Recruit Conway Touted As Catcher---National League Fielding Averages

McALEER MAY TRY OUT CONWAY BEHIND THE BAT

Outfielder, Purchased From Youngstown Club, Said to Be Clever Backstop—Orth Collins Quits the Game.

By WILLIAM PEET.

One of the new players to be tried out by Manager Jimmy McAleer next spring will be Charley Conway, of Youngstown, Ohio, an outfielder, with the reputation of being a heavy hitter.

There is a possibility that McAleer will try Conway behind the bat in case the latter does not fill the bill in the field, as it is claimed by many that a mighty good catcher was spoiled when Conway was shifted to the outer garden.

Two years ago Conway was the best backstop in the Pennsylvania and West Virginia League, playing with the Charleroi club. He did not finish out the season for financial reasons, and was signed up by Youngstown, of the O. and P. League, Youngstown being Conway's home. As the Youngstown management was well fortified with catching material, Conway was induced to try outfield, which he did with considerable success.

Last season he continued as an outfielder, and ranked up among the top-notchers, but it is claimed that Conway's place is behind the bat, and McAleer may give the young man a chance to see what he can do in this position.

The writer's informant also states that Conway's habits are exemplary. He is described as weighing 185 pounds, 5 feet 10 inches tall, and twenty-four years old. As a catcher Conway's throwing and hitting were his strong points, his one weakness being on the bases, but his slowness did not handicap him so much in the minor leagues, as he usually stung the ball hard, oftentimes for extra sacks.

Before Manager McAleer left town last fall he made the statement when the question of trades was brought up that he would trade anybody on the Nationals if by so doing he thought he could strengthen his club, all of which furnishes a good excuse for a story that Gabby Street may be traded.

The only deal McAleer would consider for Street would be one involving another catcher, and catchers of major league caliber are scarce enough these days, so it looks very much as if Gabby would continue to wear a Washington uniform for some time to come.

Orth Collins, a Washington boy, who was purchased by the Nationals from Buffalo and then sent to Minneapolis during August of the 1909 season, has quit the game for good. He is at present in the South, but expects to return to the Capital, and will enter one of the government departments about the first of February.

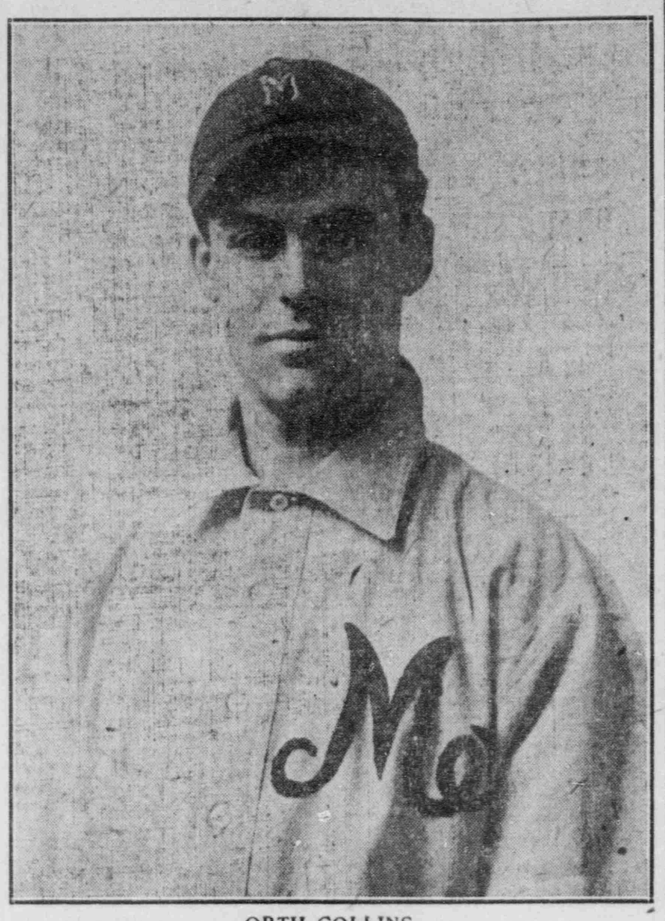
Collins had trouble with his eyes during the past season and was unable to play. This affliction alone is all that keeps him out of the big leagues, so his friends claim.

