

DRAFT DEPLETES RANKS OF MAJORS

Indians, Red Sox, Athletics and Yankees Stripped of Valuable Men.

New York, Nov. 24.—That baseball will be actually hard hit, and probably wiped out in many cities, so far as the availability of 1917 players are concerned, is the idle dream of Ben Johnson or any of his advisers. So far, at least, there has been a scattering of players taken from the major leagues, no club has lost heavily in the matter of regulars.

Many of the regulars on all of the sixteen big league teams are subject to draft, but a fair per cent. of them are married. Uncle Sam's policy to take the single men without dependents first, means that a big per cent. of the regulars on all teams may escape the second call.

The Cleveland Indians lead all other teams in the matter of representative players. Lee Fohl has lost seven men, and in all seventeen members of the team were subject to the draft. The seven men wearing khaki are First Baseman Harris, Pitcher Klenf, Outfielder Elmer Smith, First Baseman Guisto, Pitcher Dickerson, Pitcher Torkelson and Infielder Evans. Catcher DeBerry may enlist in the navy, it is said.

Boston's Red Sox rank second in representatives who are doing their bit. Manager Barry, Outfielder Lewis and Shortstop, Pitcher Shantz and Infielder, Henry, are yomen in the naval reserve. First Baseman Hoblitzel may enlist. The Boston Braves lost their first player when Hank Gowdy set the pace for major leaguers by being the first one to enlist. He is an infielder, from Lawrence, Mass., has been drafted.

The Phillies, Senators and Reds have escaped the loss of players up to Nov. 15. The Mayor and Stock of the Phillies were called and exempted. Rico, Judge, Henry Foster and Ayres of the Senators have also been exempted, while none of Matt's players was drafted.

The Athletics have four men enrolled in the service in Third Baseman Ray Bates, Pitcher Noyes and Naylor and Outfielder Jack Sharman, secured from the Texas League who enlisted at Cincinnati a short time ago.

The Cubs and White Sox have not suffered any heavy losses to date. Scott of the Sox enlisted in the Officers' Reserve Corps, and Joe Jenkins, a catcher, was drafted. Schalk Weaver and Jackson were all called and exempted. Leslie Mann of the Cubs is engaged in Y.M.C.A. work. The rest have escaped so far.

Up to the middle of November none of the regulars of any New York club had become a soldier or sailor. Robertson and Anderson, of the Giants, were called and both claimed exemption. George Kelly is in the army, and Anderson was ordered to report for service. Robertson, it is believed, will also be called.

Pitcher Smallwood, of the Yankees, is now in the army, and Outfielder Gilheoley, it is believed, will be called out. Shawkey, Hendricks, Miller, Love and Walters have been exempted. Armand Marans may and may not be taken in the Cuban draft, as he is wintering in Havana.

Tom Fitzsimmons, of the Dodgers, enlisted. Leon Cudde, of the Braves, was drafted and Pfeiffer, Sherrod, Smith, Hickman, Stangel and Clarence Mitchell, secured by the Dodgers from Cincinnati, are all eligible. Mitchell was recently called, but his status was not determined at this writing.

Outfielder Yale Sloan and Baby Doll Jackson, of the Braves, are in the navy by enlistment, but neither has been called. Pitcher Fitcher, recalled by the Browns from Portland, is at Camp Pike, Ark. Jack Miller was the only member of the Cubs to be called up to a few days ago, and he put in a claim for exemption on account of dependents.

The Detroit Tigers lost First Baseman George Burns in the draft. He was called and possessed the exemption and is awaiting orders. Pitcher Willie Mitchell tried to get into the officers' training corps and failed. Warner, of the Pirates, is a member of the military police in Texas, while Ward and Carlson have been called out in the draft, and Grimes.

Babe Ruth Pitcher Is the Hardest Hitter in Baseball Today

Who is the hardest hitter in baseball today? The question conjures the names of Gabby Travers, Luderus, Cy Williams, Wally Pipp, Bob Veach, Joe Jackson and other names in extra base land.

In the past it resulted in the names of Dan Brouthers, Ed Delahanty and recently of Sam Crawford.

But if a number of American League pitchers are to be believed the honor in 1917, rested with none of these.

Eight out of ten pitchers when asked whom they considered the longest hitter declared without much hesitation in favor of Babe Ruth.

"A butt with that fellow is a double," one of them said. "Every time he is up I wonder how many boards he will knock off the fence."

"I'm not hitting regularly," said another. "He is not only the longest hitter in the league, he is also one of the most regular."

Ruth ordinarily doesn't get a whole lot of credit as a pitcher on account of his limited opportunities and his batting fame being dimmed by his pitching brilliance, but the record of his hitting has consistently earned 330, and that his extra base average is among the highest in the league.

