

# Sportsmanship Club Lauds Fitz

Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons, dean of race track trainers, was hailed by friends from the turf, press and other fields as a man without faults as the Sportsmanship Brotherhood made him the recipient of its 23d annual award Thursday at a luncheon in the Waldorf-Astoria.

The 81-year-old trainer of Nashua was showered with so many tributes by Toastmaster John (Terry) McGovern and the eight speakers he introduced that when it came time for him to respond, he wondered if there hadn't been some mistake. There wasn't.

Sincerity and affection were the essence of encomiums heaped on his aged shoulders by Whitstone, Fairfield Osborn, Og-

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den Phipps, Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Racing Commissioner Ashley T. Cole, the entry of Frank Graham and Red Smith and Devereux Milburn, Jr., who made the presentation. It was the consensus that, although the Brotherhood had never before honored anyone from the turf, it had outdone all previous efforts in selecting Sunny Jim Fitz to receive this year's award.