Owen Moran's victory over Battling Nelson does not make the Briton a champion. Not that we want to rob Moran of any glory, but the fact that he knocked out the Dane does not make him any greater than he was before he entered the ring with Nelson last Saturday.

Moran did exactly what was expected of him. He whipped a man who has been steadily going back for a year or more. He beat a has-been. When Wolgast stopped Nelson and won the lightweight championship it proved that the once durable Dane had seen his best days. He tried to come back, but like many others, failed. He met an ordinary boy named La Farge a few weeks ago and was fortunate to secure a draw. This showed how far back the Dane had gone. He was really made to order for Moran.

Nelson, unlike other champions we have had, lived a clean life. Fast living was not the cause of his undoing. He simply wore himself out fighting. His downfall had to come. Nelson, when things were coming his way, was a thrifty lad. He saved his money and through sensible investment has accumulated a snug fortune. But his reputation will live for years. He was a great battler. Nelson never was even awkwardly clever. In all his battles he had to take a bad beating, but was such a glutton for punishment that his opponents wore themselves out trying to beat him to the floor. When his opponent grew weaker Nelson became stronger. It was this punishment that gradually robbed him of the stamina. It can always be truly said that Nelson really beat himself. He wore himself out fighting.

QUITS BASEBALL FOR GOOD.



ORTH COLLINS,

Washington boy who has been forced to give up diamond career on account of defective eyesight.

TAYLOR TO RULE THE RED SOX WITH AN IRON HAND IN 1911

President Taylor, of the Boston Red Sox, has delivered an ultimatum. All players who sign with him for 1911 must give their best efforts to the club or else leave promptly for other fields of endeavor. The shirkers and those who are out for the long-distance highball record will find no welcome on the Boston team.

President Taylor says: "I certainly intend to make a few changes before another season. Discipline is to prevail. In the years since I controlled this club we have followed a policy of trusting implicitly to the ball players, allowing them to conduct themselves off the ball field as they saw fit, and relying upon them to do their share of the work on the ball field. Last season's results show the fallacy of that system.

"On the ball field one of the big things I am going to insist upon this season is the running out of hits. The pitchers have been the chief offenders in this respect for the past two seasons.

"When a pitcher has been working in a hard game and comes to bat in the seventh or eighth inning with two men out and one on, I will have no fault to find if he takes it easy on a batted ball that is an apparent out, because he has his work to keep up in the box. Otherwise, I shall expect and insist that pitchers run out batted balls.

"Another thing I will not stand for is the constant dodging of their turn in the box that some pitchers got away with last season. There were more sore-armed pitchers on my team when we hit Detroit or Philadelphia last season than there are clowns in a three-ring circus, and every time we hit Washington or St. Louis these 'sore arms' were wonderfully strong and well.

"There will be no loafing by ball players in my employ next summer, and those who find that they must loaf will be allowed to go and do their loafing with other clubs."

Taylor is worrying over Jake Stahl's reported decision to retire, and it is said that he has had his secretary, Hugh McBreen, in Chicago trying to induce Jake to change his mind about leaving baseball for banking. Stahl's place at first would be hard to fill, and if he has really made up his mind to abandon the national game, Taylor would have to do some rapid scouting for a good first sacker.

MAYFLOWER TEAM TIES THE APACHES

Both Eleyens Have Chances to Score but Fail.

In the first of the two well played games at Seventeenth and D streets southeast yesterday the Apache A. C. football eleven held the U. S. S. Mayflower team to a 0 to 0 score.

The game opened up with Smith kicking to Thompson, who ran the ball back 15 yards, and after two tackle plays the Apaches punted and succeeded in holding the Bluejackets for downs. An end run by Snyder and a parade of line plunges by the Apaches brought the oval within striking distance, when Steinmeyer attempted a drop kick, but the ball fell short.

