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JOHNNY COUCH'S ABILITY OVERLOOKED

Until Cincinnati Reds Took Him This Year—Now a Star.

Every once in a while some minor league player comes into the big leagues late in life and displays evidence which leads us to believe instead of being a case of "many are called but few are chosen," big league picking is frequently a case of many being overlooked in the choosing.

But in spite of the evidence provided by a Bancroft, a Cravath or a "Babe" Adams coming into the big league and becoming immediate stars after the age at which big league scouts will even consider minor leaguers as possible big league material, those who do the "picking" still insist on so-called "young blood" with the result that many high-class players in the minors who have turned twenty-five are being overlooked year after year.

One of the latest instances has served to show up this habit of continually overlooking players who have arrived at big league efficiency after the age at which they are considered as "big league material" is the case of Johnny Couch, this year one of the star pitchers of the Cincinnati National League club.

Couch has been pitching professional baseball for nine years, and this is the first real chance he has drawn to show his wares in the big league because, in spite of the good work he had been doing with the San Francisco club, of the Pacific Coast League, he was no longer classed as a "youngster."

He was born in Great Falls, Montana, but moved to California when a mere boy and has lived since in Palo Alto, Cal. He was first signed by the San Francisco club in 1914 but was farmed out to the Texas League and the Union Association for two seasons. In 1916 he pitched for San Francisco and did so well that he was picked up by Detroit, but he was given a chance to work in only part of one game with the Tigers, and went back to the Coast League again. In 1918 he was in the army and saw service overseas as a lieutenant. Mustered out in 1919 he rejoined the San Francisco team and was its mainstay in the box for two seasons. Last year he won 25 games and lost 15 for the Seals.

Then along came the Reds and purchased him during the winter, but they didn't pay the high price for Couch that the San Francisco club has been getting for its other stars. Yet Couch has shown since the start of the season that in getting him they did get a "star," just the same.

Couch is a fine character to have on any ball club, and is a cool, intelligent worker—in a ball game. When the veteran pitchers of the Reds, Rixey and Leque, were unable to get started early in the season, it was the work of two newcomers, Couch and Pete Donohue, that managed to keep the Reds up in the race. And when Donohue hurt his arm and was out of action Couch alone carried the team through to many victories in which defeat would have meant a drop to the lowest depths of the second division.

CHOICE COLLECTION OF AMATEUR GOLFERS What promises to be the greatest invitation golf tournament ever staged will be held at Southampton, L.I., starting August 24th, and continuing for the next two days. Both the British and United States teams which will compete in the Walker Cup contests will be among the starters, and the affair will be a miniature of the National amateur championship, with the field culled down to the topnotchers on both sides of the water.

With Quimet, Evans, Jones, Guilford, Fowkes, Sweetzer, Marsden, Gardiner, Johnston and Knepfer, representing the leading talent for America, and Wethered, Tolley, Torrance, Darwin, Hohman, Aymer, Cavan, Mackenzie and Hambro on hand to uphold the traditions of British golf, the event promises to attract keen interest.

DAVIS CUP TEAM NAMED FOR U.S. The Davis Cup Committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association has announced the names of William T. Tilden, II, of Philadelphia; Wm. M. Johnston, of San Francisco; Vincent Richards, of Yonkers; and R. Norris Williams, II, of Boston, as the team to defend the historic cup at Forest Hills on September, 1st, 2nd and 4th.

ONCE BIG LEAGUE OUTFIELDER DIES

Thomas P. McCarthy Known in Old Days as One of the "Heavenly Twins."

Thomas P. McCarthy, former major league star, known to baseball fans of other days as one of the "heavenly twins," died at Boston. The other twin, Hugh Duffy, is now manager of the Boston Americans.

From 1887 to 1891 McCarthy played the outfield for the St. Louis Browns in the old American Association under Charles Comiskey. It was as a member of the famous old Boston Red Stocking champions from 1891 to 1895 that he gained his greatest fame.

As a team mate of Duffy, Bobby Lowe, Herman Long, Fred Tenney and Billy Nash, McCarthy was regarded as one of the heaviest hitters and fastest fielding players of his day.

Following his transfer from Boston to Brooklyn in 1896 he retired to go into business with Duffy. McCarthy subsequently coached the Dartmouth, Holy Cross and Boston college baseball teams. As coach at Holy Cross he developed Bill Carrigan, advising the change which made him a catcher instead of an outfielder and advised Jack Barry to relinquish his hopes of becoming a pitcher to play shortstop.

Cup Officials Name Players For U.S. Team

America's defense of the Davis cup, emblematic of world supremacy in tennis, will be in the hands of the present national champion, two of his predecessors and a youngster new to international competition, when the challenge round is played at Forest Hills, L.I., Sept. 1st, 2nd and 4th.

William T. Tilden, 2d, of Philadelphia, present title holder, William M. Johnston of San Francisco and R. Norris Williams, 2d, of Boston, both title holders of the past, and Vincent Richards of Yonkers will compose the team.

The selections were made after a three-hour session of the Davis cup committee which has spent the last few weeks watching all the best players in the country. Which of them will play in the singles and doubles was not decided and probably will not be made known until twenty-four hours before play starts.

The appointment of Richards who though only nineteen years old is the third ranking player in the country, came as a surprise. Richards is a protegee of Tilden and first came into prominence in the tennis world when, paired with the Philadelphian, he became a national doubles champion when but 15 years old. He is the present junior champion, and while critics agree that his style is not completely developed, they conceded him to be one of the best volley stars on the courts.

