

# Terry, Dean Rapping on Door of Hall of Fame

## Heilmann, Big Poison Picked in '52 Voting

Detroit and Pirate Outfield Stars Only Two to Gain Necessary 75 Per Cent

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Following the election of **Harry Heilmann**, deceased, and Paul Waner to the Hall of Fame in this year's balloting, the names of Bill Terry, first baseman of the Giants from 1923 to 1936, and Dizzy Dean, ace pitcher of the Cardinals from 1932 to 1937, will be added to the Cooperstown Pantheon in 1953 if the voting of the baseball writers runs true to form.

**Heilmann**, who was in the majors from 1914 to 1932, except in 1915 and 1931, drew 203 votes and Waner, major league outfielder from 1926 to 1945, received 195, it was announced January 31. As the total number of votes cast was 234, an increase of eight over last year, and 75 per cent—or 176—was necessary for election, the two made the shrine by comfortable margins. They became the sixty-first and sixty-second members.

Terry was third with 155, and Dean fourth with 152. Waner, out of 266 votes cast in the 1951 canvass, when 170 were needed for selection, polled 162 and **Heilmann**, 153, in finishing behind Mel Ott, with 197, and Jimmie Foxx, with 179. Both Terry and Dean gained seven votes this year, from 148 and 145, respectively, in 1951, and are in the same position as **Heilmann** and Waner were last year.

### Heilmann Died July 9

Efforts were made last summer to induce the Hall of Fame Committee to call a special election, so that **Heilmann** might be named before his expected demise and the citation could be presented to him at home plate just before the All-Star Game in Detroit. He died on July 9, a day before the classic. It will be a solace to his widow, however, to know that **Harry**, at long last, gained the Hall of Fame.

Al Simmons came in fifth, with 141; Bill Dickey, sixth, 139; Rabbit Maranville, seventh, 133; Dazzy Vance, eighth, 105, and Ted Lyons, ninth, 101.

In the previous vote, Simmons got 116, Dickey 118, Maranville 110, Vance 70 and Lyons 71.

Gabby Hartnett jumped from 57 to 77 and Hank Greenberg, who suffered an amazing relapse in 1951, with 67, started a recovery with 75.

In all, 75 players landed in the scoring, with 17 getting one vote each.

The writers have set something of a record in electing four players in two years.

The 1952 canvass was the thirteenth Hall of Fame election held by the writers. There now are 62 men in the pantheon, with 25 of them chosen by the diamond Boswells. The others were picked by the Hall of Fame Committee.

It is conceivable that before the 1953 election is held, the entire Hall of Fame set-up will be revamped, under the direction of Commissioner Ford C. Frick.

Under the rules, as they stand, the baseball writers are limited to con-

## Newest Members of Game's Shrine



PAUL GLEE WANER

HARRY EDWIN HEILMANN

## Heilmann Spurned Easy Way Out, Staked Two Titles on Final Games

DETROIT, Mich.—**Harry Heilmann's** true sporting character was emphasized when he insisted in two seasons on playing out the string, risking his top perch by refusing to sit out the closing games when he could have wrapped up the batting title without chancing a slump or failure.

On October 4, 1925, final day of the campaign, Tris Speaker, 42-year-old manager of the Indians, led **Heilmann** by one point, .389 to .388, for loop batting honors. Cleveland was booked for one game on closing day while the Tigers had a double-header at St. Louis.

Speaker had benched himself during the latter part of the campaign and did not play in the Indians' finale. Meanwhile, **Heilmann** banged out three hits in six trips in the twin-bill opener at St. Louis to pass the Gray Eagle, .3895 to .3893. **Harry's** teammates urged him to sit out the second game, but he insisted on playing and made three hits in as many trips to finish with .393—five points ahead of Speaker and seven ahead of Al Simmons, in third place.

Two seasons later **Heilmann** won another batting title under almost identical circumstances. Entering the last day of the season, October 2, he trailed Simmons by a point, .392 to .391. The A's played only one game and Simmons made two hits in five tries. Detroit had two games that day, and **Heilmann** rapped out four safeties in five tries in the opener to hike his average to .395. Instead of sitting out the nightcap, he again insisted on playing and connected safely three times in four appearances to finish with a league-leading .398 average.

sideration of players of the last 25 years. And none is eligible unless he has been out of the game for a year. Despite this regulation, some of the 1952 voters wrote in Joe DiMaggio's name.

