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### LEE TRIBE'S 2<sup>ND</sup> STRAIGHT CY YOUNG WINNER

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Cliff Lee of the Cleveland Indians was elected the American League Cy Young Award winner in balloting by the BBWAA. It marked the second consecutive year and third time overall that a Cleveland pitcher was honored. CC Sabathia won last year. The other Indians winner was Gaylord Perry in 1972.

Lee was named first on 24 and second on the other four of the 28 ballots cast by two writers in each league city for a total of 132 points, based on the 5-3-1 tabulation system. The lefthander, 30, was 22-3 in leading the AL in victories, winning percentage (.880) and ERA (2.54) and adding career-high totals of innings (223 1/3) and strikeouts (170) with four complete games and two shutouts. Lee, the starting pitcher for the AL in the All-Star Game July 15 at Yankee Stadium, was the only pitcher named on all ballots.

The other four first-place votes went to Toronto Blue Jays righthander Roy Halladay, who was the runner-up with 71 points. Halladay, the 2003 winner, had a 20-11 record with a 2.78 ERA and led the major leagues in innings (246) and complete games (9). Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim reliever Francisco Rodriguez (2-3, 2.24 ERA), who set a major league record with 62 saves, finished third with 32 points. Four other pitchers received votes.

This was the fifth time two different pitchers from the same team won the AL Cy Young Award in successive years. The others were the New York Yankees' Sparky Lyle (1977) and Ron Guidry (1978), the Baltimore Orioles' Mike Flanagan (1979) and Steve Stone (1980), the Milwaukee Brewers' Rollie Fingers (1981) and Pete Vuckovich (1982) and the Blue Jays' Pat Hentgen (1996) and Roger Clemens (1997). Only Lyle and Guidry were both left-handed like Lee/Sabathia. It has happened three times in the National League.

#### The vote:

Pitcher, club	1st	2nd	3rd	Points
Cliff Lee, <i>Cleveland Indians</i>	24	4		132
Roy Halladay, <i>Toronto Blue Jays</i>	4	15	6	71
Francisco Rodriguez, <i>Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim</i>	7	11	32	
Daisuke Matsuzaka, <i>Boston Red Sox</i>		2	4	10
Mariano Rivera, <i>New York Yankees</i>		3	3	
Mike Mussina, <i>New York Yankees</i>			2	2
Ervin Santana, <i>Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim</i>			2	2

#### Previous winners (\*-Unanimous):

**2007** CC Sabathia, *Cleveland Indians*; **2006** \*Johan Santana, *Minnesota Twins*; **2005** Bartolo Colon, *Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim*; **2004** \*Johan Santana, *Minnesota Twins*; **2003** Roy Halladay, *Toronto Blue Jays*; **2002** Barry Zito, *Oakland Athletics*; **2001** Roger Clemens, *New York Yankees*; **2000** \*Pedro Martinez, *Boston Red Sox*; **1999** \*Pedro Martinez, *Boston Red Sox*; **1998** \*Roger Clemens, *Toronto Blue Jays*; **1997** Roger Clemens, *Toronto Blue Jays*; **1996** Pat Hentgen, *Toronto Blue Jays*; **1995** Randy Johnson, *Seattle Mariners*; **1994** David Cone, *Kansas City Royals*; **1993** Jack McDowell, *Chicago White Sox*; **1992** Dennis Eckersley, *Oakland Athletics*; **1991** Roger Clemens, *Boston Red Sox*; **1990** Bob Welch, *Oakland Athletics*; **1989** Bret Saberhagen, *Kansas City Royals*; **1988** Frank Viola, *Minnesota Twins*; **1987** Roger Clemens, *Boston Red Sox*; **1986** \*Roger Clemens, *Boston Red Sox*; **1985** Bret Saberhagen, *Kansas City Royals*; **1984** Guillermo (Willie) Hernandez, *Detroit Tigers*; **1983** LaMarr Hoyt, *Chicago White Sox*; **1982** Pete Vuckovich, *Milwaukee Brewers*; **1981** Rollie Fingers, *Milwaukee Brewers*; **1980** Steve Stone, *Baltimore Orioles*; **1979** Mike Flanagan, *Baltimore Orioles*; **1978** \*Ron Guidry, *New York Yankees*; **1977** Sparky Lyle, *New York Yankees*; **1976** Jim Palmer, *Baltimore Orioles*; **1975** Jim Palmer, *Baltimore Orioles*; **1974** Jim (Catfish) Hunter, *Oakland A's*; **1973** Jim Palmer, *Baltimore Orioles*; **1972** Gaylord Perry, *Cleveland Indians*; **1971** Vida Blue, *Oakland A's*; **1970** Jim Perry, *Minnesota Twins*; **1969** (Tie) Mike Cuellar, *Baltimore Orioles*, and Denny McLain, *Detroit Tigers*; **1968** \*Denny McLain, *Detroit Tigers*; **1967** Jim Lonborg, *Boston Red Sox*; **1964** Dean Chance, *Los Angeles Angels*; **1961** Whitey Ford, *New York Yankees*; **1959** Early Wynn, *Chicago White Sox*; **1958** Bob Turley, *New York Yankees*.

**Note: One award from 1956-66; NL pitchers won in 1956-57, '60, '62-63, '65-66.**