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Hornsby Most Valuable Player In Major League

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New York, Dec. 24.—(United Press)—It came as no great surprise that Rodger Hornsby, the brilliant manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, was named as the winner of the National League's \$1,000 prize as the most valuable player in the league.

It would have been a surprise if Hornsby had not been elected by the committee of eight baseball writers as he was beyond doubt the outstanding player of the season, not only as an individual star but as a team player.

There was some surprise, however, in that he scored only three first place votes and his other points on two seconds and two thirds. Cuyler, the brilliant young Pittsburgh outfielder, polled two firsts and George Kelly, Glenn Wright and Dave Bancroft secured one each.

The vote, as announced by James Gould, president of the Baseball Writers' Association, was:

Hornsby	73
Cuyler	61
Kelly	52
Wright	43
Vance	42
Bancroft	41
Bottomley	28
Traynor	27
Frisch	12
Roush	12

It will be observed that the world's champion Pittsburgh Pirates have three players, Cuyler, Wright and Traynor in the first ten and Max Carey polled eleven votes; the St. Louis Cardinals have two in Hornsby and Bottomley and the Giants have a pair in Frisch and Kelly.

Some of the ranking under Hornsby was surprising. Many critics thought that George Kelly, the all-around star

of the Giants, was the closest rival that Hornsby would have but Cuyler was second with nine votes majority.

Cuyler, perhaps profited by the notice obtained from playing with a championship team and in starring in the world's series. Kelly, who kept the Giants from falling clear out of the pennant race, possibly sacrificed attention by playing on a losing team.

Hornsby also benefitted some by prominence. He didn't play so much better than he did through the previous season but he drew a lot of notice by managing a team up into the first division.

It was unusual also to see Frank Frisch, the Giant captain, and Eddie Roush, the Cincinnati outfielder, tied for ninth place. Neither was on his game last year, however.

It looks very much like Frisch has reached the height of his game and for one of his year of disappointment.

It was a tribute to a great player when Dazzy Vance, winner of the 1924 season, was voted fourth place, just one vote behind Wright and it was just as much of an honor for Wright to land so high among the elect in his second season in fast company.

With the exception of second and third places, there hardly can be any argument about the selections. Cuyler rooters will not admit that Kelly is a more valuable player than he is and you can't convince Kelly fans that he is not deserving of second place.

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Words would be wasted in argument because it's all a matter of opinion.

The committee this year went a step farther in recognizing an honor list of players who didn't get enough votes to rank in the first ten.

Those on the honor list were: Carey, 11; Meuse, 9; Luque, 5; Grimm, 5; Wheat, 4; Donohue, 4; Harrgrave, 4; Harper, 3; Sand, 3; Gautreau, 2; Aldridge, 1.

Considering the votes cast it would seem that an All-Star National League team would consist of:

Catchers — Hargraves, Cincinnati; and Wilson, Philadelphia.

First Base — Kelly, New York.

Second Base — Hornsby, St. Louis.

Shortstop — Wright, Pittsburgh.

Third Base — Traynor, Pittsburgh.

Rightfield — Cuyler, Pittsburgh.

Centerfield — Roush, Cincinnati.

Leftfield — Meuse, New York.

Max Carey received one more vote than Meuse but Meuse was the ranking left fielder on the list.

Other players than those who actually received votes were placed on the honor list, after considering their ability, character, spirit, dependability and ability.

They were: Rixey, Meadows, Four-

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Upsala, Sweden.—(United Press)—Silent and retiring, Professor Manne Siegbahn of the Upsala University, winner of the only Nobel Prize awarded this year, received over the telephone while at dinner with his family, the great news that was then being cabled all over the world, and all his wife, who had not the least idea what it was all about, can remember saying him say was "Fine, of course."

Professor Siegbahn is one of the youngest scientists who ever received the high honor of a Nobel Prize. The prize was awarded for his research work in the X-ray properties of elementary substances.

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