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Picking the Pro for Winter

By J. MARTIN WATSON

SOUTHERN clubs looking for the services of a capable professional for the winter months should take the matter in hand at this season of the year. It takes time to make a selection and it involves a good many details which should be given consideration from every angle. There are so many more worthy men in the profession today than formerly that the choice should be no longer a gamble if clubs will

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take the time and trouble to give the likely applications a thorough investigation.

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There will be a flood of letters, but the business man knows which are for the discard and gives his attention to the few remaining. Before a man receives the stamp of approval the secretary should find out from the applicant's club what his ability, character and integrity amount to, the firms he does business with, and find out from them if he is in good standing financially. Then it is a matter of deduction. The selection of a professional is a serious matter. Clubs need dependable men who are always on the job. The professional's an important and responsible position to fill and should be treated accordingly by clubs that want desirable men. The better the man the greater the service and though it may cost a little more the returns warrant the expenditure.

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