



Rewarding the Umpires

Just at a time when umpires are being pounded and roasted from one end of the country to the other, President Ban Johnson of the American League comes along with a plan to encourage faithful work on the diamond by umpires.

President Johnson presented Jack Sheridan, dean of arbitrators, a gold medal, a token of the esteem in which the little umpire is held by the head of the American League for his service of twenty years with the indicator as the greatest arbiter who ever donned a mask.

President Johnson thinks the idea of making public acknowledgment of the worth of an umpire a good one and should be encouraged by the fans in the big league circuits.

The medal, of solid gold, is of pendant shape. The crossbar bears the inscription:

FOR HONOR AND MERIT
 presented to
 JOHN F. SHERIDAN,
 by the
 AMERICAN LEAGUE,
 JUNE, 1911.

This is hung by an enamel baseball to a gold star, on which are pictured a baseball diamond centred by an evenly balanced scales representing justice, and circled by a wreath.