

# BINFORD LINING UP FOR SEASON OF BASE BALL

**PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT FOR A  
WINNING CLUB — KINGSLEY  
WILL BE BACK—JOHNSON SE-  
CURED FOR INFIELD POSITION**

L. P. Larson was re-elected manager of the Binford base ball team at the meeting of the Booster club last Friday. That's the first good news to greet the fans and faunettes of baseballdom in Binford and on top of that comes the announcement from Mr. Larson that Milo Kingsley, semi-pro pitching wizard, has affixed his signature on the dotted line. With Kingsley an assured fixture, and the probability of Besse's return, Binford will be fortified in the pitching department. These two men carried last season's team thru a string of about 30 games with only three defeats. They will be supported on the receiving end by "Ding" Ringlee. Although he has served the allotted time when most ball players in this position retire, "Ding" is still recognized as a tower of strength behind the bat.

The infield positions are problematical as yet. Ehlers first baseman and Alm, third baseman, are certain of their jobs. For shortstop the probability of securing Melvin Johnson is very promising. Johnson is considered among the most reliable men in this "league". He is a sure fielder and "hits his mark" in throwing. Towards the latter part of the season last year he received a bad blow in the head by a thrown ball which made him a little shy at the bat, but it is likely that he will overcome the difficulty and make him a hard man to pitch to. Melvin isn't a home run king but he's a consistent hitter and once on the base lines his fleetness usually gets him around.

Second base is giving Manager Larson some worry. Doc Ringlee has signified his intention of retiring because of the constant danger of injuring his fingers which might render him incapable of attending to his professional duties. Mr. Larson and all others fully appreciate the doctor's position in this matter, and in order that he remain on the team it has been suggested that he be moved to one of the outfield positions. Doc led the team in hitting last season and broke up more than one game with his terrific smashes. To lose his services would be a severe loss and one that the team cannot afford. With the chances for injury minimized in the outfield position it is believed that he can be prevailed upon to reconsider his decision to retire. The vacancy at second will probably be filled by Big Olson, or one of the pitchers, although the latter plan does not appeal to Mr. Larson. His contention is that better team work can be developed and maintained by keeping one man in the position regularly than by changing players every game even though the others may be better individual players. The problem of filling this position is also contingent upon the class of base ball other towns in this neighborhood intend to support.

For the outfield Doc Ringlee and Peterson are slated for left and center with Olson or one of the pitchers in right.

Solicitors for financial support will be on the job in a few days and it is hoped that they meet with every encouragement so that all arrangements can be completed without delay.

New uniforms will be worn this year. Samples have been received from several companies and will be ordered as soon as the color can be decided upon. Money for this purpose was raised by the home talent plays.

Base ball is in for a promising season in many of our neighboring towns. Sutton, Cooperstown, Hanford are making plans for good teams. McHenry, it is said, had too much last year. Towns on the G. N. north of us, are sure to be represented by strong aggregations.

Play ball!