The second period opened with America trying a tackle play plunge, but he met a stonewall defense. The Sailors then started down the field toward the Apache's goal, but when within striking distance a fumble gave the ball to the Indians.

With but a short time to play Steinmeyer again tried for a field goal, but missed by a small margin.

The Apaches opened the second half by kicking off to Dulin, who ran the ball back 20 yards. The Sailors then started a steady march toward the Apache's goal, but the Indians braced and held them for downs. Thompson circled left end for a 50-yard run, but the Bluejackets held for downs. The fourth period opened up with the Apaches working a forward pass, but a bad fumble by Luscombe gave the ball to the Sailors. The Bluejackets started again for the Apache's goal, but were held for downs. The Apaches brought the ball to the Sailors' 20-yard line, from where Steinmeyer made his third attempt at a field goal, but the attempt was blocked by Lawrence, who recovered the oval for the Sailors.

Line-up and summary:

Apaches.	Positions.	Sailors.
Snyder	left end	Dulin
Solbach, America	left tackle	Moran, Sheers
B. Gannon	left guard	Hayden
Smithson	center	Jones, Cornell
P. Gannon, Holland	right guard	Lawrence
Bosley	right tackle	Gray, White
Johnson, Ritenour	right end	Stubbs
Luscombe	quarter back	Smith
Steinmeyer	left half back	Meyers
Licariosi	right half back	Young
Thompson	full back	Cohen

Referee—Mr. Smith. Umpire—Mr. Ralph. Field judge—Mr. Crooch. Head linesman—Mr. Murray. Time of periods—10 minutes.

"Bulldog" on Long Run.

Liberally bespattered with mud and showing other outward effects of heavy weather, an Abbot-Detroit "bulldog" arrived here last night, after covering 17,000 miles on its 100,000-mile endurance run. The car is in charge of Dr. Charles G. Percival, a magazine writer, of New York.

On a clear night a red light of one candle power is visible a mile, and one of three candle power two miles.

TWO ALL-STAR COLLEGE NINES PICKED FROM MAJOR LEAGUES

NATIONAL. Player.	Club.	Position.	AMERICAN. Player.	Club.
Chance	Chicago	First base	Davis	Philadelphia.
Shean	Boston	Second base	Collins	Philadelphia.
Devlin	New York	Third base	Lord	Chicago.
Doolan	Philadelphia	Shortstop	Barry	Philadelphia.
Campbell	Pittsburg	Left field	Birmingham	Cleveland.
Murray	New York	Right field	Gessler	Washington.
Bescher	Cincinnati	Center field	Cree	New York.
Meyers	New York	Catcher	Sweeney	New York.
Dooin	Philadelphia	Catcher	Henry	Washington.
Mathewson	New York	Pitcher	Bender	Philadelphia.
Reulbach	Chicago	Pitcher	Coombs	Philadelphia.
Scanlon	Brooklyn	Pitcher	White	Chicago.
Beebe	Cincinnati	Pitcher	Joss	Cleveland.
Overall	Chicago	Pitcher	Mitchell	Cleveland.

Few fans realize how many former college stars are now earning their luxuries by playing baseball. It would be an easy matter to pick two star teams composed entirely of collegians from the two major leagues. They would shape up about as follows:

On the National League team Chance and Overall are from the University of California, Shean and Dooin from Fordham, Devlin from Georgetown, Doolan from Villanova, Campbell from Vanderbilt, Murray, Bescher, and Reulbach from Notre Dame, Meyers from Dartmouth, Mathewson from Bucknell, Scanlan from Syracuse, and Beebe is a graduate of Illinois.

Davis of the American League aggregation is a Girard man, Collins is from Columbia, Lord from Bates, Barry from Holy Cross, Birmingham from Cornell, Gessler from Johns Hopkins, Cree from Pennsylvania State, Sweeney from St. Ignatius, Henry from Amherst, Bender from Carlisle, Coombs from Colby, White from Georgetown, Joss from Wisconsin, and Mitchell from the Memphis Agricultural College.

These teams would certainly draw a crowd, and it seems a pity that some enterprising manager cannot get them together for a series before Ban Johnson sets his substantial foot on barn-storming tours and crushes them out of existence.

