

SPORTS



ELSTON HOWARD
American League MVP

Howard Selected AL Most Valuable

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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.

Howard succeeded Yankee outfielder Mickey Mantle, the 1952 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 totals, 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 players earning mention in the balloting.

Greatest Day of Life For Elston

By GEORGE LANGFORD
TEANECK, N.J. (UPI)—"This is the greatest day of my life," Elston Howard said today, "but the most valuable player on our ball club wasn't even in the lineup — Mickey Mantle."

Howard sat at a card table in the dining room of his new home, boxes and crates piled around the walls, paneling yet unfinished, and his 4-year-old daughter, Karen, hugging his leg.

The 33-year-old New York Yankee catcher had just been informed of his 100-point victory in the American League's Most Valuable Player balloting.

"A lot of people kept saying I was going to win it but I really didn't think about it until the other morning I woke up at 5 o'clock and started thinking what an honor it would be," Howard said.

Mantle Sidelined
"I thought maybe (Al) Kaline (of Detroit) or Whitey (Ford of the Yankees) might get it," he said, "but I really think Mick is the most valuable—to us anyway."

Mantle was sidelined most of the 1963 season with knee and leg injuries and underwent surgery last month to correct it.

"This selection makes my choice to play baseball rather than accept a college scholarship worthwhile," added Howard, the son of a high school principal in New Madrid, Mo. Howard was offered numerous college scholarships after an outstanding high school career in football, baseball and basketball.

"Baseball will let me give

my children a college education and a nice home. I'll never regret my decision to enter baseball."

probably the most," he continued. "I've been very fortunate having four catchers — Dickey, Ralph Houk, Jim Hegon and Yogi Berra — to work with me."

Butler Low Gross In UMC Golf Play

Larry Butler was low gross 71 and Larry Clark low net with 67 last Saturday in the United Medford Crusade golf tournament at Rogue Valley Country Club. Long drive honors went

to Justin Smith for low handicappers and to Ralph Barclay for high handicap players. Clayton Lewis won the closest to the pin prize in the low handicap group. Sam Prough took it for high handicappers.

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Phoenix Buccaneers Face Henley Hornets In Rogue Concluder

PHOENIX — This is a sort of anti-climax weekend in the Rogue league football campaign with its state A-2 playoff representative all decided. But, there is still plenty of incentive for the Phoenix Pirates in their last league contest before moving into the quarter finals.

The Pirates entertain the Henley Hornets on Friday at 8 p.m. Phoenix already is assured of its fifth straight entry in the Oregon prep titular eliminations. Just the same it needs to beat the Hornets to complete an unmarred league season and hold unshared possession of the mantle in the Rogue.

And, then there's that matter of prestige. Week after week the Buccaneers have been recognized as No. 1 Class A-2 team in the state.

Henley comes here with a 4-2 record and tied with St. Mary's for third place in the loop. The Hornets are 5-3 for the fall while Phoenix is 8-0 for all games and 6-0 for the loop.

Phoenix will be the favored aggregation. But, Coach Jack Woodward of the Pirates has sounded warning that "this Henley can be tough."

Granby Still Hobbled
Woodward reported Fullback and defensive End Jon Granby still hobbled by an ankle injury in the Illinois Valley game. Eugene Hill again is expected to have the end duties with Den-

Playoff Mix At Phoenix Next Week

PHOENIX — Phoenix High football team will encounter Douglas at Phoenix at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15, at Phoenix, in Oregon Class A-2 quarterfinals. Principal E. M. Skipworth of the local school announced today.

Douglas is from District 6a (Umpqua Valley League) and Phoenix vies in District 6b (the Rogue loop).

Scheduling of the action at Phoenix is a change from the playoff plans announced by the Oregon School Activities Association which had slated the tussle for the field of the Umpqua winner. It was pointed out, however, that the Rogue-Umpqua playoff last fall was held in the northern circuit.

nis Grennan going at full and Dale Sauer taking Grennan's regular right halfback spot.

The mentor pointed to Ken Hawkins as the fastest player on the crew and said that he is bound to see action on kickoff and punt returns and possibly will have opportunity to quarterback the Buc offense.

