

IDS FOR TWO BASEBALL PHOTOS FROM INDEPENDENCE

The Independence team is the 1939 American Legion team. They went to the State Tournament (only four teams made it) but lost in the semifinals.

Front row, l to r: Rudy Smieja, Bill Andre, Saul Isaacs, Ray Reck, Lyman Call, Millard Fellenz, Roman "Butch" Sobota. Back row, l to r: Pete Mish, Everette "Blaze" Blaha, Ralph Klimek, Ed Resler, George Isaacs, Marcel "Zeke" Marsolek, Norris Olson.

Second photo is of an old-timers get-together, undated but post-WWII.

Front row, l to r: Ray Hagen (Whitehall), Helmer Neperud (Pigeon Falls), Alan Briggs Edmundson (Independence and Whitehall), Ernie Fremstad (Pigeon Falls), Len Ellison (Whitehall), Al Windjue (Whitehall). Standing, l to r: Cliff Bautch (Whitehall), Ray Reck (Independence), Ralph Sygulla (Independence), Fred Gardner (Whitehall), Ken Swenson (Whitehall), Don Warner (Whitehall), Merton Hagen (Hixton?), Coach DeBow (Whitehall), and "Peanuts" Hagen (Pigeon Falls?).