

## Billings Buying Hollywood Stock

Sixty Per Cent  
Already Taken

More than 60 per cent of Hollywood's quarter interest in the Billings Mustangs baseball team has been sold to Mustang fans in the last two weeks, Rockwood Brown, president of the Class C baseball club, said Friday.

"We expect to get the remainder of the Hollywood stock 'cleaned up' not later than the last of the month," he said.

Brown explained that the Hollywood Stars purchased \$25,000 worth of Mustang stock when the team was formed in 1948 in order that Billings could field a team in time for the season.— This was with the understanding that the Billings club would take Hollywood "out of the picture at the proper time," he said.

Brown pointed out that it was through the efforts of Bob Cobb, former Billings resident who is now president of the Stars, that professional baseball was brought to Billings and that without Hollywood's help, it would have been difficult to raise enough to put the team across.

"We hope to get 500 stockholders—there are nearly 400 now—by the time the Hollywood stock is all sold," he said. Most of the stock is being sold to Mustang fans who were not formerly stockholders.

"We want a multitude of subscriptions from as many non-stockholders as possible—we are telling the fans that it is a civic effort not for profit," he said.

The Mustang baseball club idea of multiple home ownership was unheard of in baseball until Billings tried it—now it is copied all over the country, he said.

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