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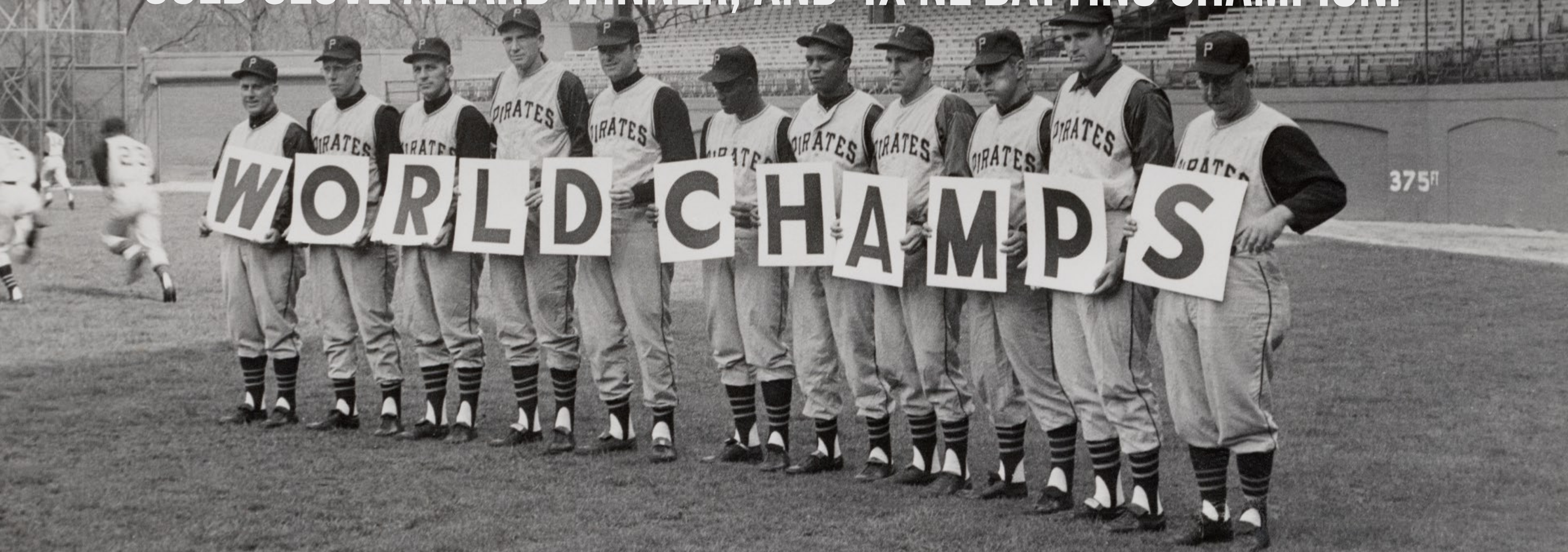
BATTING CHAMPION
NATIONAL LEAGUE
B.A. 351

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BEGINNING WITH WINNING THE 1960 WORLD SERIES, CLEMENTE'S CAREER WAS FILLED WITH NUMEROUS AWARDS AND ACCOLADES, INCLUDING BEING A 15X ALL-STAR, 2X WORLD SERIES CHAMPION, NL MVP, WORLD SERIES MVP, 12X GOLD GLOVE AWARD WINNER, AND 4X NL BATTING CHAMPION.



PSPO52103-5/21/62-PITTSBURGH,PA:National League president Warren Giles presents silver bat to Pirate rightfielder Roberto Clemente who won the National League batting championship in 1961.Pirates' Dick Groat also won the coveted award in 1960. UPI TELEPHOTO -jjh-



