

# ALL-STARS PRESENT FAST AGGREGATION

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**JOHN DONALDSON WILL  
HURL IN FIRST GAME  
AGAINST YARDS.**

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**HAS FINE RECORD**

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(This is one of a series of stories dealing with the teams entered in the Southwestern Iowa baseball tournament.)

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Back in the golden age of baseball, when the best minor league pitcher in the United States received momentary publicity for having been sold with his battery mate for \$22,000, a stupendous price for a baseball player in those days, there was organized a

baseball team composed of Irish, Spanish, Cuban, Indian and other baseball players. It was called the All-Nations.

The bright and particular star of that aggregation was a tall Negro pitcher named John Donaldson, a left-hander with tremendous speed and a fast breaking curve that had all the batters he faced breaking their necks trying to connect with the ball.

#### Chief Attraction.

John McGraw, one of the greatest managers of our time, dropped in to see a game that Donaldson pitched and after the contest announced that if the pitcher were white, he would pay \$50,000 to get him for the Giants.

That same pitcher, now at the head of his own club, a little grayer, a little smarter, but with the same burning speed, the same twisting curves for use in emergency, will pitch at the Southwestern Iowa tournament this fall.

He is the manager and chief attraction of Donaldson's All-Stars, and despite the fact that he has been playing baseball more years than he cares to recall, today he still probably is the best known Negro baseball player in the world.

He has gathered about him a collection of stars that will give a good account of themselves in the tournament.

### **Pitch Opening Game.**

In important series this year Donaldson's All-Stars have won three out of seven games against the Sioux City Stock Yards, four out of six against the Sioux Falls Canaries, and three out of seven against the Cubans, not a bad record against some of the strongest teams in the United States.

In the supporting cast are included some of the best Negro baseball players in the country.

Among them are Stark, who used to play with the Kansas City Monarchs; Nick Jones, one of the best hitters in Negro baseball, formerly with the Colored House of David; Gilkerson's Union Giants, Sioux City Ghosts, etc; McNair, veteran outfielder who played with Gilkerson's last year, and Foreman, who played with Gilkerson's in the tournament.

Donaldson's All-Stars will meet the Sioux City Stock Yards in their first game of the tournament. Donaldson, himself, is almost a cinch to pitch for his own team, and as a result the fans will see some real pitching when the teams line up for that contest.

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