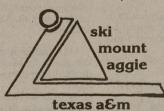
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McGuire's 49 homers makes rookie unanimous choice for rookie of year

NEW YORK (AP) — Oakland award in consecutive seasons. Oakfirst baseman Mark McGwire, whose land's Jose Canseco was the 1986 re49 home runs set a major-league retiplent. Washington's Albie Pearson cord for a first-year player, was unanimously selected Rookie of the Year in the American League, the Baseball Writers Association of America announced Tuesday

McGwire, the choice of all 28 voters, is the second unanimous selection in the 40-year history of the award. Carlton Fisk of the Boston Red Sox was the first, in 1972

"The thing that really got me," McGwire said, "was when I was told it was unanimous and that Carlton Fisk was the only other one to do that. That was pretty nice.'

McGwire's selection marked the first time since 1958-59 that players from the same team won the AI

and Bob Allison were the last to be selected in consecutive seasons.

McGwire earned 140 points to 64 for the runnerup, third baseman Kevin Seitzer of the Kansas City Royals. Catcher Matt Nokes of the Detroit Tigers was third with 32

McGwire broke Al Rosen's AL With four homers in April and 15 rookie home run mark of 37, set in May, McGwire fell one short of with Cleveland in 1950, then broke Mickey Mantle's major-league re-McGwire broke Al Rosen's AL the major-league record of 38 set by Wally Berger of the Boston Braves the season's first two months. in 1930 and tied by Frank Robinson of Cincinnati in 1956.

Gwire said about hitting homers. Kathy, as she gave birth to their first "I've never even put myself in the child. McGwire, who turned 24 the

McGwire, in fact, tied the Chicago Cubs' Andre Dawson for the majorleague homer lead while driving in 118 runs and batting .289. McGwire's record-breaking 39th homer was off 300-game winner

Don Sutton of the California Angels on Aug. 14 at Anaheim Stadium. cord, set in 1956, of 20 homers in

1930 and tied by Frank Robinson Cincinnati in 1956.

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position where I thought I would last week of the season, was deter lead the American League in home mined all year to keep his achiev ments in perspective. Home runs,

said, were secondary to winning.
"He's so solid mentally," La Rus

says. "That's one reason he's ber able to do it. He's got a ton of abilin but he kept himself real compose He never got too high or too low." Seitzer became the 13th rooker major-league history to reach the 200-hit mark, finishing with 200 The last time it happened was 1960 when Tony Oliva of Minnesota ha 217 hits and Richie Allen of Phi delphia had 201. The Kansas G third baseman also had 15 homes 83 RBI and a .323 average.

Nokes replaced departed free agent Lance Parrish as Detroit catcher and hit 32 homers with 8

Baseball players' contract incentive clauses allow vets to earn thousands for a day's work

rish of the Phillies went 1-for-4 in a 9-3 loss to the Atlanta Braves on July 12 and made \$200,000 for it.

Andre Dawson of the Chicago Cubs went 1-for-4 in a 12-0 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers that afternoon and made \$150,000.

Steve Balboni of the Kansas City Royals went 0-for-4 against the Oakland Athletics Sept. 20 and made

All had incentive bonus clauses in their contracts that added substantially to their salaries if they were not injured by certain points of the sea-

A study of baseball salaries published in Tuesday's editions of The New York Times and contract details obtained by the Associated Press reveal that several players earned

NEW YORK (AP) — Lance Par- more in bonuses than they did in sal-

According to The Times, there were 57 players who made more than \$1 million and six of them made more than \$2 million - Dan Quisenberry, George Brett, Jim Rice, Eddie Murray, Mike Schmidt and Gary Carter.

The \$200,000 Parrish received for being in that July 12 game was a bonus for not being on the disabled list by the All-Star break, and it made him a 1987 millionaire. His salary was \$800,000.

Parrish and Dawson were the only two premier free agents who changed teams last season. Dawson took a \$1 million pay cut to sign a \$500,000 contract with the Chicago Cubs, the team he wanted to play

extra \$150,000 when he did not go on the disabled list before the All-Star break and another \$50,000 when he was named to the National League All-Star team.

He led the major leagues with 137 runs batted in and tied for the lead with 49 home runs. Because of owner's desires to reduce salaries, Dawson had to take a huge pay cut to switch teams.

He is almost certain to file for salary arbitration.

Balboni was released by the Royals following the 1986 season. He earned \$625,000 but hurt his back Sept. 9 and missed the remainder of

Kansas City offered him a 1987 contract that guaranteed only \$100,000 but included bonuses of

\$65,000 for every 30 games that did not go on the disabled list. So even though he batted 20 with 24 home runs and 60 RBI 121 games, Balboni earned a \$525,000 in bonuses.

Large bonuses identified by Th Times went to Don Sutton of California Angels, who mad \$340,000 for games started; Mik Witt of the Angels, who mad \$250,000 for innings pitched.

Jim Gott of the Pittsburgh Pira made \$217,000 in bonuses above \$100,000 salary for games starte

Charlie Kerfeld of the Houst Astros had perhaps the most ususu contract in baseball. He made \$110,037.37 and 37 boxes of oran

Mom of Arlington Heights football player sues district athletic officials for civil rights violations

FORT WORTH (AP) — The mother of a high school football player filed a lawsuit against state and District 6-5A athletic officials alleging civil rights violations after the youth was ruled ineligible.