The present rules also bar naming Bill Klem or any other umpire; Joe McCarthy, Miller Huggins or any other manager; Charley Dryden, Paul Shannon or any other writer; John A. Heydler or any other executive.

**Heilmann** was born in San Francisco on August 3, 1894. He started his professional career with Portland in the

years, starting in 1919. His lifetime average was .342.

After the 1932 season, with Cincinnati, he retired as a player and for many years was a baseball broadcaster at Briggs Stadium.

The sad feature of **Harry's** spectacular career was his failure to get into a World's Series.

Paul Waner was born on April 16, 1903, at Harrah, Okla. He was sold by San Francisco to Pittsburgh during the 1925 World's Series, for a reported \$85,000. The Giants had first call on Paul, but blew their chance, and Barney Dreyfuss grabbed him from under John McGraw's nose.

Big Poison won the batting championship of the National League thrice—1927, with .380, 1934, with .362, and 1936, with .373. Paul batted better than .300 for a dozen consecutive seasons. His best mark was .380.

Waner's lifetime average is .334. He is a member of a very select coterie of seven major leaguers who have the distinction of having collected at least 3,000 hits during their careers. Paul boasts 3,152. The six others in the

## Memphis Bill Third and Diz Fourth in Poll

They Will Be the Nominees If Writers' Voting Runs True to Form Next Year

group are Ty Cobb, with 4,191, Tris Speaker, 3,515; Honus Wagner, 3,430; Eddie Collins, 3,310; Larry Lajoie, 3,242; and Cap Anson, 3,081.

### McGraw Passed Up Paul

Waner's .401 average with San Francisco in 1925, his third year in professional ball, made him a much sought-after player. McGraw doubtless would have been much more eager to land Paul but for his sad experience with Jimmy O'Connell, \$75,000 acquisition from the Seals, who had been barred by Judge K. M. Landis just before the 1924 World's Series.

Paul went from Forbes Field to the Dodgers and then the Braves, in 1941, returned to Flatbush in 1943, and finished up with the Yankees in 1944 and 1945.

Some of the players who figured in the 1951 Hall of Fame election, notably Home Run Baker, no longer were eligible, under the 25-year rule.

The 1952 vote, as announced by Ken Smith, secretary of the Baseball Writers' Association, follows:

### '52 Hall of Fame Lineup

<b>Harry Heilmann</b> 203	Rube Marquard 9
Paul Waner 195	Jim Bottomley 7
Bill Terry 155	Jimmie Wilson 7
Dizzy Dean 152	Charlie Gimm 6
Al Simmons 141	Jimmie Dykes 5
Bill Dickey 139	Tommy Henrich 4
Rabbit Maranville 133	Red Rolfe 4
Dazzy Vance 105	Everett Scott 4
Ted Lyons 101	Cy Williams 4
Gabby Hartnett 77	Babe Herman 3
Hank Greenberg 75	Art Nehi 3
Chief Bender 70	Eppa Rixey 3
Joe Cronin 48	Bucky Walters 3
Ray Schalk 44	Earl Averill 2
Max Carey 36	Wilbur Cooper 2
Hank Gowdy 34	Al Lopez 2
Ross Youngs 34	Adolfo Luque 1
Pepper Martin 31	Rog. Pecknappaugh 2
Zack Wheat 30	Eddie Rommel 2
Vernon Gomez 29	Lloyd Waner 2
Tony Lazzeri 27	Earle Combs 1
Casey Stengel 24	Frankie Crosetti 1
Edd Roush 24	Ben Chapman 1
Hack Wilson 21	Leo Durocher 1
Chuck Klein 19	Howard Ehmke 1
Lefty O'Doul 19	Mike Gonzalez 1
Bucky Harris 12	Chick Hafey 1
Waite Hoyt 12	Travis Jackson 1
Dave Bancroft 11	Clyde Milan 1
Duffy Lewis 11	Bob Meusel 1
Kiki Cuyler 10	Hub Pruetz 1
Mel Harder 10	Sam Rice 1
Steve O'Neill 10	Muddy Ruel 1
Charley Ruffing 10	George Selkirk 1
Babe Adams 9	Billy Southworth 1
Red Faber 9	Billy Weber 1
Burleigh Grimes 9	Glenn Wright 1
Dickie Kerr 9	

