

Sports Slants...

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HUNTSVILLE, Tex. — Billings Mustang Manager Cliff Dapper wasn't the only one in the Pittsburgh spring training camp who thought Billings was taking a good ball club north.

Rockwood Brown, president of the ball club, a lawyer, is a mite careful in any public commitment he may make. But after three days in camp he went way out on the limb with saw grasped firmly in hand, saying, "I feel very definitely that on a comparative basis this team is far better than the one the Mustangs left here with last year.

"It is much more of a balanced team and has three or four potential long-ball hitters that can break up a ball game almost any time.

"From my conversation with Mr. Rickey I know he has a desire to give us a winning ball team—I am confident that if any weak spots show up on the team we will be in a very good position to get some help," Brown concluded.

Brown, it should be pointed out, is a friend of long standing of Branch Rickey—they were practice law partners at the University of Michigan more years ago than either cares to admitting.

The Mustang president didn't hurt the Billings cause with the Pittsburgh camp officials when he had them all out to a fancy steak dinner during the time he was here. The food and conversation, they agreed, was a very welcome break after a month in the army-like training camp.

Brown Comments on This Year's Mustangs

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