

# The Cissne Awards

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The Academy awards. Boring! The Grammy's. Who cares? ESPN's Espy awards. A little better. Here is what everyone has been waiting for: **The First Annual Cissne Awards.**

## THE POETIC JUSTICE AWARD

**Nominees:** Jane Fonda, Jack Morris and Gino Torretta.

**Winner:** It took no thought at all to decide the winner of this award. Torretta, who did not deserve to win the Heisman, is the hands-down winner. He has a weak arm, lacks mobility and had the good fortune of playing on an excellent team. On Monday, the big, bad Heisman winner was chosen in the seventh round of the NFL draft.

## TEAM OF THE YEAR

**Nominees:** The Pittsburgh Penguins, The Phoenix Suns, the Dallas Cowboys and the Philadelphia Phillies.

**Winner:** As much as I dislike them, the Penguins are the team of the year. They are on a collision course for their third straight Stanley Cup and they reeled off an incredible streak of 17 consecutive wins this season.

## MO' MONEY AWARD

**Nominees:** Reggie White, Barry Bonds and Mike Krzyzewski.

**Co-Winners:** Barry Bonds went to San Francisco because of the weather and because his father played there right? Wrong. He went there because of money, money and mo' money. The Duke basketball team recently changed their basketball apparel from Adidas to Nike. Did they change because Nike is a better shoe than Adidas? No, no, no. They changed because Duke's head coach, Mike Krzyzewski recently signed a 15 year-\$375,000 contract with Nike. Oh yeah, the contract included a measly one million dollar signing bonus.

## GAME OF THE YEAR

**Nominees:** The Bills comeback against the Oilers in the NFL playoffs, the Phillies 9-8 comeback win over the San Francisco Giants, the Tar Heels NCAA victory over the Michigan Wolverines.

**Winner:** This year's NCAA final game was one of the most exciting ever. North Carolina's 77-71 victory over the Wolverines was much closer than the score. If Michigan's Chris Webber hadn't forgotten that his team had run out of timeouts, the Fab' Five might have been national champions.

## CHOKES OF THE YEAR

**Nominees:** Chris Webber, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Houston Oilers.

**Winner:** Chris Webber. See above.

## SHAME OF THE YEAR

**Nominees:** The Dallas Mavericks, the AFC and Marge Schott.

**Winner:** Although Dallas was pathetic, the AFC proved that they are truly inferior to the NFC (the last time the AFC won a Super Bowl was 1983). Marge Schott deserves this award more than David Koresh deserved a fiery death. Schott was a glaring example of everything that is wrong in sports and in society today. There is no excuse for racial, ethnic or sexual prejudice anywhere, especially in sports where the only judgement should be how well you perform your job.

## HATE TO SEE YOU GO

**Nominees:** Nolan Ryan, Richard Petty and Larry Bird.

**Co-Winners:** It is impossible for me to choose between Larry Bird and Nolan Ryan. These are two athletes who have left a permanent mark on their respective sports. Ryan has established some records that may never be broken, and Bird has won almost everything there is to win: MVP, the NBA championship and an Olympic gold medal. Sorry Rich, no checkered flag this time.

## ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

**Nominees:** Charles Barkley, Pete Sampras, Emmitt Smith and Shannon Miller.

**Winner:** I may be biased, but the winner is Charles Barkley. He led the Phoenix Suns to an NBA best 62-20 record. Barkley averaged 25.6 points per game, 12.2 rebounds per game and led the Suns in assists. He has had many MVP seasons before, but has never been given the honor. So Charles, here is the award you have always wanted, The Cissne Award.

## SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

**Nominees:** Mario Lemieux, Mario Lemieux and Mario Lemieux.

**Winner:** Although I don't like the Penguins and hockey is not high on my list of favorite sports, Mario is amazing. He led the league in scoring this season while battling for his life. He was faced with a major obstacle, Hodgkin's disease, and skated right through it. If there were more Mario Lemieux's on this planet, it would surely be a better place.



The Cycling Team will be finishing up its season of collegiate racing when Dave Chadwick, Bill Sides, Greg Cacali, and Pat Werner compete in the Eastern Conference Championships at State College this weekend. The team will be capping off a successful season that has included several wins. They have competed in four stage races so far this year, which include Cornell University, Slippery Rock University, Indiana University of PA, and a race that was held by the Behrend Team. When the team held their own race, they met with some success. Greg Cacali, racing the B category, finished 2nd in the road race, 1st in the time trial even after crashing, and 2nd in the criterium, to earn himself second place overall for the weekend. In the C category, Rick Beckett, Pat Werner, and John Yankasky finished second, fourth, and fifth respectively for the overall weekend, in a fierce battle against the team from Washington & Jefferson, also highlighted with a stage win by Scott Ramsey. This past weekend at IUP, the team finished 6th for the weekend, and 7th for the season, out of 18 teams. This performance was supported with strong rides from Pat Werner, Mike Hertner, and Dave Chadwick. But the best performance of the weekend was from Greg Cacali, who finished 3rd, 2nd, and 1st in the individual races, earning himself a first place for the entire weekend.

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