



ELSTON HOWARD, catcher for the New York Yankees, was named today as the American League's Most Valuable Player for the 1963 season. In addition to handling the catching chores for the AL champs, the fiery Howard was a power at the plate. (UPI Telephoto)

NY's Howard Selected Most Valuable Player

BOSTON (UPI)—The American League's Most Valuable Player award remained almost the exclusive property of the New York Yankees today when Elston Howard won the 1963 honors in a landslide.

The 33-year-old Yankee catcher collected 15 of 20 first place votes in balloting by selected members of the Baseball Writers Association of America (BBWAA) and finished 100 points ahead of runnerup Al Kaline of the Detroit Tigers.

The results of the voting were announced here by Hy Hurwitz, national secretary of the association. Two members in each of the 10 American League cities participated in the balloting.

In scoring his clear-cut victory over outfielder Kaline, Howard became the fourth successive Yankee to capture the coveted award and the eighth New York winner in the last 10 seasons.

Succeeds Mickey Mantle

Howard succeeded Yankee outfielder Mickey Mantle, the 1962 MVP selection. Roger Maris won the award in 1960 and 1961 and Yogi Berra, the Yankees' new manager, captured the title three times, in 1951, 1954 and 1955.

Only the third catcher to win MVP honors, Howard totaled 248 points to 148 for Kaline. Yankee pitcher Whitey Ford finished third at 125 points and was second only to Howard in first place votes with three. Kaline and Yankee Tom Tresh, who was 11th in the point total, netted the remaining No. 1 votes.

American League home run champion Harmon Killebrew of Minnesota won a close three-way battle for the fourth spot, his 85 points barely edging Boston relief pitcher ace Dick Radatz (84) and American League batting champion Carl Yastrzemski of the Red Sox (81). The point totals dropped off rapidly from there with 29

Top Fielding Catcher

Howard, who didn't get a single vote in 1962 though he batted .279, was named on all 20 ballots this year after a season in which he hit .267 to finish 12th in the league. He had 27 home runs, drove in 101 runs, and led the league's catchers in fielding with a .994 average.

Kaline, who was mentioned on 19 of the 20 ballots, ranked second in the American League hitting race with a .312 average. The Detroit outfielder, who was rested by the Tigers during the late stages of the season, has 27 homers and 101 runs batted in.

Ford led the American League in games won (24), percentage (.247 for .774), and innings pitched (269). Killebrew, who was third in the voting a year ago, was the league's top slugger with 45 homers though he batted only .258.

Though he did not qualify among the official league leaders on the basis of innings pitched, Radatz had the circuit's best earned run average of 1.98 while posting a 15-6 record in 66 games of relief. Yastrzemski's .321 average led the league by nine full points to earn him mention on 17 of the 20 ballots.

Howard's choice meant that members of the New York Yankees have won MVP honors 16 times in the 33-year history of the award. Detroit is New York's nearest challenger for most MVP's with a total of six selections.

Howard's selection came in voting conducted even before World Series play when he led Yankee regulars by getting five hits off the Los Angeles Dodgers pitching staff. In addition, Howard was struck out only once by Dodger southpaw Sandy Koufax, who posted a World Series strikeout record and last week was named the National League's Most Valuable Player.

OSU's Beavers To Invade Big 10 For Saturday Tilt

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY, Corvallis — Oregon State's Beavers, fresh from their best defensive effort this fall, turned their attention to Big Ten football as it is played in the Midwest. The Beavers meet the Indiana Hoosiers at Bloomington this Saturday, starting at 10:30 a.m. (PST).

Oregon State downed Stanford last weekend, 10-7, in a game that Coach Tommy Prothro viewed as hard hitting on both sides. Prothro said that Stanford was "the hardest hitting Stanford team I've seen since coming to the coast."

The hard-hitting game put five Beavers on the sidelines for practice sessions Monday: Dave Downey, Cliff Watkins, Scott Miller, Ron Doman and Dan Sieg. Of this group only Sieg is reported as doubtful for Indiana. He injured his knee and was scheduled for Doctor's examination Monday.

The Beavers started practice proceedings in sweat clothes in preparation for a team, described by OSU scout, Coach John Cooper, as being a typically tough Big Ten opponent.

Cooper said that Indiana's overall size would compare with Oregon State. He also pointed out, "They're primarily a run-

ning team, but they have a good average passer in quarterback Rich Badar."

Cooper said that big Tom Nowatzke, 220-pound fullback, will be the best fullback Oregon State has played against so far this year. "Nowatzke couples size with speed, and has been one of the leading ground-gainers in the Big Ten all season."

Speaking of Indiana's forwards, Cooper said their line is tough. It plays hard-nosed football, and has given up relatively few yards by rushing this season. He said that the Hoosiers are coming on strong and will be tough to beat, especially after their upset win over Minnesota last weekend.

Oregon State polished their passing offense Monday, after completing only 7 of 16 passes last Saturday.

Sports

SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST By Hal Sharp

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Liston Lacks Fight License In California

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A California boxing official warned Los Angeles promoters Wednesday they may be wasting their time in attempting to obtain the Sonny Liston-Cassius Clay heavyweight fight.

Sol Silverman, chairman of the Governor's Committee for Safeguards in Professional Boxing, pointed out that Liston does not have a license to fight in either California or New York — and that both states "are as one in their opposition to mismatches."

