Interview Date: 4/13/2000

Interviewer: Vincent, Fay

Duration: 2:30:42



At his Hall of Fame Induction in 1998, Larry Doby "cited the tryout with the [Newark] Eagles as his most memorable moment at Hinchliffe Stadium" according to the HINCHLIFFE STADIUM website <https://www.hinchliffestadium.com/baseball>.

The Jints Column

By Gary Mintz

For baseball fans everywhere, especially those following his beloved New York San Francisco Giants, Gary has a Thanksgiving message for 2024, 2025, and all Thanksgivings to come in the future: **Be well and enjoy!**

Thank you all ... Damian Begley, Evelyn Begley, Kevin Carter, David Lippman, Ernestine Miller