

SPORTS...

By Eddie Ash

WALTER O. BRIGGS SR., president of the Detroit Tigers, was named the No. 1 man of baseball for 1940 by Sporting News, national baseball weekly, it was announced today.

William B. McKechnie, manager of the National League champion Cincinnati Reds, was named the outstanding manager of the year, and Bob Feller, pitching ace of the Cleveland Indians, the outstanding player. Briggs was cited for his generosity in maintaining high salary standards for his players, for business acumen for the building of the Briggs Stadium, for his sportsmanship in accepting the decision of Commissioner K. M. Landis which deposed his organization of players and because he refused to support abolition of the non-admit rule for an American League championship club.

McKechnie was named outstanding manager because of his art of piloting two winning All-Star teams—in the spring and in the summer—in addition to the 1938 winning Reds. McKechnie is also the first manager to win a World's Series with teams in different cities—Cincinnati and the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Feller earned the award by virtue of his all-around pitching performance which included opening the season with a no-hit, no-run game, continuing through the season with a one-hitter, a no-hitter, three three-hitters and two four-hitters.

He had the most strikeouts—261—for the third successive year. His lowest earned run average, 2.62; most games won, 27; pitched the most games, 43 partially and 31 complete; the most innings, 230, and four shut-outs.

Ians City Lands Two Awards

H. ROY HAMEY, secretary of the Kansas City Blues, was named the leading executive of the minor leagues. Larry Gilbert of the Nashville Vols. was named the outstanding minor league manager.

Philip Rizzuto, New York City shortstop now with the New York Yankees, won the award for the outstanding minor league player of his batting, fielding and base-running.

In making public the selections, Taylor Spink, publisher of Sporting News, points out that there's a ring of familiarity in one area. "Yes, you've guessed it," Bill McKechnie was named the No. 1 major league pilot in 1937, when he bossed the Boston Bees. "He is the third man to gain the No. 1 honors on two occasions."

Others to rate the distinction twice are Joe McCarthy, as manager of the Yankees, and Johnny Vander Meer, as pitcher in the minors and the National League.

W. O. BRIGGS' MASTERY at handling teams, particularly his uncanny ability to get the most out of pitchers, was topped off last season by a remarkable total of one-run victories, which proved beyond all doubt his ability to outdo his rival in the day's battle for the diamond.

Spink's choice as the No. 1 major league executive, W. O. Briggs Sr., is a man who prefers to work behind the scenes and let results speak for him. Nevertheless, not a move is made in the operation of the Motor City club without his appraisal.

He makes all the decisions, selects the players and fixes their salaries. Not a pass to a game can be issued without his approval. Practically all the trades and purchases made by the club since he took over complete control of the club during the winter of 1936, have originated with Briggs.

Officers Dissension Reduced Feller's Glory

EDITOR SPINK points out that Bob Feller's mound performance was all the more remarkable because the Cleveland club was on the decline in midseason, and adds: "There are few who can deny that, except for the trouble between the players and their manager, Feller would have pitched the Tribe to the pennant that isn't meant to take anything away from the Tigers, who finished first in the race."

But expert opinion is that but for the fight within their organization, the Cleveland Indians would have had the championship towed away that September series in which Floyd Geibell pitched the Bengals to the clinching victory, right in Cleveland.

IN THE MINORS, H. Roy Hamey was chosen as No. 1 executive for his work in attracting record attendances to games in Kansas City, the Blues enjoying profitable gates the last three years, with Hamey's fine hand recognizing the attracting of the crowds.

Phil Rizzuto's praises as shortstop of the Blues of Kansas City have been sung for a year and he is expected to prove his exceptional ability as a shortstop when he tries out in the spring with the Yankees at St. Petersburg, Fla.

The little fellow was named the American Association's "most valuable" player for the 1940 season by a vote of the league's sports writers.

New Year's Resolutions On Order—Served By McLemore

By HENRY MCLEMORE
United Press Correspondent
PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 1.—When a man has as little strength of character as I have he is foolish to make New Year's resolutions.

I have tried it in the past and always managed to break them before the horns and whistles stopped blowing.

But I know that lots of folks do have the will to keep resolutions so I am going to list a few suggestions for others.

My Readers.—To quit using up energy writing McLemore mean letters and direct my efforts toward a worthwhile cause such as the development of a \$100 "counterfeiter" bill that can't be detected, the passing of legislation which would prohibit the use of sugar in cooking and the selection of All-America football teams.

Tommy Harmon.—To remember once every twenty-four hours that silence is golden, even if everyone except Minnesota does agree that I am the greatest football player since Jim Finks.

Joe Louis.—To keep on behaving the way I have, even if a quiet, modest, fellow who knocks out any opponent named for him isn't the American ideal of a heavyweight champion.

Del Baker.—To pitch Dizzy Trout more during the regular season and less during the World Series.

Golf Stars.—To play a little faster. No one yet has ever willingly paid money to watch a golfer take five minutes to line up a putt. If the boys don't improve the P. G. A. soon we may have to include a box lunch and a sleeping bag with each ticket of admission.

Wrestlers.—To quit the business and buy a Jimmy and a pair of sneakers and get into a more honest game.

Henry Armstrong.—To quit fighting before my last one is a benefit.

United States Lawn Tennis Association.—To hold the women's

Bowling

A 700 series by Lee Carmin in the Allied Printing Trades League at the Pennsylvania Alleys, was the best bowling score reported on the Year's Eve. Carmin had games of 235, 247 and 218.

White rolled a 609 in the same league, the only circuit in action.

Strikes to Spare

By FREDDIE FISCHER
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ATTEMPTING to bring down spares in the middle and slightly to the right, the bowler should come up to the foul line from a position to the left of the strike approach.

If the spares are in the middle, he should face the foul line squarely; if they are to the right, he may face slightly in that direction.

In aiming for the 5-9 setup, movement to the left cuts down the distance between the pins, increases chances of converting the spare.

A hook ball coming from the strike position is likely to bring down the 5 pin but curve to the left, too far to topple the 9 pin.

The 2-4-5 is another setup often missed because it looks so easy. It may be converted by striking the 2 pin full on, so that the ball will also carry through to bring down the 4 and 5, or by having the ball brush the 2 pin on the right side and bring down the other pins.

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