And Liston may have trouble getting a license in California. Silverman said he recently received a letter from Chairman Hayward Plumadore of the New York Joint Legislative Committee stating that his group would "like to hear Mr. Liston state under oath that he has severed all connections with criminal elements."

"And I'm sure our California Athletic Commission, with a fine sensitivity to its responsibilities, and the desire to promote safeguards in boxing, shares New York's urge," he said.

Silverman also expressed doubt about the wisdom of matching the cocky, talkative Clay against the heavy-weight champion, who does his talking with hamlike fists in a cold, crushing style.

"If Liston displays the same ferocity against Clay as he did against (former champion Floyd) Patterson, then serious — if not grave — injuries could result from their meeting," he said.

And if the champion "carries" Clay, Silverman said boxing would be "further degraded and the public disgustingly defrauded."

"Boxing cannot stand a set back like this," he said. "Promoters should be aware of the long range pull and not take shortcuts to big gates."

Silverman said no boxing critic or pugilistic expert has commended the Clay-Liston match as a contest of equal gladiators — and many have spoken out against it.

"Let Clay or Liston or their promoters name one former heavyweight champion among the eleven now living, who regards Clay as being ready for Liston, despite Clay's potential as a champion," Silverman said.

Celtics Roll To 7th Win

NBA Standings
By United Press International
Eastern Division

Team	W	L	Pct.
Boston	7	0	1.000
Cincinnati	6	5	.545
New York	3	7	.300
Philadelphia	2	7	.286

Western Division

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	7	2	.778
San Francisco	4	2	.667
Los Angeles	5	3	.625
Detroit	2	5	.286
Baltimore	2	7	.222

Wednesday's Results
Boston 139 Cincinnati 121
St. Louis 112 Baltimore 110
Los Angeles 111 New York 109
Detroit 119 Philadelphia 101

It's too early to throw in the towel on the Eastern Division race of the National Basketball Association, but Boston does look unbeatable.

The fast-moving Boston Celtics scored 139 points to Cincinnati's 121 Wednesday night as the New York Yankees of professional basketball surged to their seventh win without a defeat.

The Royals, pre-season hopefuls for cracking the Celtic legend, are barely over the .500 mark in the Eastern Division's second spot with a 6-5 record.

Six Straight Wins
The St. Louis Hawks have a streak of six consecutive victories that put them in front of Western Division teams. The Hawks, led by Bob Pettit's 32 points, came from behind to knock over the Baltimore Bullets 112-110.

The Los Angeles Lakers also won their game by two points, 111-109, over the New York Knicks. In another NBA contest Wednesday night, the Detroit Pistons shifted its starting lineup and produced a 119-101 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Knicks travel to San Francisco to play the Warriors in the only scheduled league game tonight.

Boston scored more than 30 points in each period with Sam Jones topping Celtic scorers with 28 points. Bill Russell grabbed 19 rebounds and helped frustrate Cincinnati's Jerry Lucas in the first period, Lucas eventually scored 20 points, although Oscar Robertson led the Royals with 24.

The Hawks fell 11 points behind the Bullets in Baltimore after leading 60-55 at the half. But John Barnhill stole the ball repeatedly in the final 12 minutes as the Hawks rallied to a six-point lead, 99-93.

Madigan was one of eight players Denver inherited from the now-defunct Spokane Comets when the franchise was shifted to Colorado this year. The rugged and aggressive 29-year-old defenseman has led the Invaders in penalties this year.

SF Seals Topple Vancouver, 3-1

WHL Standings
By United Press International

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Fran	6	4	2	14	37	35
Seattle	6	3	0	12	34	23
Portland	5	4	1	11	30	26
Denver	5	4	1	9	38	37
Los Angeles	4	6	0	8	31	44
Vancouver	4	7	0	8	42	47

Wednesday's Results
San Francisco 3 Vancouver 1

Thursday's Schedule
Portland at Los Angeles

Contenders for this season's title in the Western Hockey League may find it extremely difficult to shake the San Francisco Seals out from under the crown.

Coach Bud Poile's troops are leading the league standings with 14 points, although they've played only two games at home — and in hockey, the home team usually has the advantage.

Ironically, the Seals are all even at home, but rolled up five victories and two ties against three defeats during a month-long road trip. They lost their home opener to Los Angeles, and got their first victory before the hometown fans Wednesday night by downing Vancouver, 3-1.

Mo Mantha and Tom Thurlby scored in the first period, and Len Haley hit the net in the second to give the seals a 3-0 lead. Vancouver got its only goal in the third when Buddy Boone bounced one past Seal goalie Bob Perreault.

In tonight's only game, the Portland Buckaroos go against the Blades at Los Angeles.

The Blades, currently tied for last place with Vancouver, made an effort to put "some starch" in their defense Wednesday by acquiring Connie Madigan from the Denver Invaders.

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SWINGING JUMP shot is taken over the head of Boston's Bill Russell by Jerry Lucas of the Cincinnati Royals in Wednesday's NBA game. The Celtics swept to their seventh consecutive victory by dumping the Royals, 139-121. (UPI Telephoto)

Huskies Favored In Crucial Big 6 Battle Against California

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Saturday's pigskin picks, western versions:

Washington over California — Shapes up as one of the most important games of the season. Huskies on way to Rose Bowl, but Bears on rise after 25-0 walloping of UCLA. It's Craig Morlon of Cal vs. Bill Douglas of Washington and it should be a dandy. By 5.

Southern California over Stanford — The Trojans will be relaxed after their walloping at the hands of Washington. At times Indians look like world's By 3.

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