Ruth plans to make capital of the art of fence busting.

No one knows better than Babe the realities of a knockout pitching arm. Realizing that the length of service in the big league for the average left-handed pitcher is somewhere between two and three years, Ruth plans to foil the jinx of left-handed pitchers and remain in the big leagues long after his effectiveness on the mound has faded on the strength of his hitting.

Even if Babe could not pitch, many clubs would be glad to keep him on the payroll as a pinch hitter.

The World's Select

BY CENTAUR

BOWIE.
FIRST RACE—Dairymen, Flapper, Frank Macklin.
SECOND RACE—Moosehead, Lady Gertrude, Wood Violet.
THIRD RACE—Owaga, Preston Lynn.
FOURTH RACE—Fetuccia, Master Karina, Merchant.
FIFTH RACE—Brother Jonathan, Handful, Amblion.
SIXTH RACE—Thornbloom, Euterpe, Battle Abbey.
SEVENTH RACE—Tiepin, Christie, Nigel.

TODAY'S ENTRIES

AT BOWIE.

Bowie, Md., Nov. 24.—The entries for Monday's races are:
FIRST RACE—Two-year-olds, 5 1/2 furlongs.
Fack of Spades, 114 Fire Test, 114 Maybawn, 111 Tolence, 114 Dairymen, 114 Frank Macklin, 114 Sun Kiss, 111 Water Toast, 111 Simon Fure, 114 Juana III, 114 Battelle, 111 Flapper, 112 Golden Soldier, 114 Top Boots, 114 Urtica, 111 Will Soon, 114 Ormick, 114 Thamar, 114 and 5 furlongs.
SECOND RACE—Claiming, 2-year-olds and 3 furlongs.
Nominée, 111 Celtiva, 110 Little Boy, 110 Tumble In, 110 Philistia, 110 Flying Dart, 110 Vocabulary, 110 Moose Head, 110 Katalia, 110 Lady Gertrude, 110 Wood Violet, 110 Sm. Brook, 110 Also eligible:
Heather Belle, 110 African Arrow, 110 Babetta, 110 Corydon, 110 THIRD RACE—Claiming, three-year-olds and up, six furlongs.
Freston Lynn, 114 Cardome, 111 Birdman, 114 Hope, 111 Birmann, 114 Scylla, 110 Salom, 110 Onwa, 110 Villay, 114 Leonella, 110 Anxiety, 110 Owaga, 110 Also eligible:
Parlor Boy, 114 Uncle Jimmie, 114 Costumer, 114 Little Nephew, 114 The Decision, 114 Lohengrin, 114 FOURTH RACE—Claiming, three-year-olds, one mile and twenty yards.
Dan, 110 Zouave, 110 Merchant, 110 Jessie D., 110 Woodring, 110 Master Karina, 110 G. M. Miller, 110 Jabor, 110 Rake Off, 110 Stalwart Helen, 110 Castor, 110 Baby Sister, 110 Anphion, 110 Miss Represent, 110 Rose Water, 110 Milton Campbell, 110 Brother Jonathan, 110 Buzz Around, 110 and up, one mile and a furlong.
Satur, 110 Pierrot, 110 Ella Ryan, 110 Euterpe, 110 Cousin Dan, 110 Lynn, 110 Gus Wood, 110 Harry Leader, 110 Thornbloom, 110 Billy Oliver, 110 The Busy Body, 110 Sam Slick, 110 Battle Abbey, 110 SEVENTH RACE—Selling, four years and up, 1 1/16 miles.
Nigel, 110 The Million, 110 Sea Beach, 110 Kilmer, 110 Silk Bird, 110 Edith Baumann, 110 Christie, 110 The Pin, 110 *Apprentice allowance claimed.
Weather clear, track fast.

BOWIE RESULTS

Bowie, Md., Nov. 24.—The following are the results of today's races:
FIRST RACE—Two-year-olds, selling, one mile.
1. Garonne, 99 (Mergier), \$27.40, \$12.60, \$8.70.
2. Sunny Hill, 103 (Trotter), \$10.60, \$8.40, \$5.60.
3. Green Grass, 108 (Sterling), \$5.50, \$4.20, \$2.80.
4. Time 1-4-4, Wood Violet, Star Right, Little Boy, Dairose, George W. Avery, Wickack, Tread Lightly II and Killarney also ran.

SECOND RACE—Two-year-olds, The Bowie Juvenile Handicap, 7 furlongs.
1. Fragonard, 114 (Butwell), \$6.40, \$2.70, \$1.50.
2. Orlando of Havana, 115 (Dominick), \$2.50, \$2.10, \$1.40.
3. Game Cock, 106 (Walls), \$2.40, \$2.10, \$1.40.
4. Time 1-27. Senator Broderick, Sixteen to One also ran.