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BROOKLYNS LEAD IN TEAM FIELDING

Official Averages of National League Are Announced.

The official fielding averages of the National League for the last season show that the Brooklyns as a team are on top, with .964. The Chicago Cubs are next, with .963, and the Pittsburgs are third, with .961. The Giants are seventh, with .955. Individual records show that Capt. Chance, of the Cubs, leads the first basemen, with .996 for 87 games. Konetchy, of St. Louis, and Daubert, of Brooklyn, each taking part in 144 games, have .991 and .990, respectively. Merkle, of the Giants, is eighth in the list, with .981 for 144 games.

Hummel, of Brooklyn, practically leads the second basemen, with .965 for 153 games, though McKechnie, of Pittsburg, has a better average for 36 games. Huggins, of St. Louis, and Egan, of Cincinnati, have .963 and .961, respectively. Larry Doyle, of the Giants, brings up the rear, with .939 for 151 games.

FIRST BASEMEN.

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	Pct.
Chance, Chicago	87	773	38	3	.996
Konetchy, St. Louis	144	1499	98	15	.991
Daubert, St. Louis	144	1418	72	10	.990
Sharp, Pitts. & Bos.	117	1158	84	16	.987
Hyatt, Pittsburg	38	323	19	5	.986
Hoblitzell, Cincinnati	148	1454	67	24	.984
Bransfield, Philadelphia	110	1026	51	20	.982
Merkle, New York	144	1390	84	29	.981
Loderus, Chicago & Phila.	36	335	19	7	.981
Sweeney, Boston	17	168	16	4	.979
Hofman, Chicago	24	212	8	5	.978
Flynn, Pittsburg	93	869	49	22	.977
Archer, Chicago	49	381	17	10	.975
Ward, Philadelphia	32	292	23	8	.975
Beck, Boston	19	186	9	5	.975

SECOND BASEMEN.

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	Pct.
McKechnie, Pittsburg	36	89	112	6	.971
Hummel, Brooklyn	153	344	424	23	.965
Huggins, St. Louis	151	335	452	30	.963
Egan, Cincinnati	131	294	381	26	.961
Knabe, Philadelphia	136	363	381	37	.954
Shean, Boston	148	408	493	44	.953
Evers, Chicago	125	282	347	33	.950
Zimmerman, Chicago	32	73	73	8	.948
Miller, Pittsburg	119	266	321	33	.947
Walsh, Philadelphia	28	53	72	7	.947
Doyle, New York	151	313	388	53	.939

THIRD BASEMEN.

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	Pct.
Zimmerman, Chicago	23	37	40	1	.987
Lennox, Brooklyn	100	135	149	15	.950
Sweeney, Boston	21	39	53	5	.948
Steinfeldt, Chicago	128	137	246	22	.946
McElveen, Brooklyn	54	72	78	9	.943
Grant, Philadelphia	153	159	256	31	.936
Devlin, New York	147	179	284	33	.933
Woodruff, Cincinnati	17	28	28	4	.933
Lobert, Cincinnati	90	123	164	21	.932
Byrne, Pittsburg	147	167	289	35	.929
Mowrey, St. Louis	141	171	301	37	.927
Herzog, Boston	105	110	223	31	.915
Getz, Boston	22	23	42	6	.915
Downey, Cincinnati	41	65	89	15	.911

SHORTSTOPS.

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	Pct.
Doolan, Philadelphia	148	283	500	43	.948
Bridwell, New York	141	304	417	41	.946
Tinker, Chicago	152	277	411	42	.942
Smith, Brooklyn	100	254	318	36	.941
Wagner, Pittsburg	137	337	413	52	.935
Hauser, St. Louis	117	212	345	41	.931
McMillan, Brook. & Cin.	105	219	336	47	.921
Abbaticchio, Pitts. & Bos.	47	75	150	23	.907
Sweeney, Boston	110	232	300	57	.903
Fletcher, New York	22	31	37	8	.896
Stark, Brooklyn	30	68	90	19	.893
Downey, Cincinnati	68	136	192	45	.879
Hulswitt, St. Louis	30	39	78	20	.854
Zimmerman, Chicago	26	46	69	24	.828

OUTFIELDERS.