## How Big Poison Punished Pitchers

Year	Club	League	G.	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	RB.I.	B.A.	F.A.
1923—San Francisco	—P. C.	112	325	54	120	30	4	3	39	369	.953	
1924—San Francisco	—P. C.	160	587	113	209	46	5	8	97	556	.969	
1925—San Francisco	—P. C.	174	699	167	280	75	7	11	130	501	.977	
1926—Pittsburgh	—Nat.	144	536	101	180	35	22	8	79	336	.976	
1927—Pittsburgh	—Nat.	155	623	113	237	40	17	9	131	380	.978	
1928—Pittsburgh	—Nat.	152	602	142	223	50	19	6	86	370	.979	
1929—Pittsburgh	—Nat.	151	596	131	200	43	15	10	100	356	.966	
1930—Pittsburgh	—Nat.	145	589	117	217	32	18	8	77	358	.959	
1931—Pittsburgh	—Nat.	150	559	88	180	35	10	6	70	322	.961	
1932—Pittsburgh	—Nat.	154	630	107	215	62	10	7	82	341	.954	
1933—Pittsburgh	—Nat.	154	618	101	191	38	16	7	70	309	.961	
1934—Pittsburgh	—Nat.	146	599	122	217	32	16	14	90	382	.965	
1935—Pittsburgh	—Nat.	139	549	98	176	29	12	11	84	373	.960	
1936—Pittsburgh	—Nat.	148	585	107	218	53	9	5	94	373	.960	
1937—Pittsburgh	—Nat.	154	619	94	219	30	9	2	74	354	.967	
1938—Pittsburgh	—Nat.	148	625	77	175	31	6	6	69	260	.977	
1939—Pittsburgh	—Nat.	125	461	62	151	30	6	3	45	238	.968	
1940—Pittsburgh (a)	—Nat.	89	238	32	69	16	1	1	32	230	.955	
1941—Brook. (b) Bos.	—Nat.	106	329	45	88	10	2	2	50	267	.965	
1942—Brook. (c)	—Nat.	114	333	43	86	17	1	1	39	258	.969	
1943—Brooklyn	—Nat.	82	225	29	70	16	0	1	26	241	.968	
1944—Brooklyn (d)	—Nat.	83	138	16	39	4	1	0	16	287	.963	
1944—New York	—Amer.	9	7	1	1	0	0	0	1	143	.900	
1945—New York (e)	—Amer.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	
1946—Miami	—Fla. Int.	62	85	12	26	6	2	0	12	325	.946	
Major League Totals		2549	9459	1626	3152	603	190	112	1309	534	.976	

\*Indicates led league. †Tied for leadership.

(a) Unconditionally released by Pittsburgh Pirates, December 10, 1940.

and signed by Brooklyn Dodgers, January 31, 1941.

(b) Unconditionally released by Brooklyn Dodgers, May 11, 1941; signed by Boston Braves, May 24, 1941.

(c) Unconditionally released by Boston Braves, January 19, 1943, and signed with Brooklyn Dodgers, January 21, 1943.

(d) Unconditionally released by Brooklyn Dodgers, September, 1944, subsequently signed with New York Yankees.

(e) Unconditionally released by New York Yankees, May 3, 1945.

### WORLD'S SERIES RECORD

Year	Club	League	G.	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	RB.I.	B.A.	F.A.
1927—Pittsburgh	—Nat.	4	15	0	5	1	0	0	3	323	1.000	

### ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

1933—National	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0</
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## 12 Straight .300s for Harry

Year	Club	League	G.	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	RB.I.	B.A.	F.A.
1913—Portland	—N. W.	122	417	55	127	22	2	11			.305	.976
1914—Detroit	—Amer.	67	182	25	41	8	1	2	22	225	.956	
1915—San Francisco	—P. C.	98	371	57	135	23	4	12		364	.978	
1916—Detroit	—Amer.	136	451	57	127	30	11	2	76	282	.980	
1917—Detroit	—Amer.	150	556	57	158	22	11	5	84	281	.975	
1918—Detroit	—Amer.	79	286	34	79	10	6	5	44	276	.983	
1919—Detroit	—Amer.	140	537	74	172	30	15	8	95	320	.974	
1920—Detroit	—Amer.	145	543	66	168	28	5	9	89	309	.986	
1921—Detroit	—Amer.	149	602	114	237	43	14	19	149	394	.961	
1922—Detroit	—Amer.	118	455	92	182	27	10	21	92	356	.941	
1923—Detroit	—Amer.	144	524	121	211	44	11	18	115	403	.960	
1924—Detroit	—Amer.	153	570	107	197	45	16	10	113	346	.970	
1925—Detroit	—Amer.	150	573	97	223	40	11	13	133	393	.971	
1926—Detroit	—Amer.	141	502	90	184	41	8	9	103	367	.972	
1927—Detroit	—Amer.	141	505	106	201	50	9	14	120	398	.965	
1928—Detroit	—Amer.	151	558	83	183	38	10	14	107	328	.982	
1929—Detroit (a)	—Amer.	125	453	86	156	41	7	15	120	344	.966	
1930—Cincinnati	—Nat.	142	459	79	153	43	6	19	91	333	.962	
1931—Cincinnati	—Nat.											
1932—Cincinnati	—Nat.	15	31	3	8	2	0	0	3	258	.797	

