

ARLINGTON'S SPORTS HALL OF FAME 1982 VINCENT I. KIRCHNER

Presented by Nat Allbright
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Vinnie is a charter member and past President of the Better Sports Club and has served the BSC in many capacities since 1957. He was a three sports letterman for three years at Washington-Lee High School where he starred in football, baseball and basketball. Vinnie directed a potent single-wing offense as quarterback and was a standout triple threat man on W-L's undefeated 1939 football team. He played basketball and football for the Tucker Athletic Club and was an outstanding baseball player noted for his batting prowess. He played for teams in the Washington, D.C. Unlimited Industrial League, the Old Dominion League and for the Lou Blue All-Stars in Virginia. In 1942,

he was signed by the St. Louis Cardinals and played in their farm system. His promising pro career was interrupted by World War II and from 1943 through 1945 he served in the U.S. Army in the European Theater. In 1946, Vinnie married the former Blanche Downs. He decided to pursue the electrical trade and after working in the field for ten years became President of Biggs & Kirchner Electrical Contractors. He continued in active sports by helping to organize the Yeatman's softball team and led them to five straight County championships and three Northeast Regional titles. He was twice chosen MVP of Arlington's Commercial League and led the league in hitting several times. Vinnie has been an athlete, coach, sponsor, patron and stalwart community member. He is the father of five and grandfather of four. He has been a participant and fund-raiser for several County high school booster clubs. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, VFW, American Legion and has served as President of the Knights of Columbus. He is a life-long member and has served as Chief of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department.