

This is the third edition of the “Awards Snubs” blog where I compare the players who won each yearly award with the other nominees to see if the right man took home the trophy. Although I won’t be able to do that analysis until the start of S38, I figured I’d publish this now so that people have this to help with their ballot if they want it. Here’s how things have shook out during the regular season:

AL MVP

Actual Winner (WAR)	
WAR Winner (WAR)	David Gandarilla (6.1)
WAR Verdict	
My Vote	Gandarilla
Comments	Petersen had the best offensive production for sure, but his .972 FLD% was a bit off-putting. Gandarilla’s production was slightly less at the plate but much better in the field, making him a more valuable asset in my opinion.

NL MVP

Actual Winner (WAR)	
WAR Winner (WAR)	Alex Cedeno (10.3)
WAR Verdict	
My Vote	Cedeno
Comments	The only nominee who didn’t play 1B or LF was Familia, and his production was basically half of Cedeno’s in terms of HR & RBI. Defense doesn’t make up for twice the amount of HR & RBI, especially when the guy with better power also hits for a better average. I’ll have to check, but Cedeno could easily have won the Triple Crown.

AL Cy Young

Actual Winner (WAR)	
WAR Winner (WAR)	Vin Marrero (6.7)
WAR Verdict	

My Vote	Yadier Moreno (6.5)
Comments	My initial measuring sticks for this award are WHIP & OAVG, followed closely by K/9 and BB/9 since those are the categories pitchers have the most control over. Moreno led in three of those categories and put up a respectable number in the one he didn't lead (BB/9, 2.71)

NL Cy Young

Actual Winner (WAR)	
WAR Winner (WAR)	Nigel Anderson (8.3)
WAR Verdict	
My Vote	Tony Martin (6.0)
Comments	Martin also led three out of my four measuring stick categories, and finished third with 6.89 K/9. Also, a WHIP under 1.00 for a whole season deserves an award.

AL Rookie Of the Year

Actual Winner (WAR)	
WAR Winner (WAR)	Damian Brede (6.2)
WAR Verdict	
My Vote	Brede
Comments	I was honestly surprised that my guy Silva made the list of nominees...he had a solid year for us, but not one that I would have considered ROY worthy. Brede, on the other hand, had a season that you'd expect from a strong veteran SP2.

NL Rookie Of the Year

Actual Winner (WAR)	
WAR Winner (WAR)	Joaquin Calvo (5.4)

WAR Verdict	
My Vote	Calvo
Comments	Mendez's bat is way better, but Mendez is also a huge negative in the field while Calvo is a plus. That's likely the difference in WAR, and also why I agree with the WAR totals in terms of who the best player is.