

FEDS GRAB MUCH TALENT

Johnson is Said to Be Highest-Priced Individual Purchased.

GREATEST PLAYERS IN GAME

Some of the Men Signed Up by the Outlaws from the Topnotchers in Their Professions.

By FRANK G. MENCKE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—About \$700,000 worth of base ball talent has jumped to the Federal league since the "outlaw" organization began its flirtation with the diamond stars.

Walter Johnson ranks as the highest priced individual. Had he been placed on the open market he probably would have brought \$50,000. Joe Tinker was valued at \$25,000. "Rube" Marquard was worth \$11,000 when he came from the minors.

Ed Konetchy was valued at \$15,000 at the beginning of the 1914 season, but his work during 1914 fell off. Ray Wingo, the Cardinal catcher, was rated as a star of the first water and, no doubt, would have brought \$10,000 had he been offered for sale.

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Otto Knabe was ranked as one of the best second basemen in the game when he played with the Phillies. His value was about \$15,000. Knabe jumped to the Feds and now is manager of the Baltimore Feds.

Grab Good Catchers.

The Feds grabbed some mighty good catchers from the ranks of Organized Base Ball. The average value of the catchers they took is about \$5,000. They took about a dozen good catchers and they are after more.

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Included in the list of outfielders that the Feds have taken from Organized Base Ball are:

Frank Delehanty, Dan Murphy, Artie Hoffman, "Rebel" Oakes, Steve Evans, Charley McDonald, Johnny Bates, Konner, Guy Zinn, Chadbourne and Chisard. Some of these outfielders are past their prime. Some were in the recruit gang when the Feds got them. But all had a money value.

The Feds also got about fifty players from the minor league ranks. Every one of the minor leaguers they got had some money value. Probably the average price of each minor leaguer was around \$4,000, which means that \$200,000 worth of minor league talent was grabbed off by the Feds over a stretch of one year.

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Making Long Golf Drives Depends on Number of Things

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Women golfers usually are not long drivers and many a time attempts have been made to explain why it is so. Generally it is attributed to lack of strength in the wrists, and it is allowed to go at that.

Those who have delved into the technique of golf understood that the reason why a person can get a long drive is because he has learned how to control his club so that at the moment of impact with the ball the clubhead is traveling at all the speed the golfer can command.

On the speed of the clubhead, therefore, rests the secret of a long drive, provided, of course, the other essentials of the swing have not been overlooked.

To produce this result it is necessary to have strong forearms and wrists. This probably accounts why persons of slight physique, but at the same time having strength from the elbows to the tips of the fingers, can get distance. It is not the build of an ordinary woman to have powerful forearms and wrists, but where such is the case invariably they are long drivers.

As illustrations, take Miss Lillian B. Hyde, the metropolitan champion; Miss Marion Hollis, former title holder, and Miss Gladys Ravenscroft, erstwhile title holder for both Great Britain and the United States. When Miss Ravenscroft was in America her driving was a matter for wide comment and a glance at her wrists when she addressed the ball revealed the fact that she was able to make the clubhead travel so fast at the moment of impact that the ball had to go.

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MAY PERMIT DECISIONS

New York Officials Likely to Be Appointed Favor Such a Plan.

WILL BE HELD TO BOXING

New Orleans Now Has Law Allowing Official Stamp on Twenty-Round Bouts and Promoters Are Jubilant.

By RINGSIDE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—New York may follow the lead of New Orleans in permitting decisions in boxing bouts under the incoming administration, if plans now under consideration assume concrete form.

Should Governor-elect Whitman appoint three members of the State Athletic commission, which supervises boxing in this commonwealth, an effort will be made to amend the regulations calling for referee's decisions in ten-round bouts here.

The recent commissioners—James Price, Frank O'Neill and Major Dixon—are unequivocally opposed to the rendition of official decisions in boxing matches in this state. The project has been submitted to them several times, and each time the official stamp of disapproval was branded on the resolutions.

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Kid Williams Not Very Strong on Making Friends

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Considering his great work in the ring and since winning the bantamweight championship, Kid Williams has made remarkably few friends. It is hard to account for this. According to all precedent, the Baltimore Viking should have the flatter world at his feet for he is the only champion who is doing any real fighting worth mentioning.

