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Yankees Luis Gil and Pirates Paul Skenes Named Baseball Digest's 2024 NL and AL Rookies of the Year

Thursday, November 7, 2024 – Right-handers Luis Gil of the New York Yankees and Paul Skenes of the Pittsburgh Pirates have been selected as Baseball Digest's 2024 National and American League Rookies of the Year.

It is the third time in the 53 years that Baseball Digest has presented Rookie of the Year awards that both the AL and NL recipients have been pitchers and the first time since 2011 (Jeremy Hellickson, Tampa Bay Rays, and Craig Kimbrel, Atlanta Braves). Mark Fidrych, Detroit Tigers, and Butch Metzger, San Diego Padres, won in 1976.

The selections were made by the independently submitted votes of an 11-member panel of baseball writers and broadcasters, including the six contributors who provided Baseball Digest's 2024 division previews.

Gil received six first-place votes while outfielder Colton Cowser of the Baltimore Orioles got three and right-hander Mason Miller of the Oakland Athletics two. Skenes grabbed nine of the 11 first-place votes with outfielder Jackson Merrill of the San Diego Padres getting the other two.

Luis Gil went 15-7 for the Yankees with a 3.50 ERA and 171 strikeouts in 29 starts after making his first Opening Day roster. He allowed three or fewer runs in 22 of his 29 starts, two or fewer runs in 18 and one or zero runs in 17. Gil's 17 starts of one or zero runs allowed in 2024 were tied with the Detroit Tigers' Tarik Skubal and the Chicago White Sox' Garrett Crochet for the most such starts in the Majors. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, his 17 such starts were the second most in major-league history by any rookie pitcher in a single season (since the current mound distance was set in 1893 and excluding openers). He ranks behind only the Philadelphia Phillies' George McQuillan's 21 such starts in 1908. Gil's 171 strikeouts in 2024 were the second most by a Yankees rookie in a single season in franchise history, behind only Russ Ford's 209 in 1910. Gil is the third Yankees player to be named AL Rookie of the Year by Baseball Digest, joining Derek Jeter (1996) and Aaron Judge (2017).

Paul Skenes went 11-3 with a 1.96 ERA in 23 starts after being called up to the Pirates from Triple-A Indianapolis on May 11. His major-league debut came just 307 days after being selected No. 1 overall in the 2023 draft, making him the quickest top pick to reach the majors in 35 years (since RHP Ben McDonald of the Orioles made it to the majors in 1989 in the same year he was drafted). Skenes became the first Pirates rookie pitcher to be named to an All-Star Game and the first Pirates rookie to get the nod since Tony Womack in 1997 (fourth Pirates rookie overall). Tabbed as the National League's starting pitcher, Skenes—who tossed a scoreless inning—also became the first-ever No. 1 overall pick to make the All-Star Game the season after his draft year. In 2024, he ranked first among all qualified NL rookies in ERA (1.96), batting average against (.198) and WHIP (0.947); tied for second in wins (11) and ranked second in strikeouts (170) and winning percentage (.786). Skenes is the fifth Pirates player to be named NL Rookie of the Year by Baseball Digest, joining Johnny Ray (1982), Jason Kendall (1996), Warren Morris (1999) and Jason Bay (2004).

2024 AL Rookie of the Year, Vote Totals	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Luis Gil, New York Yankees	6 (18)	3 (6)	1(1)	25
Colton Cowser, Baltimore Orioles	3 (9)	5 (10)	2 (2)	21
Mason Miller, Oakland Athletics	2 (6)	2 (4)	3 (3)	13
Wilyer Abreu, Boston Red Sox	0 (0)	1(2)	1(1)	3
Cade Smith, Cleveland Guardians	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	2
Austin Wells, New York Yankees	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	2

2024 NL Rookie of the Year, Vote Totals	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Paul Skenes, Pittsburgh Pirates	9 (27)	1 (2)	1(1)	30
Jackson Merrill, San Diego Padres	2 (6)	8 (16)	1(1)	23
Jackson Chourio, Milwaukee Brewers	0 (0)	1(2)	6 (6)	8
Shota Imanaga, Chicago Cubs	0 (0)	1(2)	2 (2)	4
Masyn Winn, St. Louis Cardinals	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1

Votes were tabulated on a three-points-for-first-place, two-points-for-second-place and one-point-for-third-place basis.

Baseball Digest's 2024 Rookie of the Year Voting Panel
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