

Rookies of the Year Alomar catches AL attention

NEW YORK (AP) — Sandy Alomar Jr., a prospect who turned promise into productivity, became only the third unanimous choice as rookie of the year, winning the American League award Wednesday.

The Cleveland catcher joined Mark McGwire (1987) and Carl-ton Fisk (1972) as the only major leaguers to sweep the honor since it was first presented 1947. Alomar, 24, hit .290 with nine homers and 66 RBIs and was the first rookie catcher ever to start an All-Star game.

Alomar was a two-time minor league player of the year in the San Diego system, but was un-able to break into the big leagues because the Padres already had All-Star catcher Benito Santiago. So last December, the Padres, who have Alomar's father Sandy Sr. as a coach and brother Roberto as a second baseman, traded him and two other players to the Indians for their best player, slugger Joe Carter. Braves' Justice choice for NL NEW YORK (AP) — Dave

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Justice, who began the season in the minors and blossomed into baseball's best baby boomer, was the near-unanimous choice Tuesday as National League rookie of the year. Justice hit 28 homers for the

Atlanta Braves, most of them after he took over in right field when Dale Murphy was traded in early August. Justice batted .282 with 78 RBIs in 127 games. Justice recieved 23 of 24 first-

place votes for 118 points. Mon-treal second baseman Delino De-Shields got the other first-place vote and had 60 points.

Following in the voting were Cincinnati first baseman Hal Morris (13), San Francisco pitcher John Burkett (12), Cubs pitcher Mike Harkey (7), St. Louis catcher Todd Zeile (4) and Montreal outfielders Marquis Grissom (1) and Larry Walker (1). Two members of the Baseball Writers Association of America in each NL city voted.

Illini roundballers penalized by NCAA

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — The Illinois basketball team was banned from postseason play in 1991, placed on three years' probation and lim-ited to two new scholarships each of the next two years on Wednesday. And that's after being cleared by the

its campus the first year. It will also be limited to awarding just two basketball scholarships in each of the first two seasons of the probation. Television coverage, however, will not be restricted. Coach Lou Henson said he was



NCAA of the worst charges: offer-

ing cash and cars to top recruits. "If the most serious violations had been found then I think from reading the report the so-called death penalty ... would have been im-posed," said David Berst, the NCAA's assistant executive director for enforcement.

Such a penalty can be imposed af-ter a school is sanctioned twice within a five-year period for major NCAA infractions. This is Illinois' third penalty since 1984.

"We disagree with several of the committee's findings, and some of the sanctions are harsher than we expected," Illinois chancellor Morton Weir said

Illinois will be banned from offcampus basketball recruiting and from paying for visits by recruits to

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disappointed that he could not award all five scholarships he had promised to high school recruits, but said he expected his current players would stay.

"We're not in shambles," said Henson, now in his 16th season. 'When we take the floor this year, our players will be more motivated and more inspired that perhaps ever before.

Weir said that the university's own investigation turned up most of the violations, and that the school was determined to abide by NCAA rules.

"We were disappointed with the fact that we found a number of minor violations," athletic director John Mackovic said. "The manage-ment of the program needs to be strengthened, and we have taken steps to accomplish that.

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