

TRI-COUNTY ALL STAR TEAM.
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because there is not a real sure enough honest to goodness second baseman in the league. Charlie Rentz is a grand ball player, but nobody ever accused him of being an infielder. As no selection of Tri-County players would be complete without the name of Wally Norris, of Blackville, on the list, we place him on second, although he has not been playing this position. But he can do it because he has had several years' experience on the infields of the South Atlantic association. He can pick them up in fast order, has a fine wing, can take a throw and tag a runner accurately, is fast and a demon with the willow.

At short several men must be considered. Bull's weak hitting throws him out. Allen, of Allendale, is good, but is rather slow on the bases, and is otherwise a tiny bit lacking. Ramsey, of Denmark, is a mighty good man, but is actually too fast for his own good and for his team. Many ball players play ahead of themselves. So for his all round worth, skill and ability Turnipseed, of Bamberg, is given the palm. Turnipseed is fast and covers a world of territory on the infield. He is the premier short stop of the state on ground balls to his left close to second base and is not bad on them to his right. He has a peg almost equivalent to a Springfield army rifle, has been well coached and is a good base runner and batter.

The writer deems the choice for third base to be as easy and as lacking in argument as that of first. Some may differ with us but we can see nothing to this but "Gyp" Rentz, of Bamberg. By far the greatest fielder of ground balls in the league and having never played any other position, "Gyp" is a past master on the art of playing third. The Germans couldn't find him rattled or unsteady and of course a ball team can't. He is a fine hitter and if Bamberg is to continue to put out a ball team the writer is mighty glad this lad can't hit around .333, because ere many more nights had passed "Gyp" would be gobbled up by the majors and we'd find him dissipating around the white lights of Broadway and 42nd street. A veritable wizard at third the former Baltimore hotel detective is the class of anything in the south.

For the outfield there are at least six splendid gardeners and it's hard to leave off any of them. Carter Price, of Barnwell, is a safe man with the stick and is pretty fast, but he is not as safe in the field as at the bat and doesn't cover the ground which a man of his speed should. Frank Bamberg, of Bamberg, is an ideal lead off man at the bat, the best base runner in the league, having the famous hook slide down to perfection. But Frank's eyes are weak enough to affect his hitting as well as his playing a sun field to such an extent as to cause him to barely miss the all-stars. Bill Brabham and Pete Watson, of Bamberg, are both good ball players, but both have their weak points. So the all-stars would grab "Buck" Brownning out of Blackville's center field and put him in left. "Buck" has had years of experience, has a good arm, covers acres of territory, is fast on the bases and a reasonably fair batter. In center field would go John McLellan, of Allendale. He is a veteran of considerable professional experience, can go into left or right field for fly balls and can get them either behind him or in front. His peg to the plate is above the average. He knows the game from Genesis to Revelations and is a dangerous man for any pitcher to face. In right field is placed the premier man of the trio, a man who is too good a ball player to be kept off the all-stars, and whose batting alone would insure him a place on any team that could be picked. This is Charlie Rentz, of Bamberg. Charlie is certain death to fly balls and can get them in any direction. He is after them at the crack of the bat, and is fair on the bases. In addition to this any pitcher simply commits suicide who puts them over the plate for him with runners on the bases.

There is hardly any such thing as a complete ball team which numbers only nine men. So we are fortunate in having just the player as an all round utility man, substitute and pinch hitter, Otto Large, of Bamberg, fills this job to a queen's taste. He can catch, play any position on the infield and is a regular outfielder, besides slamming the apple for a percentage close to the coveted .400.

This team consists of ten men, five from Bamberg, two from Blackville, and one each from Allendale, Williston and Denmark. Possibly other scribes could make some better selections, but the writer has tried to pick them free of all prejudice or partiality, and believes that with the addition of three or four equally as reliable and dependable twirlers as Smith a thorough base ball manager could take this club of all-stars from our league and for consistent ball playing day in and day out hold his own with any club in the Sally league, save possibly Columbia. R. P. B.

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