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\*Led league. (a) Released on waivers to Cincinnati, October 20, 1930.



# Paul Waner, 3,000-Hit Hall-of-Famer, Dead



**PAUL WANER** with National League President Warren Giles after the former Pirate outfielder was installed in the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown in 1952.

## Pirate 'Big Poison' Copped Three N. L. Batting Titles

By FREDERICK G. LIEB

SARASOTA, Fla.

One of baseball's great batsmen, Hall of Famer **Paul Glee Waner**, former right fielder of the Pirates, died of pulmonary emphysema, complicated by the aftermaths of pneumonia, at his home here, August 29.

The 5-8½ outfielder, known to baseball as Big Poison, was 62 years old. In recent years, **Waner** had been employed as a batting instructor by the Red Sox, Cardinals, Braves and Phillies.

**Waner**'s brother, Lloyd, also was a star Pirate outfielder. The Oklahoma **Waner** boys were dubbed Big Poison and Little Poison because they were so deadly to National League pitching. An opposition pitcher, working in Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, in the late '20s, observed: "Every time I look up, a **Waner** is rounding second base."

Big Poison was one of the few batters to collect 3,000 hits in the majors. The others were Cap Anson, Ty Cobb, Eddie Collins, Napoleon Lajoie, Tris Speaker, Hans Wagner and Stan Musial. All except Musial, who is not yet eligible, made the Hall of Fame. **Paul** ranks seventh in total hits with 3,152.

### Expert Place-Hitter

He mastered Willie Keeler's knack of "hitting 'em where they ain't" more effectively than any other batsman of the last four decades. One of the most astute hitters the game ever produced, **Waner** knew that batting was not a matter of great physical strength. He proved that a comparatively small man, by mastering timing and leverage, could outhit stronger and bigger athletes. While his playing weight was given as 160 pounds, **Paul** later admitted he rarely weighed more than 153 pounds.

**Waner** served 17 seasons of his noteworthy 21-year major league career with the Pirates, but when he collected his 3,000th big league hit, June 19, 1942, he was with the Boston Braves. **Waner** made his historic hit off a former Pirate teammate,

### Bucs Took Paul's Advice, Got Star in Brother Lloyd

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. —

**Paul Waner** was largely responsible for the baseball career of his younger brother, the 145-pound Lloyd, who had a .331 batting average for his 18 seasons in the majors.

Before **Paul** left San Francisco in 1925, he induced the Seals to give Lloyd a trial. Graduating to the Pirates in 1926, **Paul** told his new boss, Barney Dreyfuss, of Lloyd's possibilities.

"Don't let his weight fool you," insisted **Paul**. Barney listened, got the younger brother from San Francisco for a song and sent him to Columbia of the Sally League for a year's seasoning.

By 1927, Lloyd was ready to join **Paul** on the Pirates. Lloyd broke in with 223 hits and an average of .355.

"Didn't I tell you, Mr. Dreyfuss?" **Paul** exulted.

Truett (Rip) Sewell, the Corsairs' old bloopball exponent. **Paul** also



**TWO OF THE GAME'S** most potent batting combinations got together before the 1927 World Series. They were the Waner brothers,

Lloyd (left) and **Paul**, and the Yankee heavy artillery, Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. **Paul** collected 3,152 hits in the majors.

played with Brooklyn in the twilight of his career and finished up as an American leaguer with the Yankees in the war seasons of 1944-45.