In the ring Williams takes all sorts of chances. He has more fighting ability to the square inch than any other boxer of today of any degree or class. When he jumps through the ropes he seems to forget that he has a title to lose. Instead of playing safe, his one object is to land a crusher with the very least delay possible. And the number of times he succeeds is really remarkable when it is considered that he is a member of the lightest class.

As a rule, the percentage of knockouts varies according to the size of the opponent. The heavyweights, of course, lead on account of their superior brawn and the great weight behind their volleys. In the other classes the proportion of knockouts becomes smaller as the weight decreases. Yet Williams, the bantam, can point to as many decisive victories as any first class man of the heavier divisions.

If Williams were merely a crude slugger,

his reckless way of risking his title would be less worthy of note. But he is a clever boxer when he cares to play the game that way. He proved that when he out-boxed Johnny Godolin in that ten-round bout at Madison Square garden. Terry McGovern, Battling Nelson, Ad Wolgast and others of that type, who are constantly referred to as ideal champions, were hard fighters, but they knew no other way of milking. Had they been adepts at the hit-and-get-away style they might not have been so willing to make a fight of all their bouts. Williams, having all the courses to choose from, deserves all the more credit.

Nashville Fires Vets. The Nashville club last week asked waivers on the two veterans, Infielder Otto Williams and Pitcher Forrest More.

Official Batting Averages of American Association, 1914

Table with columns for Club, Name and Club, G, A, B, R, H, E, etc. listing batting averages for various players across different clubs.

Association to Try Developing Tennis With School Boys

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Officially the executives of the National Lawn Tennis association have decided to develop the game among the school boys of the country, especially in the eastern and southern sections. Careful analysis of the history of the most famous players in this country has brought to light the fact that all begin as boys. The unbroken line of victories won by the youngsters from California has demonstrated that the east was far behind the Pacific coast in encouraging school boys to take up the game.

Raymond B. Little, who will report a plan for the development of school boy tennis championships at the meeting of the executive committee, talked of the matter yesterday. "McLaughlin began to play when he was 12 years of age, Williams, the national champion started at the game at the tender age of 8 years; Karl Behr, Beals Wright, Nat Niles and George Church all began at approximately 10 years of age. The four last named, by the way, all started on the road to fame on the courts by winning the national interscholastic championship. Behr won in 1902 when he was at Lawrenceville school.

"All that the boys in this section of the country need is a chance for tournament competition. California has no monopoly on champions. It is not the climate or the playing surfaces or anything of that sort in California that produces skilful players. It is starting at the adaptable age and getting plenty of good, hard competition."

Entry Lists Clos Tonight for State Billiard Tourney

Entries for the state billiard tournament, which will be played two weeks, starting January 4, at Byrnes' billiard parlors, will close tonight. The play will be at 12.

Al Cain is the present champion, having copped that honor at the tourney last year. He will enter and defend his title against Harry Symes, Herbert McCoy and Art Sciple of Omaha, and George Mann of Lincoln and several other outside cranks who are coming here for blood. Will Chambers will not enter this year.

GOLF COURSE ON EAST SIDE OF THE RIVER ABANDONED. There will be no big eighteen-hole golf course on the other side of the Missouri river next year. The project, promulgated by a number of Omaha golfers who do not belong to the country clubs, has fallen through, temporarily at least.

It was planned to lay out a big course across the river and organize a golf club. It was thought that the Miller park crowd would join the new venture, as the Miller park course is but nine holes, and eighteen holes would be far more satisfactory. But the Miller park crowd didn't come over as expected, and the idea has been abandoned for the present. A few of the more ardent promoters have high hopes of renewing the enthusiasm in another year, and if they can get promises of a good membership plans will be formed for 1915.

Advertisement for Bond & Lillard whiskey, featuring an illustration of a man and a woman and text describing the quality and availability of the product.

Large advertisement for Luxus Beer, featuring a detailed illustration of a beer hall and text promoting the beer's quality and availability.