

The Daily News' sports I-team takes top honors in the country in the investigative reporting category for its explosive coverage of Roger Clemens' steroid scandal.

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Takes 1st-place honors for Stadium, Roger

THE DAILY NEWS sports section, already tops in New York, took first place in the Associated Press Sports Editors writing awards in two important national categories, it was announced by contest chair Garry Howard yesterday.

The News won first place in the investigative reporting and project categories, becoming the only paper in the country in the over-250,000 circulation category to get two first-place awards in the seven writing categories. The investigative category was open to all papers.

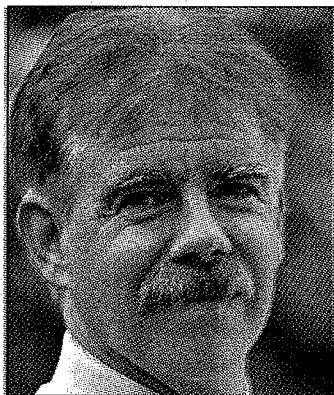
Sports I-team members Teri Thompson, Nathaniel Vinton, Michael O'Keeffe and Christian Red were honored for their explosive coverage of the steroid scandal involving Roger Clemens, while Wayne Coffey won for his comprehensive series commemorating the final season at Yankee Stadium.

"These awards are another tremendous accolade for the best sports section in New York," said Martin Dunn, Daily News Editor-in-Chief and Deputy Publisher. "Time and time again, the Daily News shows the rest of the city how sports should be covered. Time and time again, we set a level that others can only dream of reaching."

"The Stadium magazine series was the most beautifully crafted piece of journalism about the history of a New York landmark, something that every Yankee and baseball fan could treasure forever. And our ground-breaking investigation into Roger Clemens has continually set the news agenda."

"These awards show that when New Yorkers want the best sports coverage, they come to the Daily News."

The I-team coverage of the Rocket began in the aftermath



Wayne Coffey

of the Mitchell Report and continued through 2008, during which the team broke numerous stories on the Clemens saga, casting doubt on his denials of performance-enhancing drug use both before and after his dramatic Washington testimony in February of 2008.

Coffey's project entry ex-

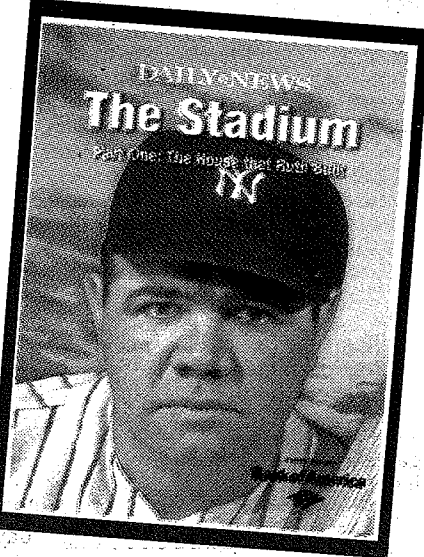
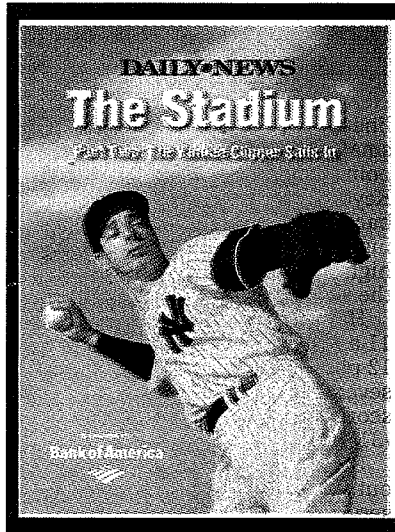
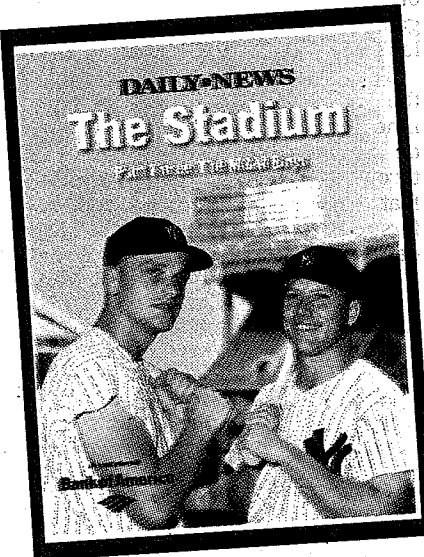
plored the eras of Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris and Joe Torre in a series of magazines commemorating the final season of Yankee Stadium. Coffey took readers on an in-depth tour of the Stadium and the iconic figures who passed through it.

"This is just fantastic," sports editor Leon Carter said. "It's a tribute to everyone on the staff — the writers, editors, the designers, the photographers. It's the paper's award."

The winning entries received Top 10 honors in the first round of judging in Las Vegas in February. A second round of judging ranked the entries.

"In the end, the New York Daily News stood tall with two first-place awards in two very difficult categories," Howard said in a release announcing the winners of the award.

The winners will be honored in a ceremony in June in Pittsburgh. — Staff Report



Daily News' I-Team (from l.) Michael O'Keeffe, Christian Red, Teri Thompson and Nathaniel Vinton put together award-winning coverage of Roger Clemens' steroid scandal. The News also takes top honors for Wayne Coffey's series on the history of Yankee Stadium (r.).