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	Pct.
Kane, Chicago	18	21	0	0	1.000
Abbott, St. Louis	21	52	2	1	.982
Collins, Boston	181	255	23	9	.977
Sheckard, Chicago	143	308	21	8	.976
Titus, Philadelphia	142	226	22	6	.976
Hofman, Chicago	110	249	19	7	.975
Magee, Philadelphia	154	285	9	8	.974
H. Smith, Brooklyn	16	33	4	1	.974
Wilson, Pittsburg	146	255	23	8	.972
Becker, New York	45	63	7	2	.972
Snodgrass, New York	101	214	12	7	.970
Goode, Boston	23	56	7	2	.969
Schulte, Chicago	150	221	18	8	.968
Evans, St. Louis	141	228	16	8	.968
Clarke, Pittsburg	118	284	10	10	.967
Leach, Pittsburg	131	252	14	13	.966
Dalton, Brooklyn	72	129	12	5	.966
Zacher, N. Y. & St. L.	37	78	7	3	.966
Beck, Boston	134	293	19	12	.963
Wheat, Brooklyn	156	254	21	15	.962
Davidson, Brooklyn	131	283	11	12	.961
Moran, Boston	20	39	7	2	.959
Mitchell, Cincinnati	149	257	19	12	.958
Paskert, Cincinnati	139	336	25	17	.957
Burch, Brooklyn	70	124	11	6	.957
Beaumont, Chicago	56	107	5	5	.937
Bates, Philadelphia	131	308	24	16	.954
Thomas, Philadelphia	29	38	2	2	.952
Miller, Chicago & Boston	130	203	9	11	.951
Murray, New York	148	286	26	16	.948
Bescher, Cincinnati	150	339	16	20	.947
W. Miller, Cincinnati	26	44	7	3	.944
Ellis, St. Louis	141	268	25	18	.942
Oakes, St. Louis	127	266	12	18	.939
Walsh, Philadelphia	26	58	1	4	.937
Seymour, New York	76	137	9	10	.936
Devore, New York	130	191	13	16	.929
Coulson, Brooklyn	25	43	4	4	.922
Campbell, Pittsburg	74	143	8	18	.895

CATCHERS.

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	PB.	Pct.
Moran, Philadelphia	56	278	83	4	6	.989
Miller, Brooklyn	28	116	37	2	4	.987
Schlei, New York	49	165	43	3	3	.986
Gibson, Pittsburg	143	633	203	14	8	.984
McLean, Cincinnati	119	465	158	11	13	.983
Needham, Chicago	27	131	31	3	3	.982
Bergen, Brooklyn	89	373	151	10	5	.981
Kling, Chicago	86	407	118	11	10	.979
Phelps, St. Louis	80	320	84	10	9	.978
Wilson, New York	26	95	22	3	2	.975
Clarke, Cincinnati	56	217	62	8	8	.971
Archer, Chicago	49	229	80	10	2	.970
Meyers, New York	117	639	154	25	17	.969
Graham, Boston	87	318	132	16	7	.966
Bariden, Boston	49	177	75	10	5	.962
Bresnahan, St. Louis	77	395	109	16	12	.961
Dooin, Philadelphia	91	472	131	28	10	.956
Erwin, Brooklyn	68	259	114	20	10	.949
Smith, Boston	38	138	66	11	5	.949

PITCHERS.