THIRD RACE—Three-year-olds and up, claiming, 1 1/16 miles.
1. Sir Wm. Johnson, 110 (Farrington), \$27.30, \$11.20, \$8.20.
2. Blue Thistle, 111 (Kummer), \$4.70, \$2.40, \$1.40.
3. Edith Baumann, 102 (Mooney), \$4.70, \$2.40, \$1.40.
4. Time 1-50 4-8. Andes, King Hamburg, Lucky R., Handful, Early Morn, Milton Campbell, Old Pop, Saturn and Tinkle Bell also ran.

FOURTH RACE—The Endurance Handicap, for all ages, one mile.
1. Highland Lad, 117 (Strilling), \$7.50, \$3.20, \$1.90.
2. Pinhouse, 114 (Ambrose), \$7.10, \$3.50, \$2.10.
3. Hauberk, 126 (Butwell), \$2.40, \$1.40, \$1.10.
4. Time 1-42 1/4. Fredrick, Alrman, Judge Wingfield and Barry Shannon also ran.

FIFTH RACE—The Columbus Purse, all ages, six furlongs.
1. Startling, 122 (Butwell), \$6.60, \$4.20, \$2.50.
2. Ultimatum, 106 (Buxton), \$5, \$3.80, \$2.40.
3. Water Lad, 103 (Troise), \$3.50, \$2.10, \$1.40.
4. Time 1:12 3/4. Peep Sight, Mellora, Ross Finn, Tsa Caddy, Babcock also ran.

SIXTH RACE—Three-year-olds and up, claiming, 1 1/4 miles.
1. Buckles, 95 (T. Rowan), \$202.30, \$63.90, \$13.80.
2. Greetings, 98 (Troise), \$4.50, \$2.50, \$1.40.
3. Christie, 111 (Hammer), \$2, \$1.40, \$1.10.
4. Time 2:13. Old Ben, Jackett, Lady Edwin, Cousin Dan, and Rake Off also ran.

SEVENTH RACE—Three-year-olds and up, selling, one mile and 70 yards.
1. Fountain, 107 (Rice), \$11.50, \$3.10, \$1.80.
2. Vermont, 110 (Collins), \$5, \$3.80, \$2.40.
3. Firing Line, 91 (Wessley), \$5.60, \$2.70, \$1.60.
4. Time 1:48 1/2. Ellison, Water Witch, Bond, Ruda's Brother, Star Finch, Progressive and Sea Beach also ran.

No More Auto Racing During War's Progress

New York, Nov. 24.—The contest board of the American Automobile Association, which governs automobile racing in this country, today decided not to issue any more sanctions for motor contests during the period of war exigency. This practically means the abandoning of automobile racing until after the war, it was stated.

Wonderful Comeback Record of Pop Geers

Those who were sympathizing with Pop Geers and expressing regret over his leaving the veteran Tennessee reinerman early in the season need not take a hint at the summaries of the last few meetings of the big ring and then cease worrying.

The man who has been the idol of the harness tracks for more than a quarter of a century started off badly, it is true, but he got going at a great rate, and in the two-year-old trotter, the same day, the aged horse, St. Frisco, has two of the greatest performers now racing—a pair which will land the veteran teaming column.

The defeat of Mabel Trask by St. Frisco twice within a period of three days was the sensation of the eastern track, and at the close of the season the big horse, in winning the second heat of the Poughkeepsie race, trotted in 2:04 1/2, a new record for a trotting stallion.

In their great series of duels in the Grand Circuit, stakes in 1916 the mare defeated St. Frisco eight out of eleven times, and at the close of the season was clearly the best. The only time the stallion really looked superior to the mare was in the race for the \$10,000 Empire Stake at Syracuse.

Previous to the Poughkeepsie mile of was held jointly by the Harvesters and St. Frisco in 1911 in a match with the Al-bert, and at the close of the season a race over the Fort Erie track in 1910, a heat from Lee Axworthy in the same time in the match race at North Randall, in which a new three-hat record was established.

Previous to the mile by the Harvesters the race record for stallions was the 2:05 1/2 of Cereus, made at Brighton Beach in 1911 in a match with the Al-bert, the latter driven by Geers, so it can be seen that the veteran from Tennessee has had much to do with establishing race records for stallions.

On Nov. 24, St. Frisco trotted the last half in 1:00, the last quarter in 28%. In his winning heat at Hartford he trotted the last quarter in 29% and 53%, and the last quarter in 29% and 53%.

Last season Mabel Trask possessed more brush for a short distance than St. Frisco in the majority of their races. The mare could outpace him in going an eighth after trading him in the stretch.

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