

Stars of the Federal League

Leading Players of the Defunct Circuit
who are Counted Upon to Strengthen
the Major Clubs

Not all of the Federal League players who were accounted stars have yet found a place in major league ranks. On the other hand several who were slated for the discard have been signed and the end is not yet.

THE Federal League star is still a big factor in the coming pennant race. Quite a number of players who were supposed to be first choice with the major league magnates haven't as yet been placed, but a number of others who were overlooked have received admission or re-admission as the case may be, into major league ranks. So the sum total of Federal additions is about what was anticipated.

Most of the American League clubs fought shy of Federal material, with the exception of the Highlanders. But several National League clubs have stocked up to a considerable extent with these dispossessed players.

GEORGE ANDERSON

George Anderson, the former Brook-fed outfielder, is a player who was touted as a brilliant outergardner in the Federal League, fast, spectacular and heavy hitting, and yet his season's average didn't fully live up to expectations. However, in a major league berth the young athlete will speedily demonstrate whether or not he was overrated in his former surroundings. Anderson was born at Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 26, 1889. He is five feet eight inches tall and weighs 163 pounds. He began as a catcher with the Harvards of Cleveland in 1906 and was



Indian "Jim" Bluejacket

shifted to the outfield to keep his speed unimpaired. He continued to play in these semi-pro semi-amateur surroundings for several years, going to Duluth in 1910. The following year Anderson moved on to Providence, going thence to Buffalo. But he was sent by the latter club to Wilkes-Barre for more seasoning. At this town he showed such all-round form that he was being touted as a second George Burns. A bright future opened out before him in the major ranks, but he chose rather to go to the Federal League and was one of Ward's most popular outfielders.

"CHIEF" BENDER

The addition of Chief Bender to the Phillies' squad was a surprise to many people. Not that Bender hasn't been a great pitcher, but it was thought that when he failed to make good with the Federal League and was unconditionally



**“Dutch” Zwilling
outfielder of the
Chicago Feds**

released by that body his days of usefulness were over. It is no secret however, that Bender's failure to make the showing, which was expected of him in the younger circuit was rather from lack of condition than from lessening ability.

Bender is a Chippewa Indian and hails from Brainard, Minnesota. His career with the Athletics involved a whole decade of brilliant exploits. On several occasions he led the league in point of all-round effectiveness. And, in addition to his ball playing talents, Bender is a crack shot, an expert billiard player and a more than ordinarily good golfer.

Since Bender's greatest feats have been performed in Philadelphia, the fans of that city will no doubt welcome back their former star, even though he wears a different uniform. Bender is thirty-

two years old. With the rugged endurance which is the heritage of the Indian he should be good for several seasons to come.

ARMANDO MARSANS

Armando Marsans was the most brilliant of the Cuban recruits who have gained admission into major league ranks. With Cincinnati he became one of the greatest outfielders in the league, and then, at outs with the local management and attracted by the grand offers of the Federal

League, he joined that circuit. Marsans was one of the few additions to the new league who every one admitted was a star player. So determined was organized baseball to regain possession of him that they effectually prevented him from fulfilling his new contract.

Marsans has several times been quoted as saying that he would not



**Leslie Mann,
outfielder of
the Chicago
Feds**



Mordicai Brown, the sterling old pitcher

return to baseball in the States. But three-hundred hitters are always in great demand, and Marsans clinched his claim on that healthy batting average during his short but spectacular career. He ought to come back stronger than ever for his long rest.

STEPHEN YERKES

Stephen Douglas Yerkes, while never ranked as a star of the first magnitude, has, nevertheless, proved his worth as a steady, reliable player of undoubted merit. He first sprung into the limelight with the Red Sox when they were making their spectacular and successful bid for the world's championship. Yerkes covered second base, and while not touted very highly by the critics, performed in stellar fashion right through the important series.

Yerkes was born at Willow



Art Wilson,
catcher **Chicago Feds**

Grove, Pennsylvania, on May 5, 1888. He is five feet nine inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. Yerkes gained fame as a member of the University of Pennsylvania team in 1907. In 1909 he entered the professional ranks by playing shortstop for the Wilson team of the Eastern Carolina League. He was bought by the Chattanooga club

Max Flack,
outfielder
Chicago Feds

in 1910 and advanced to the Red Sox in 1911. In the first season with that club Yerkes played at short and third base, but later was moved to second, where he seemed much more at home.

When the Red Sox learned that Yerkes intended joining the Federal League as soon as his contract had expired they released him, so he entered upon his new duties at once. For a time he shone at shortstop for the Pittsburgh club, but was shifted, with good results, to second base.



Ad Brennan, pitcher Chicago Feds



Lee Magee, ex-Federal League and present Yankee star

Upon the collapse of the Federal League it was not certain that Yerkes would be able to find a place. But Tinker felt he needed an infielder of the latter's steady-going nature, and, in spite of an overplus of talent at his disposal, secured Yerkes for the reconstructed Cubs.

EDWARD PLANK

Edward Plank is one of the most picturesque characters in baseball. At once, one of the oldest players in the game, he is also one of the most capable. It wasn't that Mack thought Plank was through that he released him. It was rather because he knew he could not compete with the Federal League in price.

Of late the veteran has been much in the public eye by virtue of a dispute over his contract. Plank claimed he was a free agent, but this claim the National Commission denied. At present the veteran has announced that he will not play and has retired to his extensive farm at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. But it is to be hoped that he will reconsider this move and that nothing will occur to interrupt the brilliant record of the man who has long been considered one of the greatest southpaws the game has known.

Although Plank has enjoyed but fifteen or sixteen years in the big show, a record, by the way, which places him near the top of the list, he is one of the oldest players in captivity. He didn't become a professional ball player until an age when many players have passed their prime. Oddly enough, his first bid to fame was as a college pitcher against Christy Mathewson, also a college pitcher. They call Matty old, but Plank is five or six years his senior.

EARL MOSELEY

Earl Victor Moseley was the first Federal League player to be purchased by organized baseball after the declaration of peace. He goes to Cincinnati, where he should find opportunity to display that talent which won for him recognition as one of the leading pitchers in the Fed circuit. Moseley hails from Middleburg, Ohio, is 28 years old and five feet nine inches tall. While he weighs but 165 pounds, he is a pitcher of the Joe Wood variety, with great speed and a fast-breaking curve.

His minor league experience was gleaned from several seasons of service with East Liverpool, Ohio; Wheeling, West Virginia, and Youngstown, Ohio.