Twin Boxers The Hahn twins are not generally known in fistic circles, although Bernie, the flashy bantam, has punched his way to a contender's place in the championship glare.

Bernie and Bennie Hahn are from turbulent West Virginia, and while Bernie fights out of Wheeling he resides in Weilsburg, within a few miles of the recent mine war at the Cliftonville (W. Va.) mines.

Bernie owns a large farm and really has spent some time as a true rustic, but Brother Bennie is the genuine farmer. Still, he finds time on the side to aid Bernie in his training, though he himself never has considered the professional side of the arena.

While the two are twins, Bernie's has an edge in weight and does the most of his battling at the 122-pound mark at 3 o'clock. Bennie is a 119-pounder and despite the lure of the ring, as painted by Bernie, does not have the inclination to take it up as a means of livelihood.

Hahn battled Patsy Brannigan, veteran bantam, at New Castle, the fight being postponed for over four hours while an electrical storm played havoc with the lighting plant. The bout got under way at 1.15 a.m. and Hahn punched out an easy win over the old-timer, who was game and kept coming.

LITTLE BITS.

It is rumored that the Plumbers, newly crowned kings of the Mercantile League, are giving a banquet to the members of the press who have supported them so consistently this year. So far the rumor has not been confirmed.

For the second time since the re-organization of the Mercantile Baseball League the Plumbers have taken the championship but the big silver trophy donated by Arthur Horwitz has come into their possession for the first time.

Once more the Toronto Leafs are crowding the .500 mark as the result of another win over Reading.

Port Hope, although in the cellar position in the Central Ontario League, pulled a surprise and put it over Cobourg, league leaders, in a ten inning game. Derry was throwing for the losers.

Several young fellows about town are gathering up odd bits of rugby apparel preparatory to turning out for the practices of the Limestone, who will play exhibition games this fall.

With Queen's sporting four or five teams, R.M.C. at least two, K.C.I. one, and perhaps one from Regiopolis, to say nothing of the squad from Limestone, Kingston is going to be some rugby town this fall.

Patterson, Australian tennis player, does not think much of the English spectators at the Wimbledon tournament. He claims they have a great lack of sportsmanship during the matches.

It seems that every state in the United States has a different set of boxing laws and a different interpretation of similar rules. Why not one good set of laws for the whole country?

shooting match and a saving of much valuable time and newspaper space?

The greatest speed ever attained by a motorboat was the 80.567 miles an hour attained by Miss America II last year.

Mat McGrath's record of 40 feet 6.33 inches (made in 1911) still stands as the world's mark for putting the 56-pound weight.

Erre Scott has acquired the hitting habit since going to New York.

Pitcher Hasty of the Athletics consumes just as much time in pitching as do other big league twirlers.

Bunny Hearne, veteran pitcher, has been made manager of the Wilson team of the Virginia league, succeeding Tom Clarke.

Mar Flack, outfielder for the Chicago Nationals, was traded to the St. Louis Cardinals for Cliff Heathcote, also an outfielder.

Trustee of Cranton Bowl have received a telegram from Connie Mack accepting Montgomery's invitation for the Athletics to train there next spring.

Seven former Manhattan battery men were in the points on the same day in the American association recently, namely: Cullip, Jonard, Krueger, Koehler, Gonzales, Rogers and Gossett.

Frank Keck, sold by the Springfield Western Association club to the Cincinnati National for \$10,000 or thereabouts, joined Springfield as a free agent.

Wichita Falls' sale of Pitcher Clarence Durrough to Omaha caused some surprise in Texas league circles, as he was about the best looking pitcher on the Spudders' staff.

Hubert ("Dutch") Leonard of the Detroit American league club will pitch for the Fresno club of the San Joaquin Valley league during the remainder of the baseball season.

Pitcher Roy Appleton, transferred by Fort Worth to Puris of the Texas-Oklahoma league, has been shipped on to Stamford of the West Texas circuit.

The Skillcorn Ball Club. At Watsonville, Cal., the Skillcorn baseball team is all in the family.

"Pop" Skillcorn raised these nine brothers on the bat, as it were. A baseball fan of many years' standing, "Pop" decided that it was not mere accident that Fate had decreed him nine boys. It's said to be the only all-brother team in the world. And they're all grown up except Elmer, eleven, who plays right field. When, in a few years, he's old enough to be a real figure the Skilligan brothers will be a combination hard to beat.

The team consists of William, 33; George, 30; Charles, 29; James, 26; Archie, 24; Eddie, 20; Kenneth, 18; Amos, 17 and Harry, 11.

Also there are four girls in the family, who go along as rooters.

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Keelerville News Budget. Keelerville, Aug. 9.—A grant of \$2,000 has been given by the county to be expended on the road. Robert E. Tighe was appointed as overseer. Farmers have about completed haying and have started cutting grain. A severe electrical storm passed over here on Friday last. William Dixon's barn was totally destroyed by lightning. The stork visited this community recently, leaving a boy at William Dixon's; a girl at Edward Hogle's, and a girl at Wallace Jack-

son's. Charles Clark is having a veranda erected to his house. Alexander Jackson is having lightning rods put on his buildings. Master Jack and Robb Sleeth, Cedar Lake, are spending a few days with Master Charles and Joseph Clark, Miss Isabel Clark, Cedar Lake, is the guest of Miss Mabel Robb. Mr. and Mrs. George Gilbert and family, Gananoco, visited at J. E. Anglin's recently. Mrs. (Dr.) Bridge, Iowa, and Miss C. Curson, Battersea, spent a day last week at Charles Clark's.

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