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	Pct.
Scanlan, Brooklyn	34	4	49	0	1.000
Leever, Pittsburg	25	3	35	0	1.000
Lewis, Chicago	25	5	43	0	1.000
Sallee, St. Louis	18	2	34	0	1.000
Barger, Brooklyn	35	9	87	1	.999
Crandall, New York	42	12	49	1	.984
Leifield, Pittsburg	40	13	75	2	.978
Rucker, Brooklyn	41	6	89	2	.977
McQuillan, Philadelphia	24	3	39	1	.977
Bell, Brooklyn	44	8	74	2	.976
Frock, Pitts. & Boston	46	7	71	2	.975
Raymond, New York	19	3	36	1	.975
Camnitz, Pittsburg	38	14	87	2	.973
Mattern, Boston	51	12	99	3	.971
Ewing, Philadelphia	34	5	60	2	.970
Mathewson, New York	38	12	114	4	.989
Phillippe, Pittsburg	31	8	18	1	.963
Wilhelm, Brooklyn	15	2	24	1	.963
M. Brown, Chicago	46	10	92	4	.962
Maddox, Pittsburg	20	1	24	1	.962
Curtis, Boston	43	9	102	5	.957
Suggs, Cincinnati	55	8	81	4	.957
Corridon, St. Louis	30	10	56	3	.956
Beebe, Cincinnati	35	9	74	4	.954
Willis, St. Louis	33	11	71	4	.953
Reulbach, Chicago	24	6	53	3	.952
Richie, Boston & Chicago	32	8	45	3	.946
McIntire, Chicago	28	4	48	3	.945
Stack, Philadelphia	20	3	27	2	.938
Brennan, Philadelphia	19	2	13	1	.938
Foxen, Phila. & Chicago	18	1	29	2	.938
Moore, Philadelphia	46	3	87	4	.937
Moren, Philadelphia	34	11	56	5	.931
Gaspar, Cincinnati	48	6	73	6	.929
Ferguson, Boston	26	6	33	3	.929
C. Brown, Boston	46	10	89	7	.928
Lush, St. Louis	36	8	56	5	.928
Harmon, St. Louis	43	11	74	7	.924
Backman, St. Louis	26	5	30	3	.921
Adams, Pittsburg	34	7	44	5	.911
Burns, Cincinnati	31	3	57	6	.909
Rowan, Cincinnati	42	3	56	6	.908
Ames, New York	33	11	68	8	.908
Cole, Chicago	38	3	65	7	.907
Drucke, New York	34	11	59	8	.89[illegible]
Knetzer, Brooklyn	20	3	32	4	.897
Burke, Boston	19	6	41	2	.889
White, Boston & Pitts.	33	5	41	6	.885
Wiltse, New York	36	8	52	9	.870
Schettler, Philadelphia	27	4	24	5	.848
Dessau, Brooklyn	19	0	9	2	.818

TEAM FIELDING.

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	Pct.	PB.
Brooklyn	156	4,238	1,979	235	6,452	.964	19
Chicago	154	4,116	1,954	290	6,300	.963	15
Pittsburg	154	4,115	1,911	245	6,274	.961	8
Philadelphia	157	4,229	1,969	258	6,456	.960	19
St. Louis	153	4,012	2,021	261	6,294	.959	22
Cincinnati	156	4,143	1,968	291	6,429	.955	23
New York	155	4,151	1,960	281	6,432	.955	22
Boston	157	4,160	2,214	305	6,679	.953	17

PITCHERS' RECORDS.