In addition to amassing 3,152 hits and being voted into the Hall of Fame in 1952, **Waner** had other claims to distinction. He led the National League in batting three seasons—1927, 1934 and 1936—was voted the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1927 and was named an outfielder on THE SPORTING NEWS' All-Star teams in 1927, 1928 and 1937.

### .333 Lifetime Average

His lifetime batting average was a magnificent .333. He hit over .300 14 times, 12 years in succession, 1926-1937. **Paul** also tied Willie Keeler's ancient mark and set a modern National League record by banging out 200 or more hits in eight seasons. He also was tied with Mel Ott, the former Giant, for the modern N. L. record of scoring 100 or more runs nine times. Musial and Willie Mays later increased the mark to 11.

In his freshman year in the big leagues, 1926, **Waner** went 6-for-6 in one game, and on May 20, 1932, he tied a National League record by hitting four doubles in one game. In his lone World Series, 1927, when the Pirates were manhandled four straight by the mighty Yankees, **Paul** hit .333. **Paul** and Lloyd, who batted .400, stood out like beacon lights for the losing Pirates.

Despite the fact that **Paul** was comparatively small, he was not a singles hitter, as was Keeler. **Paul** hit with considerable power and had the knack of placing hits between the outfielders. Big Poison was especially adept at hitting two-baggers.

### 112 Homers in Big Time

In 1925, his last year in the Pacific Coast League, he hit 75 doubles for San Francisco. In 1926, his first in the majors, he hit 35 doubles and 22 triples for the Pirates. He jacked up his two-base output to 50 in 1928 and 62 in 1932. During his long career in the majors, he hit 112 homers, with a high of 15 in 1929.

**Paul Waner** was born on a farm near Harrah, Okla., on April 16, 1903. His parents were German. When the **Waner** boys starred for



**WANER**, who became a batting instructor with various clubs, is shown in 1947, discussing his favorite subject with Ted Williams, an authority on the subject himself.

the Pirates in the late '20s and '30s, it frequently was printed that they had been poor Oklahoma farm kids, who rarely wore shoes, and used to walk bare-footed for miles to sneak under the fence and watch independent teams play at Ada, Okla.

**Paul** resented such stories in his

later years when he discussed his boyhood in his Sarasota home.

"My father was a man of breeding," he said. "We lived in the best house in our locality."

"We **Waner** children never knew

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## Batting Legacy Left by Big Poison

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	RBI.	B.A.	F.A.
1923	San Fran.	P.C.	OF-1B	112	325	54	120	30	4	3	39	.369	.933
1924	San Fran.	P.C.	OF	160	587	113	209	46	5	8	97	.356	.969
1925	San Fran.	P.C.	OF-1B	174	699	167	280	*75	7	11	130	*.401	.977
1926	Pittsburgh	Nat.	OF	144	536	101	180	35	*22	8	79	.336	.978
1927	Pittsburgh	Nat.	O-1B	*155	623	113	*237	40	*17	9	*131	*.380	.978
1928	Pittsburgh	Nat.	O-1B	152	602	*142	223	*50	19	6	88	.370	.979
1929	Pittsburgh	Nat.	OF	151	596	131	200	43	15	15	100	.336	.986
1930	Pittsburgh	Nat.	OF	145	589	117	217	32	18	8	77	.368	.959
1931	Pittsburgh	Nat.	*O-1B	150	539	88	180	35	10	8	70	.322	.981
1932	Pittsburgh	Nat.	OF	*154	630	107	215	*62	10	7	82	.341	.974
1933	Pittsburgh	Nat.	OF	*154	618	101	191	38	16	7	90	.309	.981
1934	Pittsburgh	Nat.	OF	146	599	*122	*217	32	16	14	90	*.362	.985
1935	Pittsburgh	Nat.	OF	139	549	98	176	32	12	11	78	.321	.983
1936	Pittsburgh	Nat.	OF	148	585	107	218	33	9	2	74	.354	.970
1937	Pittsburgh	Nat.	OF	148	619	94	219	30	9	2	69	.280	.977
1938	Pittsburgh	Nat.	OF	125	461	62	151	30	6	3	45	.328	.978
1939	Pittsburgh	Nat.	OF	148	625	94	219	30	9	1	32	.290	.988
1940	Pittsburgh	Nat.	OF-1B	89	238	32	69	16	1	1	39	.258	.969
1941	Brooklyn	Nat.	OF-1B	106	329	45	88	10	2	2	50	.267	.955
1942	Boston	Nat.	OF	114	333	43	86	17	1	1	39	.258	.969
1943	Brooklyn	Nat.	OF	82	225	29	70	16	0	1	26	.311	.960
1944	Brooklyn	Nat.	OF	83	136	16	39	4	1	0	16	.287	.983
1944	New York	Amer.	PH	9	7	1	1	0	0	0	1	.143	.000
1945	New York	Amer.	PH	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
1946	Miami	Fla. Int. 1B		62	80	12	26	6	2	0	12	.325	.946