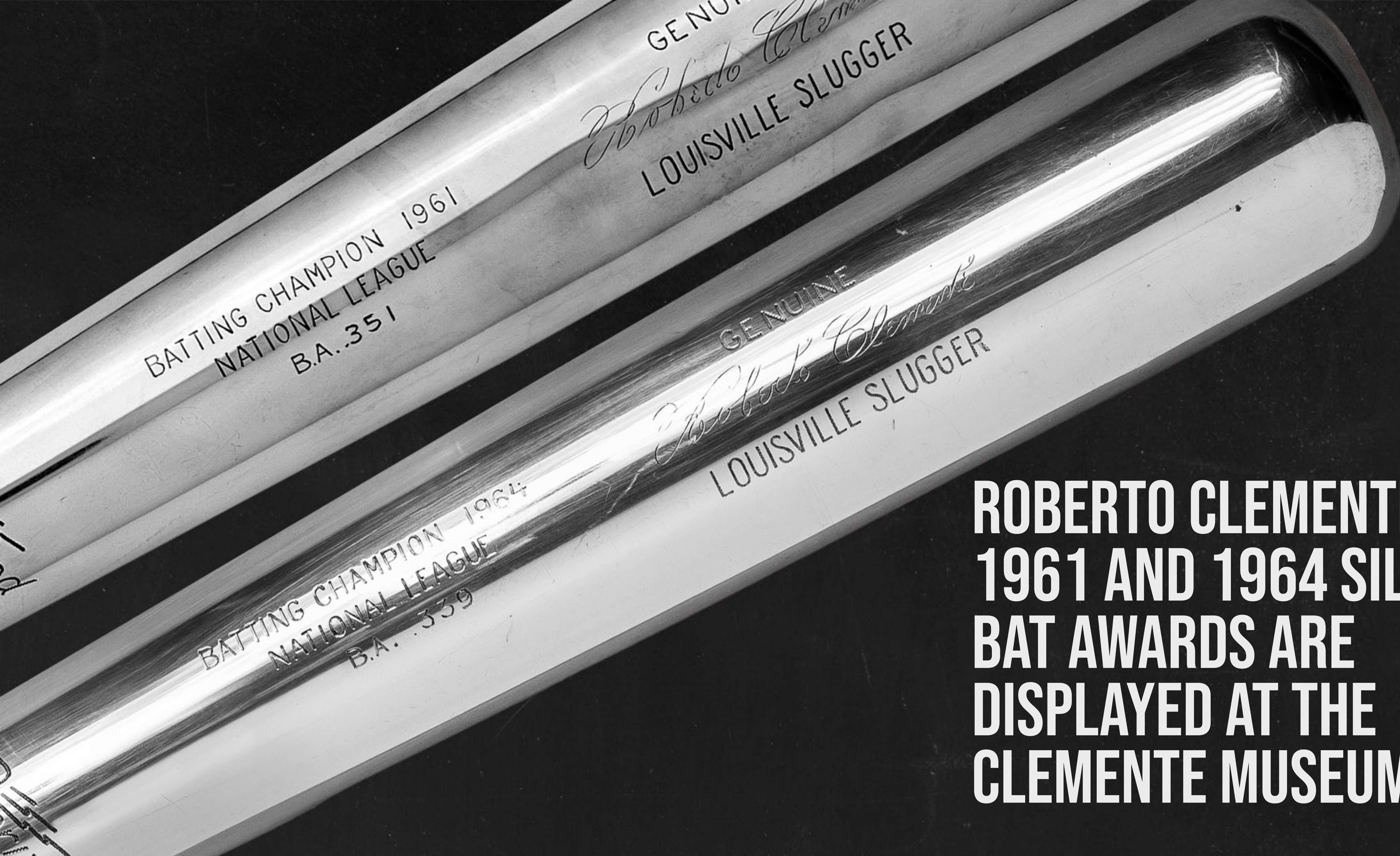
**IN 1961, HE WON
THE FIRST OF FOUR
SILVER BAT AWARDS
WITH A .351
BATTING AVERAGE.
THE SILVER BAT
AWARD WAS GIVEN
ANNUALLY TO THE
TWO MLB PLAYERS
WHO LEAD EACH
LEAGUE IN BATTING
AVERAGE.**