	G.	BB.	SO.	WP.	W.	L.	Pct.
Brennan, Phila	19	28	28	0	2	0	1.000
Burke, Boston	19	29	22	4	1	0	1.000
Phillippe, Pittsburg	31	9	30	0	14	2	.875
Cole, Chicago	33	130	114	9	20	4	.833
Crandall, New York	42	43	73	1	17	4	.819
Mathewson, N. Y.	38	60	184	8	27	9	.750
Adams, Pittsburg	34	60	101	1	18	9	.667
Overall, Chicago	22	52	91	5	12	6	.667
M. Brown, Chicago	46	64	143	6	25	14	.641
Suggs, Cincinnati	35	48	91	3	20	12	.625
Richie, Bos. & Chic.	32	60	57	4	11	7	.611
McQuillan, Phila.	24	50	71	2	9	6	.600
Reulbach, Chicago	24	49	56	4	12	8	.600
Moore, Philadelphia	46	121	185	5	22	15	.595
McIntire, Chicago	28	50	65	2	13	9	.591
Knetzer, Brooklyn	20	60	56	7	7	5	.583
Drucke, New York	34	82	151	3	12	10	.545
Leever, Pittsburg	26	25	33	0	6	5	.545
Wiltse, New York	36	82	88	0	14	12	.538
Leifield, Pittsburg	40	67	64	3	15	13	.536
Ewing, Philadelphia	34	86	102	3	16	14	.533
Ames, New York	33	63	91	9	12	11	.532
Rowan, Cincinnati	42	105	108	4	14	14	.519
Lush, St. Louis	36	70	54	5	14	13	.519
Barger, Brooklyn	35	107	87	3	15	15	.500
White, Bos. & Pitts.	33	87	48	6	11	11	.507
Ferguson, Boston	26	58	49	2	7	7	.500
Foxen, Phila. & Chic.	18	43	35	3	5	5	.500
Rucker, Brooklyn	41	84	147	5	17	18	.481
Moren, Philadelphia	34	82	74	7	13	14	.481
Camnitz, Pittsburg	38	61	120	5	12	13	.480
Gaspar, Cincinnati	48	75	74	3	15	17	.469
Sallee, St. Louis	18	24	46	0	7	8	.467
Harmon, St. Louis	43	133	87	12	13	15	.464
Beebe, Cincinnati	35	94	93	7	12	14	.462
Backman, St. Louis	25	53	41	3	6	7	.462
Stack, Philadelphia	20	34	48	2	6	7	.462
Mattern, Boston	51	121	94	3	16	19	.457
Scanlan, Brooklyn	34	116	103	4	9	11	.450
Willis, St. Louis	33	61	67	3	9	12	.422
Maddox, Pittsburg	20	28	29	1	2	3	.400
Dessau, Brooklyn	19	29	21	2	2	3	.400
Frock, Pitts. & Bos.	46	93	170	3	12	19	.387
Burns, Cincinnati	31	49	47	3	8	13	.381
Corridon, St. Louis	30	55	51	7	6	14	.300
Wilhelm, Brooklyn	15	18	17	4	3	7	.300
C. Brown, Boston	46	94	88	9	9	23	.281
Bell, Brooklyn	44	82	102	1	10	27	.270
Raymond, New York	19	40	55	2	4	11	.267
Schettler, Phila.	27	51	62	5	2	6	.250
Curtis, Boston	43	124	75	9	6	24	.200

PLAN BIG TOURNEY

Record-breaking Entry List Is Expected.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

Picked Teams Barred—Collins Predicts Fifty Teams in Five-men Event—Washington Makes Excellent Showing—Capital Is a Good Bowling Town—Should Start Now.

By "LEN" COLLINS.

The first annual meeting of the Washington City Bowling Association was held at the Palace Bowling Alleys last Saturday night and plans for the coming championship games were gone over and perfected. The first business taken up by the officials was the advisability of allowing picked teams, as in former years, to compete. After a heated discussion the executive committee passed a resolution barring all teams which fail to comply with the A B C regulations.

In regard to the tournament, the officials of the local organization are more than anxious to make the coming event the most successful ever held, and from present indications their hopes are in a fair way to be realized, if the rumors which are coming from every quarter are to be taken seriously. The first step in this direction will be to get every regularly organized team in the District a member of the city association, and as the local organization is nothing more than an auxiliary of the American Bowling Congress, it thereby assures a bowler not only of being registered and eligible for the coming city tournament, but also for the one to be held at St. Louis next February under the auspices of the parent body. Thus, to be eligible to compete in the biggest of bowling events on the cards in Washington each year, it is absolutely necessary that a bowler shall be affiliated with the city association.

Capital a Good Bowling Town.

As a bowling town, there are few in the country which can show such a large percentage of clubs belonging to their home city association as the National Capital. A careful perusal of the nineteenth annual report of the American Bowling Congress, submitted and adopted by the executive committee at Detroit last winter, reveals the fact that Washington stands tenth in the number of teams belonging to the American body. This is a record that local bowlers should well feel proud of, when it is taken into consideration that there are at least twenty cities that have city associations affiliated with the American Bowling Congress, whose bowling population exceeds, if not in many cases doubles, that of the Capital City. As an example, Washington is credited with having thirty teams registered with Secretary Langtry, of the American Bowling Congress, while Buffalo, Greater New York, and Philadelphia, three of the greatest bowling centers, combined, have only twenty-eight.