National League Totals.....2539 9452 1625 3151 603 190 112 1308 333 .976  
American League Totals.....10 7 1 1 0 0 0 1 .143 .000

Major League Totals.....2549 9459 1626 3152 603 190 112 1309 333 .976  
\*Led league. \*Tied for league lead.

### WORLD SERIES RECORD

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	RBI.	B.A.	F.A.
1927	Pittsburgh	Nat.	OF	4	15	0	5	1	0	0	3	.333	1.000

### ALL-STAR RECORD

Year	League	Pos.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	RBI.	B.A.	F.A.
1933	National	OF	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
1934	National	OF	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1.000
1935	National	PH	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
1937	National	OF	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000

All-Star Game Totals.....8 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 .000 1.000

## Paul Considered Teaching Career While in College

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anything but sanitary indoor plumbing; we always had plenty of good, wholesome food and if we went barefooted in summer, it was because other Oklahoma kids also did that, not because there was any shortage of shoes in the Waner household."

Paul attended grammar school in Harrah, but moved to Oklahoma City for high school. There, he had no difficulty in making the high school baseball team as a first baseman and outfielder. He always was a lefthanded thrower and batsman. As a big leaguer, he could be depended upon to fill in at first base in an emergency.

### Later Moved to Sarasota

After high school in Oklahoma City, Paul attended East Central State Teachers' College at Ada for two years. Before moving to Sarasota during his Pirate career, he called Ada his year-round residence.

In college, he gave some thought to teaching for a livelihood. It never occurred to him during his college days that he would later become a professor of batting.

While Waner was playing college and independent ball in Oklahoma, he caught the eye of a part-time scout working for the San Francisco Seals. Waner joined the Seals in 1923 and showed remarkable batting aptitude from the start. As a 20-year-old rookie, he batted .369 in 112 games. For the next 14 years, he never fell below .320.

The player who was to be named Big Poison hit .356 in 1924, his first complete Coast league season. He soared to .401 as the Coast league batting champion in 1925. That year he drove out 280 hits, including 75 doubles, in 174 games.

### Package Deal Sought

Most of the big league clubs had scouts trailing Waner that season, but the San Francisco management was particularly interested in a package deal, one involving both Waner and the Seals' crack shortstop, Hal Rhyne.

The Pirates were world champions in 1925, and had made considerable money in the league race and the subsequent seven-game World Series. Pirate Owner Barney Dreyfuss, prodded by Scout Joe Devine, outbid his rivals and purchased Waner and Rhyne for a goodly sum. This enabled Dreyfuss to charge the purchase price against his substantial 1925 profits.

Barney did not live to realize what

### Waner Among Elite Eight Who Rapped 3,000 Hits

SARASOTA, Fla.—Paul Waner was one of eight major league players who collected 3,000 or more hits. Here is the list:

	Lifetime Hits	B. A.
1. Ty Cobb	4,191	.367
2. Stan Musial	3,630	.331
3. Tris Speaker	3,515	.344
4. Honus Wagner	3,430	.329
5. Eddie Collins	3,311	.333
6. Nap Lajoie	3,152	.339
7. Paul Waner	3,152	.333
8. Adrian Anson	3,081	.339

a great deal he had made. Rhyne never lived up to his Coast league promise, but Waner proved worth his weight in gold, Pittsburgh's greatest hitter with the exception of the immortal Wagner.

Paul hit .336 in his freshman year in the National League, 1926. He was a fine hit-and-run man and proved a capable, hard-throwing right fielder.

While the Oklahoma boy became famous mostly for his hitting, he was for years one of baseball's finest outfielders.

The 1927 season, when the Pirates won the pennant, saw Waner climb to his greatest heights. He cracked out 237 hits to win his first National League batting crown with an average of .380, high for his long major league career. He also drove in 131 runs.

