

# JUST A LITTLE FAN FODDER

Base Ball Prospects in Binford For  
the Coming Season Are  
Very Good.

It's the same old story. That Binford is to be represented in the great national pastime is always taken for granted, so the only conjecture lies in how fast a team we are to have. Ever since the founding of the town in 1900, Binford has had a ball team, and for the most part of that time we have been fortunate in having talent right here at home who were capable of coping with the best of the teams who were loaded up with salaried players. The past three or four years it has been necessary to employ a pitcher or two and an infielder. The same situation confronts us this year. Two men have already been hired, and it is likely that there will be no need of any further expenditures along that line.

"Hank" Sletten, who did such good work for Binford last year, has signed up, and with a little more favorable weather than we had early last season, we predict that he will be a much harder man to beat. "Hank" is a worker from the time he enters the box until the last man is out, and has proved an exceptional strong man in pinches.

The other salaried man is Iner Peterson, of Evansville, Minnesota. He is a brother of Gulliver Peterson, the old reliable Binford pitcher of former years. Iner is not hired as a regular pitcher, though he has done slab duty and will be called on when necessary. For the past two years he has played third base for the fast Edmore team, and was considered one of the most valuable men on the team, both in fielding and hitting. It is probable that he will be used at either second base or shortstop.

The catching department is not causing any worry. Ringlee, of course, will be the mainstay. Alfred Alfson, and possibly Sig Olson, will be given a chance to develop, so this position is well taken care of.

"Rabbit" Alm is a fixture on third. He had the best year of his base ball career last year, and, barring accidents, will make a stronger man this year.

Anderson and Thorn will be assigned infield duty, at either second base or shortstop. And if Emil Ringlee returns and decides to remain here, either of these positions will be well fortified.

Will Olson, who is now attending school at Concordia college, pitched a good game for Binford last year, and with more experience he should develop into a good pitcher.

For the outfield positions, there are Alfson, Peterson, Hanson and Alm to pick from.

Oscar Greenland, who acted as manager last season, will again act in that capacity, and that alone is an assurance of a good, fast and clean sport. The boys have a deep regard for him and at no time during his managership has there been any dissension on the team.

From present indications Binford will have a formidable line-up, and one that is not going to cost a great deal of money. An attempt is being made to wipe out the present deficiency in the treasury and when that is accomplished the financing of the team will be an easy matter.