

# OHIO'S CASSADY SELECTED MALE ATHLETE OF '55

## Marciano Second in Writers' Poll

New York, Jan. 3 (AP)—Howard [Hopalong] Cassady, Ohio State's All-America half back, today was named "male athlete of the year" by 179 sports writers and broadcasters participating in the Associated Press poll. He beat Rocky Marciano, world heavyweight boxing champion, by more than 100 points in what amounted to a two man race for the honor.

Cassady turned in some of his finest performances in clutch games. "Hoppy the game buster," as Coach Woody Hayes once called him, was selected for the All-America team for the second year, the Heisman and Maxwell trophies as the outstanding football player of the year and was awarded the Chicago Tribune Silver Football after being named the most valuable player in the Big Ten. He was the driving force behind Ohio State's second straight championship team as well as its leading point getter.

### Good at Baseball, Too

Cassady also is a first rate college baseball player—an outfielder who hits around .300. Some major league clubs are reported to be interested in him.

In placing second to Cassady, Marciano defended his title twice during the year, virtually demolishing challengers Don Cockell and Archie Moore.

In the "athlete of the year" balloting, Cassady received 53 of 179 first place votes, 37 for second and 24 for third. Marciano was first on 35 ballots, second on 16, and third on 24. On the 3-2-1 scoring basis, that



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came out to 257 points for Cassady and 161 for Marciano.

### Podres Runs Third

Johnny Podres, Brooklyn Dodgers' world series pitching hero, was the only athlete anywhere near those two. He received 16 firsts and 90 points. Bill Russell, San Francisco university basketball star, was the only other one to reach double figures in the first place voting with 11. He was beaten out on points by Otto Graham, retiring Cleveland Browns' quarter back.

The point scoring for the leaders with first place votes in parentheses:

Howard Cassady, football [53].....	257
Rocky Marciano, boxing [35].....	161
Johnny Podres, baseball [16].....	90
Otto Graham, football [4].....	52
Bill Russell, basketball [11].....	44
Al Kaline, baseball [3].....	41
Duke Snider, baseball [4].....	31
Jim Swink, football [2].....	31
Carmen Basilio, boxing [6].....	28
Ted Williams, baseball [3].....	26