### They All Looked Alike

"I just couldn't do anything wrong that season," Paul related. "It was only necessary for me to poke my bat at the ball and hits would explode to all fields. It surely was fun. I was hitting righthanders and southpaws with equal ease."

Waner followed his 237-hit crop of 1927 with 223, and 217 in the next three years. He hit .370 in 1928, when the batting title went to Rogers Hornsby, and .368 in 1930, when the top man was Bill Terry with .401. But Paul won his second batting championship in 1934 with .362 and his third in 1936 with .373.

He played in four of the first five All-Star games, and it always was a sore topic with him that he failed to get a hit in eight official times at bat.

"I guess those American League pitchers didn't think I was too hot as a hitter," he once observed wryly.

He fell under .300 for the first time in his professional career in 1938

### Waner Believed Proper Tutoring Could Aid Hitter

SARASOTA, Fla.—While admitting that great hitters are born, Paul Waner was a great believer that the averages of .200 to .250 hitters could be improved 25 to 40 points by adequate instructions.

"There is no excuse for regular big league hitters batting .200," he said recently. "It is a crying shame. All they need to do is to learn to coordinate their bodies, arms and wrists. They lose so many hits by just trying to kill the ball." LIEB.

when he dropped to .280. It was the year the Pirates, with a seven-game lead on September 1, blew the pennant to the Cubs.

The late-season letdown was especially painful to Paul. He felt he had let down Pirate Manager Pie Traynor and his teammates.

"I wasn't hitting the way I should and could," he related in a fanning bee. "I saw open spaces between the outfielders, picked my spots, but still couldn't get the ball through."

Worried over his 1938 batting slump, Waner started wearing glasses. He climbed back to .328 in 1939, but had only one other .300 average afterward, .311 with the Dodgers in 82 games in 1943.

Paul was shifted around considerably late in his career. Pittsburgh gave him his unconditional release shortly after the 1941 season. He was picked up by the Dodgers, but they released him in May, 1941, and he landed with the Boston Braves.

He was back with the Dodgers in 1943, but they again released him in early September, 1944. With a chance to win the 1944 pennant, Joe McCarthy, then Yankee manager, hired Waner near the end of that war season. Paul played in nine Yankee games in September, 1944, but got only one hit in seven times at bat.

### Released by Bombers

He accompanied the Yankees on their 1945 training trip to Atlantic City, but was released unconditionally, May 3, after appearing in only one 1945 Yankee box score.

Paul tried to make a fresh start as playing manager of the Miami club of the now-defunct Florida-International League in 1946, but did not last out the season. He closed his playing career by hitting .325 for Miami in 62 games.

Frequent imbibing was a problem with Paul and it accounted in part for his numerous shifts in his twilight years. It frequently has been said that Waner could have been an even greater player had he led a more temperate life.

"I'll admit I did my share of drinking," Paul once related. "But I was a sociable type and stories of my drinking were exaggerated."

"I'm proud of the record I left in the baseball books and I do not think any player who was a real lush could have remained in the majors for 20 years, batted out 3,152 hits and hit .333."

### Paul Was Good on Links

Around the time he was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1952, he owned a golfing driving range and a baseball batting cage at the outskirts of Sarasota. He always was a fine golfer and several years he won the national lefthanded golfing championship.

After his playing career, Paul maintained a lively interest in teaching batting. He felt it was his forte, and that his long experience and background qualified him for such a role, as indeed they did.

He helped Red Sox hitters during their spring training stays in Sarasota and coached batters on numerous other teams.

Waner is survived by his wife, the former Miss Corinne Moore, whom Paul married on June 10, 1927, during his greatest season. The Waners had one son, who did not inherit his father's athletic skill, but Paul was proud of his boy's success as a student.

## Pirates Save Victory Streak With Six-Run Rally in Ninth

By LES BIEDERMAN

PITTSBURGH, Pa.

The Pirates salvaged a game that appeared to be lost with a six-run, ninth-inning rally against the Astros for their seventh win in a row at Forbes Field.

The six-run ninth enabled the Bucs to tie the Texans, 9-9, and they won it in the eleventh inning.

Turk Farrell had a 9-3 lead going into the ninth and then six singles—some of them flukes, and a hit batsman did the trick.

The most damaging blow was a pinch-single to short center by Andre Rodgers off Danny Coombs that sent in two runs and put the tying run on third with one out.

Jim Owens became the fifth Houston pitcher of the inning and Donn Clendenon's sacrifice fly tied it up. Rodgers' single won it in the eleventh off Mike Cuellar.