**CLEMENTE
AGAIN WON
THE SILVER
BAT AWARD IN
1964 WITH A
.339 BATTING
AVERAGE.**



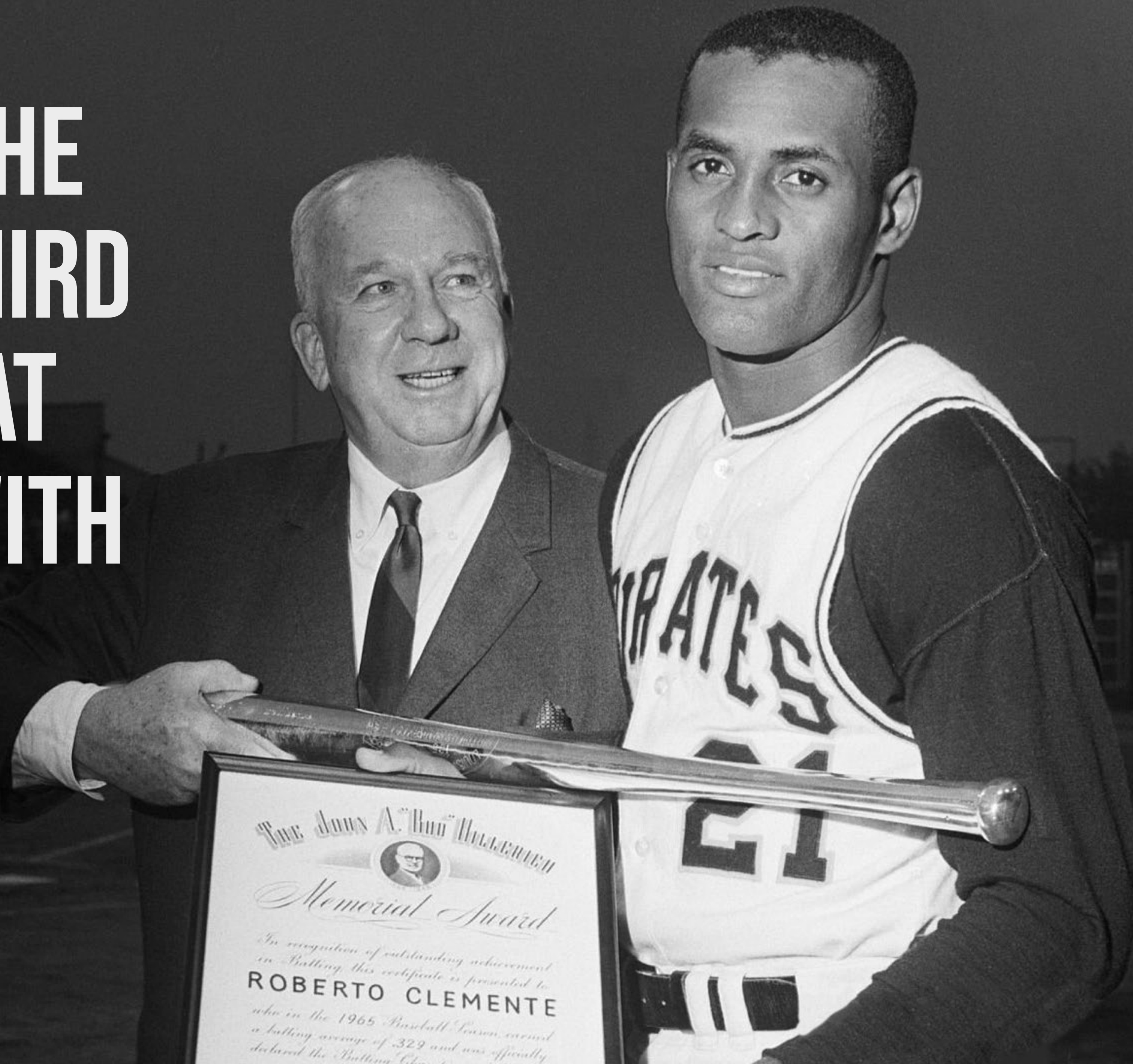


**CLEMENTE ALSO
WON A 4TH
CONSECUTIVE
GOLD GLOVE
AWARD THIS
YEAR.**



**ROBERTO CLEMENTE'S
1961 AND 1964 SILVER
BAT AWARDS ARE
DISPLAYED AT THE
CLEMENTE MUSEUM.**

IN 1965, HE
WON A THIRD
SILVER BAT
AWARD WITH
A .329
BATTING
AVERAGE.