Ever since the first city championships were held, in 1907, it has been the aim of those who have had charge of this annual event to run off a "red-letter" tournament; that is, one in which every team in the District was a competitor. That they have been making gigantic strides in this direction can be seen from the way in which the five-men team entries have increased from year to year.

More Teams Added.

With the new District League in the field, eight more teams have been added to the roster, and the chances for an entry list of fifty quints looks very bright, provided the Class B and C teams fulfill expectations and come forward with their full quota. It is almost a certainty that the old and new District leagues, Department and Colonial, will send every one of their representatives into the tournament. This alone assures twenty-eight teams, and with the Railroad Y. M. C. A., National Union, Sunday School, Railway Relief, Patent Office, and others to be heard from, the record of thirty teams in the five-men event set last year should be exceeded by not less than fifteen, and possibly twenty.

Unstinted praise should be given every man who has ever been connected in an official capacity with one of the local tournaments, yet nevertheless there has been a tendency on the part of some in past years to stand back and let the biggest part of the work fall on the shoulders of some of the more energetic ones. This is not as it should be. In the coming tournament the officers of the city association will be put to a severe test, as many delicate points will be brought up before them, caused, no doubt, by the unfortunate split of the bowlers. It is to be hoped that league affairs or grievances will not be brought into play; and while hard feelings may exist, don't let them show in a way that will put a damper on the tournament. It will be a good thing for all concerned to remember that the tournament is not a league affair, and for both factions to work with this end in view.

Should Start Work Now.

If a record-breaking entry list is to be expected, the time is short, and now is the time to begin making preparations, so as to avoid and counter any setback or hitch that may arise.

There are a lot of things the tournament committee could do worse than pass an iron-clad rule, the substance of which would be that no switching of dates in the schedule shall be made after such and such a date. This changing of dates has reached the point where the making of a schedule is time and worry thrown away. Instructions have always been given to every bowler that in case of preference for any date his request should accompany the entry blank. Even this has failed to attain the desired ends, as there have actually been instances of a team submitting their entry with the request for a certain date; their request being granted by the schedule committee, and then as late as the day on which they are scheduled to bowl, to send in word that it will be impossible for them to take the alleys that night. Not wishing to see them forfeit, the schedule committee is forced to the limit getting another team to take the absent one's place. A good plan would be to let the schedule committee submit its initial schedule one week in advance of the opening night and allow the bowlers three days in which to make their final request for any changes. This would then give the committee ample time to make all revisions and have the schedule complete for publication in the papers on the day before that set for the opening.

President Chase has called a meeting of the city association for next Thursday night, at the Palace Alleys, when, it is hoped, to have every team in the city represented.

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JUAREZ RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs. Ed. Holly, 103 (Gans), 5 to 1, won; Cuban Boy, 105 (Smith), 8 to 1, second; Banthel, 105 (Anderson), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:17 2-5. Sainfroz, Manila S., You Win, and Lawndale Belle also ran.

SECOND RACE—Five and one-half furlongs. Flying Wolf, 108 (Murphy), 7 to 10, won; Fred. Essen, 105 (Kennedy), 11 to 2, second; Salali, 105 (Reynolds), 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:09. Aragonesa, Teedas, Southern Light, Union Jack, and Gwenita also ran.

THIRD RACE—Six furlongs. Sir Barry, 108 (Parker), 3 to 1, won; Joe Woods, 105 (Smith), 8 to 1, second; Joe Ehrich, 108 (S. Smith), 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:15 1-5. McNally, Cellaret, Cobleskill, and Bardonia also ran.

FOURTH RACE—One and one-sixteenth miles. Harrigan, 115 (Murphy), 3 to 2, won; Meadow, 117 (Molesworth), 11 to 10, second; Taboo, 112 (Benschoten), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:47 3-5. Three starters.

FIFTH RACE—Six furlongs. Helen Scott, 100 (N