Clemente made an almost unheard of assist in this game. With runners on first and second and Pirates charging for the plate, Bob Lillis pushed a bunt into the vacated shortstop position for one run. Walter Bond tried to go from first to third but Clemente, sizing up the situation quickly, came in from right field to short and threw out Bond at third.

## Pirates' Surge: Snoozing Fans Can't Believe It

By LES BIEDERMAN

PITTSBURGH, Pa.

It started out as a normal week in Pittsburgh.

The business people were eyeing the steel negotiations, the average man, woman and child were watching Gemini 5 and the sports fans were keeping an ear tuned to the Steelers training in Rhode Island.

The Pirates had their followers also, but nobody was paying much attention to them, aside from the front office, the wives and the die-hards.

There was a long weekend series with the Braves at Forbes Field to herald the last long home stand. When the Pirates lost the first game to the Braves, the fans figured another year, another second-division finish.

The Bucs won the last two from the Braves and there was a faint stirring among the fans. Very faint. They won the first from the Giants and then the second and the heavy breathing of the Pirate rooters could be heard.

Then, all of a sudden, the Pirates and the fans exploded.

The third game with the Giants was saved by the weatherman, washing out the tenth inning when the Giants scored twice. It reverted to a nine-inning, 3-3 tie, and Harry Walker took the occasion before a double-header the next night to use this as a platform for a pep talk.

### Pour It on Giants

"Mother Nature gave us a break," he emphasized. "We saved a game we might have lost and we know we have a chance to win two in one night. This might be the spark to set us off."

So—the Pirates beat the Giants twice, ran their modest winning streak to six in a row and the fans now were buzzing.

Charged up like men on a mission, the Pirates saw the Astros take a 9-3 lead into the ninth inning behind Turk Farrell and they came barreling in for their final attack.

They used six singles—some bloopers, some taps, some hard hit—and a hit batsman to score six times, tie it up, then win in the eleventh inning for their seventh straight. Andre Rodgers, who singled two runs home in a pinch in the ninth, won it in the eleventh on another single.

Walker had been waiting for a spot to give Roy Face some needed work and when the Astros led, 7-3, he sent Face in to pitch the ninth. They scored twice off him, but the Pirates showed Walker how they did it in 1960.

The winning streak ended the next day when Jim Wynn hit a three-run homer off the only pitch Don Schwall



Harry Walker

made in relief. They tacked on two big insurance runs in the ninth on Dave Giusti's line single.

Then the Astros had something they lacked the night before—relief. Giusti flagged down nine Pirates in a row.

The next day, the Pirates were back in the race again by taking the odd game from the Astros, despite four errors and giving the Texans 11 hits and six walks.

The fans didn't believe it; they kept staying away. The Bucs drew just 100,000 people in the seven straight wins at home.

### Big Spree in August

August was a healthy month for the Pirates. They came from one game under .500 and eight games back to nine games over .500 and four and one-half games back.

Pirate Scoreboard: Joe Morgan collected ten hits in 16 trips against the Pirates and they finally blanked him in the last game. "We couldn't get him out any other way, so we just threw the ball down the middle and told him so," revealed Jim Pagliaroni. . . . The Bucs won the season series from the Astros, 10-8, but had six extra-inning games. . . . Willie Stargell's grand-slam against the Astros was his second of the season and the fourth for the Pirates. Andre Rodgers and Bob Bailey hit the others. . . . The Pirates tried Bat Day, August 29, with the Astros in town and gave away 14,000 bats. . . . Bill Mazeroski won a battle with the one-day virus. Whatever medicine he used, it could be bottled and sold. He came back and ripped off six straight hits before he was stopped. . . . Tommie Sisk celebrated the arrival of his first born, a nine-pound boy named Layne, by going five innings to beat the Giants, August 26. . . . What price saves: Al McBean gave five runs, nine hits and three walks in six innings of relief, yet saved all three games. . . . Bob Bailey got an inside-the-park, three-run homer when Cap Peterson misjudged his drive to right field and then fell down chasing it. . . . Roy Face, who underwent a knee operation, pitched for the first time since May 5 when he came in against the Astros, August 27. Although he fanned the side, the Texans nipped him for two triples and a single. . . . Bob Veale suffered a 15-stitch gash in his left foot in a freak accident in his bedroom. He was cut by a piece of metal protruding from the bed.