

In the Field of Sport.

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WEST BADEN SPRUDELS FINISH SEASON OCTOBER 15

Ed Rogers Contemplates Forming a League in Middle States.

Owner Rogers, of the West Baden Sprudels, reports a successful season for baseball in West Baden this summer. Mr. Rogers is proud of his team, and boasts of its being the best in the country in colored baseball, barring Rube Foster and Frank Leland. The Sprudels have beat every team they have played except these two teams. Played thirteen-inning games with both teams, losing to Rube Foster in the thirteenth, 3 to 2, and drawing with Leland on account of darkness. C. I. Taylor, captain and manager of the team, also deserves some of the credit for the team's success. Taylor is always in the game, and never loses a chance to put over a trick on some of the best teams in the business. Taylor is noted for scientific baseball, and has made the South famous in baseball through his professional teams. The players were all satisfied with their owner, promising to return next season. The Sprudels have traveled to every city in the West, and have not lost a series in any city except Chicago. There are bright prospects for the Sprudels next year, as nearly every man on the team was a young ball player, and really just learned the game this season. Moore, the little left fielder, surely won out in the batting average, while many give it to Ben Taylor; Brown finished well, as also did Clark and Oneal. Bingham, who was among the top notchers, had a slump

among the top notchers, had a slump towards the last of the season. Lewis, Carson and Dismukes fell in the .200 class. Captain Taylor also could be depended upon as a good sticker. Among those that were with the Sprudels during the season were: Jesse Brisco, Sam and Hank Wiley, Robert Stanford and W. E. Houston. Houston played fine ball while with the team; only a little hard to control. Owner Rogers is contemplating forming a colored league next year, with Chicago, Indianapolis, Louisville, St. Louis, French Lick and West Baden. This league could very easily be formed if there were week-day baseball towns between West Baden and St. Louis and Chicago and West Baden. There is not a baseball town in America that draws in the week as well as West Baden and French Lick, therefore allowing these city clubs to play week day games away from home. Rogers would like to hear from towns or cities that have good week-day games between these points, or that could play at least one game a week. With these six or eight teams traveling and the home team allowing the visitors a good percentage, it ought to make a prosperous league.

St. Louis Giants

Would like to hear from all first class clubs. Address all communications to Charles A. Mills, 2320 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo. We own our own Park—on direct car line.

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