

# **BINFORD WILL HAVE BALL TEAM**

## **Home Talent Bunch Will Represent Us on the Diamond the Coming Season.**

The base ball meeting held last Saturday evening was the most enthusiastic of any of like nature ever held in Binford. A good crowd of fans were out and every one entered into the spirit of the meeting. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that Binford have a ball team the coming season.

The committee appointed to solicit funds reported that they had made good progress—nearly all of the money pledged having been collected. When this is all in and the money turned over to the management there will be enough to pay off all the old indebtedness and still leave a little balance to go on. This, besides the receipts of the basket social and dance tonight will put the team on sound financial basis, so they can start the season with a clean slate. It is possible that new suits will be bought for the team.

From present indications Binford will have a better ball team the coming season than last year. Unless for some unforeseen reason, we will have an all home talent bunch—and to the average fan it is always more interesting to see the boys whom you know and in whom you are interested play ball or win a game, than it is to see some troupe of foreigners come here and masquerade

as stars, when as a matter of fact they might more properly be called fakirs, and the Times is indeed glad that the local boys will this year be allowed to do their own playing instead of getting imported talent to play and it predicts that we will see better ball played this year than has been our fortune for some time.

Binford has a bunch of excellent material. The only place there is any doubt about at the present time is the pitching department. Owing to the injury to Gulliver last year it is possible that he cannot get back in shape again, though his arm shows no ill effects now. If he can get back and Fred Widlund take his turn in the box that department will be well looked after. On the receiving end, that awful clouter, Ringlee, is plenty good enough for any of 'em. He was late in getting started last spring, but when once started he was mighty hard to stop. Then on first base there is Lewis—the old warhorse. A ball team in Binford without Fred would be like the proverbial ship without a rudder. He stoutly maintains that he wont devote so much time to it this year as last—but he's said that before. For the other infield positions there are Melgard, E. Ringlee, Anderson, Dooly and Alm. In the outfield there are Alfson, Norswing, Kittelson, Idsvoog and Peterson to pick from.

No news has been heard as to what the other towns along the branch will be doing, but it is likely that they will fall in line when the season rolls around.

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