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George McQuinn was the top fielding first baseman in the American League last year. Tied for crown honors with Hank Greenberg in 1939, McQuinn took all the glory in 1940 with an average of .992, participating in 157 double plays and making only 13 errors in 151 games. While his batting average fell below .300, McQuinn drove in 84 runs for the troublesome Brownies, including 16 home runs, 10 triples and 39 two-baggers. This is his fourth season with the vastly improved St. Louis club.

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A castoff of the Yankee farm system, George McQuinn proved himself a top-flight first baseman with the St. Louis Browns. As a hitter, and defensively, McQuinn was one of the outstanding first basemen in the American League last year. He batted .316, playing in every one of the 154 games for the Browns, drove in 94 runs, scored 101, and hit 20 home runs, 13 triples and 37 doubles. He was tied with Hank Greenberg in fielding with a percentage of .993, making 116 assists, more than any other first-sacker and participating in 122 double plays, second only to Babe Dahlgren. The draft brought McQuinn to the Browns from Newark in 1938, and for two successive years he has batted over .300 and collected 195 hits each year.

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George McQuinn, one of the leading batsmen of the American League this year, made his start in 1930 with Wheeling. After playing with various minor league clubs, George became the property of the New York Yankees at the end of the 1934 season, who farmed him out to Newark with whom he batted .288 in 1935. He had a brief trial with the Cincinnati Reds in 1936 but was released to Toronto and compiled a batting average of .329 with them. In 1937 McQuinn collected 152 hits with Newark, driving in 84 runs for a batting average of .330. He was purchased by the Browns from Newark at the close of the 1937 season, and as the regular first baseman of the Brownies last year accounted for 195 hits for a batting average of .324. McQuinn's two-year major-league record shows 222 hits in 186 games for a batting average of .302.

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Height: 5'11" Weight: 165 Bats: Left Throws: Left

Born: May 29, 1910, Arlington, VA

Died: Dec. 24, 1978, Alexandria, VA

YEAR TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1936 Cin-N	38	134	5	27	3	4	0	13	.201
1938 SIL-A	148	602	100	195	42	7	12	82	.324
1939 SIL-A	154	617	101	195	37	13	20	94	.316
1940 SIL-A	151	594	78	166	39	10	16	84	.279
1941 SIL-A	130	495	93	147	28	4	18	80	.287
1942 SIL-A	145	554	86	145	32	5	12	78	.262
1943 SIL-A	125	449	53	109	19	2	12	74	.243
1944 SIL-A	146	516	83	129	26	3	11	72	.250
1945 SIL-A	139	483	69	134	31	3	7	61	.277
1946 Phi-A	136	484	47	109	23	6	3	35	.225
1947 NY-A	144	517	84	157	24	3	13	80	.304
1948 NY-A	94	302	33	75	11	4	11	41	.248
TOTAL	1550	5747	832	1588	315	64	135	794	.276

McQuinn spent the early 30s waiting in the Yankee farm system while Lou Gehrig played game after game. He finally got his chance when the St. Louis Browns picked up his contract in 1938. In his first year he put together a 34-game hitting streak and hit .324, with 100 runs scored, 195 hits, 42 doubles, and 82 RBIs. In 1939 he improved in almost all categories. George was a 6-time All-Star. In 1944 he was the World Series leading hitter at .438 and won the first game for the Browns with a 2-run homer.

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