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Thursday, April 22, 2004

LeBron James named NBA Rookie of the Year

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Not long after the news conference ended, LeBron James joined a few friends in the back of a room inside Gund Arena and danced.

His moves were smooth — like the ones he made on the court during his remarkable first season as a pro.

On Tuesday, James won the NBA's Rookie of the Year award, the crowning moment for a 19-year-old kid who lived up to his "King James" nickname while reviving the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Nobody cared that he was 45 minutes late for the announcement. This was one teenager who didn't need an excuse.

"They had to drag me out (of) bed to put this suit on," said James, whose black suit was perfectly complemented by a wine-colored shirt. "I didn't want to get out. I thought I was going to practice when they woke me up this morning."

James received 66 percent of the first-place votes from a panel of sports writers and broadcasters, easily beating Denver's Carmelo Anthony and becoming the youngest to win the award.

The No. 1 overall draft pick did more than just post jaw-dropping statistics night after

night: He transformed Gund Arena into a hot spot, and gave Cleveland fans reason to hope.

"He proved to all of us that he is up for a challenge. He exceeded all of our expectations and just kept raising the bar," Cavaliers owner Gordon Gund said.

James received 508 points, including 78 of a possible 118 first-place votes, to become the first Cleveland rookie honored.

Anthony, who left Syracuse after leading it to an NCAA championship as a freshman, finished with 430 points, including the other 40 first-place votes.

Dwyane Wade of the Miami Heat was third with 117 points. Players received 5 points for a first-place vote, 3 for second and 1 for third.

"I thought it could go either way," said James, who praised Anthony for having a phenomenal season. "I thought it could be a split decision."

In any other year, Anthony probably would have won the award for statistics similar to James' and helping the Nuggets go from 17 victories to the playoffs.

But this season belonged to James, from his 25-point, nine-rebound, six-assist NBA debut at Sacramento through his

resounding windmill close his season at Madison Square Garden.

No player entered the race to as much fanfare as LeBron. And the Akron native shined on the court, while his and-gold No. 23 jersey was sold from coast to coast.

James averaged 20.9 points, 5.5 rebounds and 5.9 assists, including Oscar Robertson and Michael Jordan as the only NBA players to average at least 20-5-5.

"He just has it. It's all his attitude," Cavaliers coach Paul Silas said.

“He just has it. It's all his attitude. He's humble and he's about winning more than anything.”

— Paul Silas
Cavaliers coach

he scored more than 30 points times, and made countless shots that defied description.

"They try to take away your manhood in this league, but they couldn't get mine," James, who received his trophy Tuesday night at the NBA ball game in New York. "I could have averaged around 25 points a game. I could have gotten a lot of calls."

Cowboy stadium faces tax hurdle

DALLAS (AP) — Proposed tax revenue to help pay for a new \$1 billion Dallas Cowboys stadium development might not be available if the facility is built in Fair Park, county officials say.

The location where the State Fair of Texas is held annually has been the front-runner among alternatives for a new venue to replace the aging Texas Stadium in the Dallas suburb of Irving.

But a portion of state law that forbids using rental-car taxes to finance a sports venue that is part of a city park and recreation system was cited by county officials as a likely impediment. They said the law also may forbid the use of hotel occupancy taxes.

Fair Park, just southeast of downtown, has emerged in the last several weeks as the favorite site for the development, which includes an all-weather stadium with an estimated cost of \$650 million. Team representatives have been meeting with city and county officials on the project, which would be financed with up to \$400 million

in hotel and rental car taxes.

However, Fair Park, as the city's second-oldest park, is part of the park and recreation system and is administered by the Dallas Park Board.

Cowboys spokesman Brett Daniels said Tuesday that the team is examining how the law might affect public financing for a Fair Park stadium.

"We do see it as something that needs to be addressed and are working through the process," Daniels told The Dallas Morning News Wednesday's editions. "They are looking at a number of different options that may be the best way to go."

According to stadium opponents, the law is an impediment to tax financing for a professional sports stadium.

"It looks like it would be a very big obstacle," said Pat Cotton, a Dallas political consultant working with the group No Jones Tax. "I don't think county commissioners or the city officials want to be in a position to violate the law."

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