Tommie Anderson, the mother of player Ezekiel "Zeke" Richardson, 16, filed the suit Monday in federal district court, alleging the ruling violates the equal protection and due process clauses of the U.S. Constitu-

Officials had ruled that the ineligible Arlington Heights football player would cost the team its district

Papers filed in the suit seek a temporary restraining order to prevent District 6-5A officials from enforcing the ruling. The suit asks the to 1-4. The team is now 2-4 in the mother in the Butler housing properties, which dropped its district record from 5-0 to 1-4. The team is now 2-4 in the mother in the Butler housing properties, which dropped its district record from 5-0 to 1-4. The team is now 2-4 in the mother in the Butler housing properties, which dropped its district record from 5-0 to 1-4. The team is now 2-4 in the mother in the Butler housing properties, which dropped its district record from 5-0 to 1-4. The team is now 2-4 in the mother in the Butler housing properties, which dropped its district record from 5-0 to 1-4. The team is now 2-4 in the mother in the Butler housing properties are properties. ing the ruling. The suit asks the to 1-4. The team is no court to void the ruling and restore the boy's eligibility and the team's Papers filed in the su

U.S. District Judge David O. Belew Jr. set a hearing on the request for 2 p.m. Wednesday.

The district's 6-5A executive committee, composed of the district's eight principals, ruled on Oct. 27 that Richardson was ineligible be-cause he did not meet residency requirements of the University Inters-

Papers filed in the suit named the executive committee; its chairman, Quince Fulton; and the University Interscholastic League. The Austinbased league is the state governing

body for high school athletics.

Mrs. Anderson protested the ruling. She said she signed a lease for an apartment out of the Arlington Heights High School attendance zone on behalf of a friend. But she said she and her son live with her

not consider the circumstances some inner city kids," said For Worth attorney Edward L. Kemble who filed the suit in federal district

The suit claimed the ruling pena izes Richardson because he lives, o of financial necessity, with his gran mother and not in the home of mother. Documents filed in the si

Old Mesquite Skeeters regain pride

MESQUITE (AP) — Jason Harter remembers that sick feeling.

Embarrassment, shame, humiliation. He felt like a second-class citizen, uninvited to the party on the other side of town.

Harter, then a Mesquite High School tight end, watched North Mesquite celebrate another district championship, another rout of his team, and burned inside.

North Mesquite had just whipped the Skeeters, 42-21, to finish the 1986 regular season with a 10-0 re-

The Skeeters, once an area power, were 4-6 and out of the playoffs for the 11th time in the past 12 seasons.

"People around town used to make fun of us," Harter said. "They would laugh at us. It was embarrassing, the worst feeling in the world. And the seniors, they just accepted

A few months after the season ended, Mesquite Coach Rusty Talbot accepted an administrative position under considerable community The Stallions were considered one

of the area's best programs. The Skeeters were a mess

One year later, the Skeeters (6-2, -1) are contending for the District

"Old Mesquite's" team has the traditional district powers — Highland Park and North Mesquite — left to play, but two more victories would mean a district championship.

A victory over the North Mesquite

Stallions (8-0, 5-0) would clinch at least a tie with North Mesquite and Garland (6-1-1, 3-1-1) for a share of the district title.

Suddenly, no one's laughing at the team with the funny nickname.

'This town went crazy in the '70s when Mesquite was winning," said

admission \$1.00

Mesquite coach Mickey DeLamar, People are really excited and the Crockett a whom many in town credit with saving the Mesquite program.

"It was almost to the point that football was all they thought about. Since then, it all went downhill.

quite. People around here have been

for it for 10 years.'

Mesquite school district, with four never been known for quickness. high schools, is greater than The result has been an average of 100,000, Old Mesquite still resem- 295.5 yards of offense per gamebles a small town madly supportive numbers that pale in comparison to of its one high school.

"This is still basically a small town," said H.E. Finley, a school board member and a 32-year resident of Mesquite.

"Right now, the town is really excited about the Skeeters again. It's a good qua real topic of conversation at the bank or on the square. "I just got back from a bank meet-

hasn't been like that for some time. this week, as phenomenal.

just love Coach DeLamar.

A junior varsity coach at Mesqui when the Skeeters reached the sta finals in 1974, DeLamar spent seasons at Richardson, 10 as d "Mesquite is really two separate towns, North Mesquite and Old Mesing to Mesquite."

so hungry for a winner.

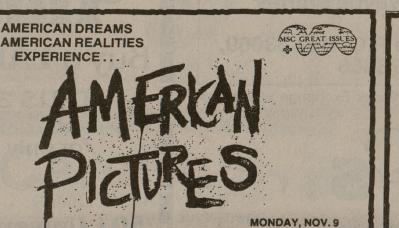
"In Old Mesquite, they've been sitting back and wishing and hoping on the 1974 Mesquite pin (a player on the 1974 Mesquite pin (a p Once taking over at Mesquite, team) installed the rarely used wis Though the population of the bone offense for a team that ha

North Mesquite's 395.6, but have There is a main street, a town square, the Mesquite Opry on one corner and a barbecue place on an-bone," DeLamar said. "The quar

terback (junior Jeff Hantes) reads everything. "You can run the wishbone of fense, if you run it well, with lesse

athletes. . . . You've got to have good quarterback, and I'd pick ou over any quarterback in the district That says a lot for Hantes whe

"I just got back from a bank meeting downtown and everybody was talking about Skeeter football. It Clyce, whom he will see first-ham





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