The Pirates had a defensive scrimmage yesterday after a Tuesday offensive scrimmage hampered by the rain. Varsity players worked on fundamentals on Monday. That evening the jayvees played St. Mary's and won 38-0.

Here is how Phoenix and Henley have done against their Rogue league foes:

Phoenix — Defeated Sacred Heart 60-6, Rogue River 60-0, St. Mary's 20-0, Eagle Point 46-0, Illinois Valley 25-0 and Lakeview 32-0.

Henley — Downed Sacred Heart 55-0, Rogue River 39-0, Eagle Point 14-13, and Lakeview 7-4 and lost to Illinois Valley 46-19 and St. Mary's 12-7.

Seattle Station Protests Grid Video Refusal

SEATTLE (UPI) — Television Station KIRO-TV Wednesday protested University of Washington Athletic Director and Football Coach Jim Owens' refusal to allow telecasts here of Washington's remaining games against California, UCLA and Washington State.

Station Manager Lincoln W. Miller said Owens' decision "unnecessarily forecloses the sports-minded public from witnessing its own tax-supported athletic team in action."

KIRO-TV, an affiliate of the Columbia Broadcasting System, has requested permission to televise "live" the three remaining games.

CBS has exclusive rights through a contract with the National Collegiate Athletic Association to televise NCAA football games.

Owens, in a letter to the station management, said he rejected the proposal because NCAA policy discourages "television exposure" of a member team in more than one national and one regional telecast per season.

Alexander May Miss SF Game With Cowboys

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (UPI) — Rookie defensive halfback Kermit Alexander of the San Francisco Forty Niners may miss Sunday's game against the Dallas Cowboys at Kezar Stadium because of an ailing ankle.

Alexander, who had a tough time against Detroit's Terry Barr last weekend, was the only absentee at a Forty Niner workout Wednesday. Coach Jack Christiansen said he would test the ankle today.

If the former UCLA star is unable to see action against Dallas, Christiansen said he would go with either Howie Williams of Dale Messer.

Tied With Redskins
The Cowboys have a 2-6 record this season and are tied with the Washington Redskins for last place in the Eastern Division of the National Football League. The Forty Niners trail the Western Division with a 1-7 record.

Despite its pitiful record this season, there's still "fight" in the San Francisco team. Rookie fullback Mike Lind and defensive end Clark Miller tangled briefly during Wednesday's workout.

Line assistant Dick Voris broke up the wild slugging and wrestling match with a booming:

"Use it on Sunday. That'll be a halluva change!"

St. Mary's To Tackle Eagle Point

St. Mary's High of Medford wraps up its football season here on Saturday night.

Eagle Point will be the opponent of the Crusaders at the Medford stadium at 8 p.m.

This will be a Rogue league fracas. St. Mary's has opportunity for lone third place in the conference standings. Eagle Point has a chance to tie for fourth and come up with a better than break even record in the loop. The Medford team is 4-2 in the standings and EP is 3-3.

The game will mark Homecoming for the Crusaders. Homecoming activities were postponed from last week. They include a bonfire, skits and hootenany on Friday night.

Randolph Doubtful
Coach Bill McKibbin reported that it is "real doubtful" that Fullback Jeff Randolph will see action in the Saturday tangle. Randolph hurt his knee in the Henley tilt last weekend. Halfback Tim Sakraida also injured a knee against the Hornets but it is thought that he'll be ready for the Eagles.

Also ailing from the Henley mix are Guard John Lucas and Fullback and End Roberts. Lucas was slowed by a charley horse and Roberts had shoulder ligaments stretched. If Roberts sees action, McKibbin said, it will be only on offense.

The Crusaders stressed defense yesterday. They did form work on Tuesday when driven inside by rain.

SINYARD FOR SIEG
CORVALLIS, Ore. (UPI) — Oregon State coach Tommy Prothro has named Jim Sinyard to replace the injured defensive halfback Dave Sieg Saturday when the Beavers take on Indiana at Bloomington, Ind. Prothro said today that Sieg will be out for at least two games because of a bad knee.