

THE SPORTIER

Altuve's MVP Award

Earlier this week, José Altuve won the American League MVP award. First off, Aaron Judge was projected to win the MVP over José Altuve, so let's take a look at what José Altuve did that led him to win the MVP over Judge. A thing that José Altuve always does exceptionally well at is hitting for average. His batting average this past year was a career high and MLB leading .346. Judge had a very good .284 average, but it was not even in the top 20 for batting averages in his league. Another category in which José Altuve excelled in was hits. José led the American league with 204 hits, while Judge ranked 34 in that category for the American League with 154 hits. A category that Aaron did not do well in was strikeouts. He struck out a Major League leading 208 strikeouts. This included a streak of 37 games with at least one strikeout, which is now a new record. And to top this off, Altuve won the World Series and knocked off the best team in the Major Leagues. These are the reasons that led José Altuve to win the MVP over Aaron Judge. But Aaron was still recognized for his amazing year that included his 52 home runs and placing second in the American League for RBIs with 114, as he was awarded the AL Rookie of the Year award. Aaron looks to have an exceptional career ahead of him.

Stanton's MVP Award

Giancarlo Stanton also received the MVP, his for the National League. This year was a breakout season for him. Let's go over what he did to earn him this award. First of all, Stanton hit 59 home runs, which was first in the entire Major Leagues. Not only that, he broke the previous Marlins record for home runs in a single season, which was set by Gary Sheffield at 43. He also tied the great Babe Ruth for the most home runs in a single season in history, ranking 9th on the all-time leaderboard. Oh wait, Stanton has piled on to his home run total so much, he is the best Marlins homer hitter by a LONG SHOT. He has 267 career home runs, as the second place man Dan Uggla had 154 career home runs with the Marlins. There are still more great accomplishments that Stanton had this season. He led the MLB in RBIs with 132, he lead the MLB in Slugging Percentage with .631, and he led the National League in WAR (Wins Above Replacement) with 7.6. Stanton was also honored with a trip to his 4th All-Star Game, he was a Home Run Derby participant, and he won his second Silver Slugger award. In the end, there was nobody else that really deserved the NL MVP award other than Stanton.

In The Rulebook

Did you know that in baseball a runner may not go out of his way to run into a catcher (or any other player covering home plate) and initiate contact? If this does happen, the umpire is to call the runner out. The umpire will call the ball dead and all baserunners will have to return to the last base they were at during the collision.



Game of the Week

The Prediction



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The Game

This is one of the bitterest rivalries in football, if not in all of sports. The first meeting between these teams was in the Cowboys' first year of existence, which was 1960. The Eagles won that game, 27-25. The last meeting between these teams, which was on January 1, 2017, the Eagles won 27-13. This was the game where Tony Romo finally made a comeback and where Mark Sanchez got some playing time. But in the history of this meeting, the Cowboys are 65-51.

I think that the Eagles are going to win because although the Cowboys are decent, the Eagles are clearly better. They are not just clearly the better team in the matchup, they are the best team in the NFL. Another reason why I am picking the Eagles to win is because Ezekiel Elliot will not be playing. If you saw the result of the Cowboys-Falcons game (Falcons won 27-7), you can see how much Elliot's absence affects this team.