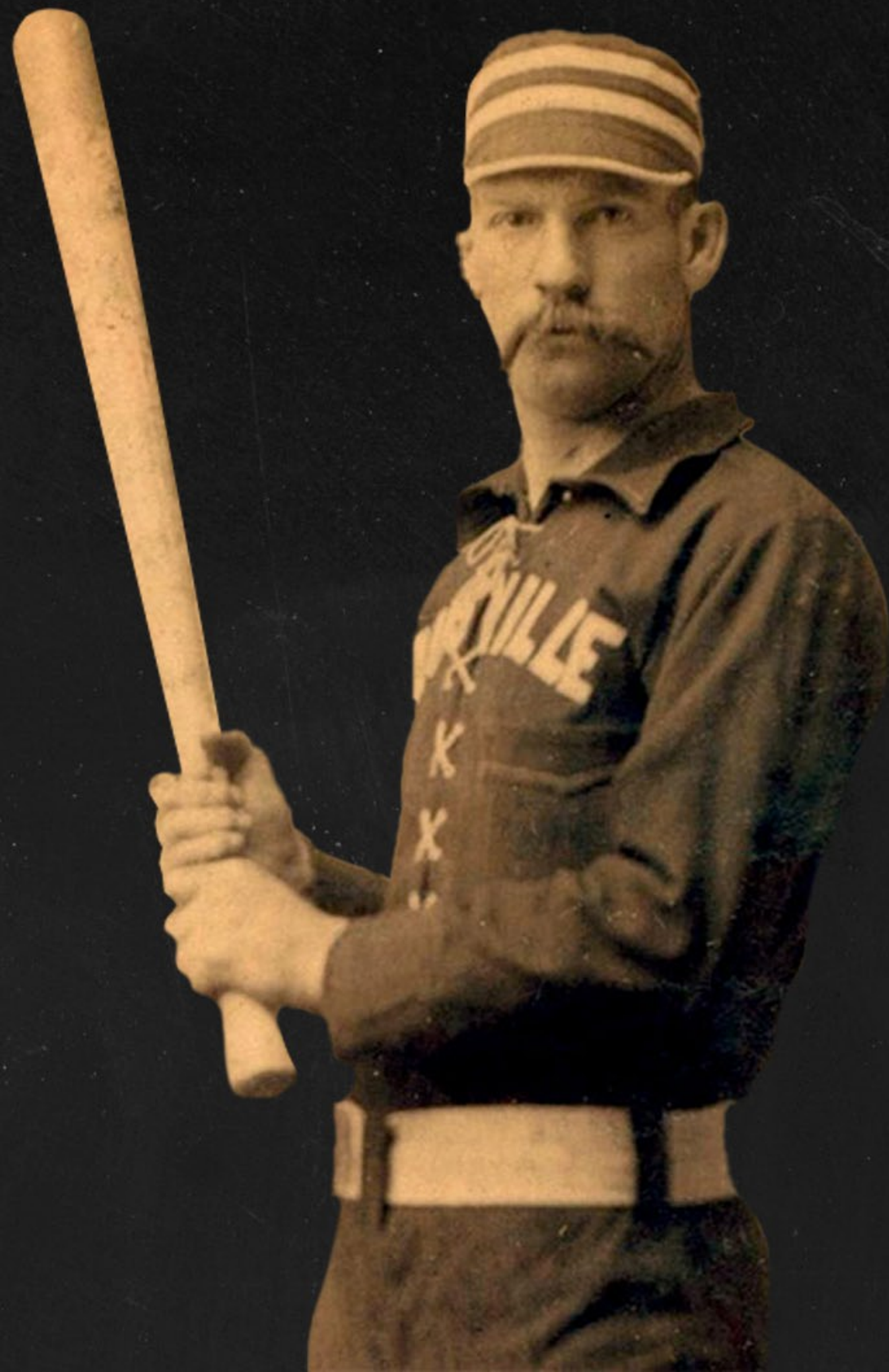
**AGAIN, CLEMENTE
WINS A GOLD GLOVE
ALONGSIDE THE
SILVER BAT,
PROVING HIS
DOMINANCE BOTH
IN THE FIELD AND
AT THE PLATE.**



**CLEMENTE WON HIS 4TH
AND FINAL SILVER BAT
AWARD IN 1967 WITH A
CAREER-HIGH BATTING
AVERAGE OF .357**

**DESPITE NOT WINNING THE AWARD AGAIN,
CLEMENTE MAINTAINED IMPRESSIVE BATTING
AVERAGES IN HIS FINAL FOUR YEARS.**

1969 - .345 | 1970 - .352 | 1971 - .341 | 1972 - .312



THE AWARD WAS ORIGINALLY CALLED THE JOHN A. "BUD" HILLERICH AWARD, NAMED FOR THE FOUNDER OF LOUISVILLE SLUGGER, AND WAS FIRST GIVEN OUT TO MINOR LEAGUE BATTING CHAMPIONS STARTING IN 1934. IN 1949, IT WAS EXPANDED TO THE MAJORS.

**THE SILVER BAT AWARD CONTINUED
TO BE PRESENTED TO EACH NL AND AL
BATTING CHAMPION UNTIL 1980, AT
WHICH TIME IT BECAME KNOWN AS
THE SILVER SLUGGER AWARD, WHICH
HONORS THE BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYER
AT EACH POSITION IN EACH LEAGUE.**