C.M. Hendricks Most Valuable Player

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A smaller version of the championship trophy is presented to the individual winner of the C.M. Hendricks Most Valuable Player Award. The trophy is named in honor of the first president of the Sun Bowl Association. The award has been presented every year since 1954. In that time, 20 quarterbacks have won top honors, followed by 19 running backs.

Date
Pos.
Player
School

Jan. 1, 1954
QB
Dick Shinaut
UTEP

Jan. 1, 1955
QB
Jesse Whittenton
UTEP

Jan. 2, 1956
HB
Jim Crawford
Wyoming

Jan. 1, 1957

FB
Claude Austin
George Washington

Jan. 1, 1958
RB
Ken Porco
Louisville

Dec. 31, 1958
G
Leonard Kucewski
Wyoming

Dec. 31, 1959
QB
Charley Johnson
New Mexico State

Dec. 31, 1960
QB
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New Mexico State

Dec. 30, 1961
FB
Billy Joe
Villanova

Dec. 31, 1962
HB
Jerry Logan
West Texas State

Dec. 31, 1963
QB
Bob Berry
Oregon

Dec. 26, 1964
QB
Preston Ridlehuber
Georgia

Dec. 31, 1965
QB
Billy Stevens
UTEP

Dec. 24, 1966
TB
Jim Kiick
Wyoming

Dec. 24, 1967
QB
Billy Stevens
UTEP

Dec. 30, 1968
DB
Buddy McClintock
Auburn

Dec. 20, 1969
HB
Paul Rogers
Nebraska

Dec. 19, 1970
DT
Rock Perdoni
Georgia Tech

Dec. 18, 1971
QB
Bert Jones
LSU

Dec. 30, 1972
HB
George Smith
Texas Tech

Dec. 29, 1973
FB
Ray Bybee
Missouri

Dec. 28, 1974
FB
Terry Vitrano
Mississippi State

Dec. 26, 1975
QB
Robert Heygood
Pittsburgh

Jan. 2, 1977
K
Tony Franklin
Texas A&M

Dec. 31, 1977
TB
Charles Alexander
LSU

Dec. 23, 1978
LB
Johnny Jones
Texas

Dec. 22, 1979
FL
Paul Skansi
Washington

Dec. 27, 1980
QB
Jeff Quinn
Nebraska

Dec. 26, 1981
QB
Darrell Shepard

Oklahoma

Dec. 25, 1982
TB
Ethan Horton
North Carolina

Dec. 24, 1983
QB
Walter Lewis
Alabama

Dec. 22, 1984
FB
Rick Badanjek
Maryland

Dec. 28, 1985
K
Max Zendejas
Arizona

Dec. 25, 1986
DE
Cornelius Bennett
Alabama

Dec, 25, 1987
RB
Thurman Thomas
Oklahoma State

Dec. 24, 1988
QB
David Smith
Alabama

Dec. 30, 1989
QB
Alex Van Pelt
Pittsburgh

Dec. 31, 1990
WR
Courtney Hawkins
Michigan State

Dec. 31, 1991
LB
Arnold Ale
UCLA

Dec. 31, 1992
WR

Melvin Bonner
Baylor

Dec. 31, 1993
QB
Cal Gundy
Oklahoma

Dec. 30, 1994
RB
Priest Holmes
Texas

Dec. 29, 1995
RB
Sedrick Shaw
Iowa

Dec. 31, 1996
QB
Chad Hutchinson
Stanford

Dec. 31, 1997
TB
Michael Martin
Arizona State

Dec. 31, 1998
TB
Basil Mitchell
Texas Christian

Dec. 31, 1999
QB
Billy Cockerham
Minnesota

Dec. 29, 2000
WR
Freddie Mitchell
UCLA

Dec. 31, 2001
FS
Lamont Thompson
Washington State

Dec. 31, 2002
QB
Kyle Orton
Purdue

Dec. 31, 2003

WR
Samie Parker
Oregon

Dec. 31, 2004
QB
Sam Keller
Arizona State

Dec. 30, 2005
RB
Chris Markey (Co-MVP)
UCLA

RB
Kahlil Bell (Co-MVP)
UCLA

Dec. 29, 2006
QB
Matt Moore
Oregon State

Dec. 31, 2007

RB

Jonathan Stewart

Oregon