

HAMPTON CONFIDENT AS TOURNEY NEARS

IOWA CLUB HAS PILED UP AN
IMPOSING RECORD
OF VICTORIES.

REINHART STAR HURLER

(Editor's note: This is one of a series of articles dealing with the teams entered in the Southwestern Iowa tournament this year.)

(By LeRoy A. Wallace.)

Although they will be entirely new to tournament fans this year, The Hampton Pirates are confident that they will not soon be forgotten in Council Bluffs.

Rated as one of the outstanding teams in Iowa, the team boasts victories over some of the strongest professional and semi-pro clubs in the state, and in the last three years has run up an enviable record against some of the strongest teams in the country, recording 128 wins against twenty-six losses.

The team has split series against the Gilkerson Union Giants and Sioux City Stock Yards, showing just what caliber of teams the squad has played. The most important other games listed so far include wins over the Van Dykes of Sioux City, Daniels Brothers of Des Moines, two over Spencer, two over Charles City, winners of the tournament at Des Moines; Algona, Heck Ross of Des Moines, two over Marshalltown, and two over Forest City Cornhuskers.

Reinhart to Pitch.

The team lost to the Sioux Falls Canaries, 4 to 3; Mason City, 4 to 3; John Donaldson's, 9 to 8 in ten innings; Waterloo of the Mississippi Valley league, 8 to 7 in ten innings, and to the Cubans, 6 to 0. The game lost to the Gilkerson's was a twelve-inning battle.

In addition to the games mentioned above, the team met and won from fourteen other teams of poorer quality, whom they do not mention in their record.

Heading the list of stars with the Pirates this year is Arthur Reinhart, formerly with the St. Louis Cardinals and a former team-mate of Grover Cleveland Alexander, ace hurler of the House of David team also entered in the tournament.

Among the other members of the team, many are well known in tournament circles here. Virgil

David, formerly of Peoria in the Three-I league and owned by the Cincinnati Reds, pitched for Missouri Valley the year that team won the class B championship. Bud Knox, formerly of Pittsburgh, and many crack minor league clubs, was Corning's star catcher in 1923. Haley, second base, who used to bunt the ball over the fence, and Sims, outfield, who used to combine pitching and outfield duties, are former members of Gilkerson's Giants. Barnum at third used to play with many of the best class A and class B teams in the tournament and more recently has been with the Dubuque team of the Mississippi Valley league. Bosse, first base, who is also claimed by the Tekamah team, is a former member of the Sioux City Hanfords and of the Waterloo team of the Mississippi Valley league.

Have College Stars.

The rest of the team is composed of some of the best semi-pro stars in the country, some of them having seen regular service in the minor leagues. Other pitchers on the staff include Griffin, formerly of the Texas Black Spiders and Hopkins, formerly of the Davenport team in the Mississippi Valley league. Weyant, who used to get his pay checks from Burlington and Waterloo in the Mississippi Valley league, alternates with Knox behind the bat.

R. Luke, formerly of the State Teachers college team, plays short

and the utility members of the team's infield include Beebe, formerly of Drake, Hunchby, formerly of Iowa State, and Webb of the Iowa Teachers.

Other outfielders include Eisler, formerly of Cedar Rapids in the Mississippi Valley league; Parks, formerly of Drake; Marshall of Iowa, and D. Luke of Iowa Teachers.

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