

GREATEST TEAMS IN HISTORY ENTERED

CLASS A CONTESTS SHOULD
SURPASS ANY STAGED
IN TOURNEY.

EIGHT STATES ARE IN

While Cubans Represent Only For-
eign Country—Politicians Will
Aid in Opening Cere-
monies Friday.

Weather permitting, the twelfth annual Southwestern Iowa baseball tournament, oldest and greatest of midwestern semi-pro championship contests will get under way Friday afternoon, when the Hughes Motors of Council Bluffs, crack class B team, tangles with the Westboro, Mo., squad in the opening game of the tournament.

Following the two class B teams into action, the Sioux Falls Canaries, led by Rex Stucker, who has managed more teams and

more champions in the tournament than any other manager, will meet the fast Tekamah club in the first of the class A games.

The class B contest, Friday, is scheduled to start at 1:30 o'clock, but it will be a few minutes late, in all probability because of the usual opening game ceremonies.

Politicians Will Aid.

Clyde Herring, formerly of Atlantic and now of Des Moines, who thinks he has a pretty good chance to beat Governor Turner out of his second term as governor, as the gubernatorial candidate of the democratic party, will be on hand to assist in the ceremonies.

Congressman Charles E. Swanson, a candidate for re-election and a republican, is slated to assist Mr. Herring.

One of them is to throw the first ball and the other will attempt to hit it if it comes within ten feet of the plate, but there has been some dispute as to which is doing the batting, and which the pitching.

Flag raising ceremonies will also be in order, after which Umpires Billy Fox and Matt Ohlinger will be permitted to start the game and the serious business of the tournament will proceed.

Great Field This Year.

The tournament this year exceeds in strength of teams and in potential class of its games, any contest that has been arranged by the Council Bluffs Athletic association since the tournament was first organized in 1921.

The class A section of the tournament looks particularly brilliant from all standpoints, with the greatest potentially strong teams in action that have ever graced the tournament here.

The Sioux Falls Canaries and Tekamah which open the tournament Friday afternoon are an example of the strength of the teams.

Stucker has built up a team at Sioux Falls which would be included in a group of the ten best semi-pro teams in the country if such a list were made. It lost the final game of the Denver tournament to the Holdenville Indians by a single run and only after a long and bitter struggle, twelve innings in fact.

Tekamah, class B champions for the last two years, has strengthened its team this year and come into the tournament in the class A section. It has the fastest outfielder in the tournament and a pitcher, who once set down the Canaries almost without a hit.

Gilkersons Play Cubans.

Gilkerson's Union Giants, long a favorite in Council Bluffs, will be back for its first game here this year when it meets the powerful Cuban club.

The Cubans, champions last year, are better than ever before.

The Holdenville Indians, who play first on Sunday, are the champions of the Denver tournament and conquerors of the Canaries.

Hampton sends a group of stars into action against the Indians, which on paper should be one of

the best teams in the tournament and should be capable of defeating the Indians if the breaks are right.

John Donaldson, veteran pitching ace of many of the best Negro ball teams in the county, is slated to bring a crack Negro team into the tourney that he believes can beat them all.

Stock Yards Strong.

The strength of the Sioux City Stock Yards, which has been in more tourneys than any other team, is well known.

The eastern House of David team with Alexander in action is one of the strongest teams that has been touring the east this summer. It has victories over the Rochester Red Wings of the International league and the Boston Braves to its credit.

As for the Council Bluffs Athletics, it will have the strongest team that has represented this city since 1927 and may upset some of the leaders in the meet.

The Class B section is nearly as tight in its own class. The depression, which has affected baseball clubs badly, has sent home numerous former league stars who will be seen in action with their own home towns this year and the result will be stronger teams and faster games in almost every contest.

Eight States In.

Eight states and one foreign

country are represented among the starters in the event this year:

Iowa, of course, leads with the greatest number of teams. Three Class A aggregations and thirteen Class B teams come from the Hawkeye state. Nebraska is next with one Class A team and two Class B squads.

The list of states and the teams from them is as follows:

Iowa: Class A, Hampton Pirates, Sioux City Stock Yards, Council Bluffs Athletics; Class B, Hughes Motors of Council Bluffs, Randolph, Tabor, Macedonia, Daniels Brothers of Des Moines, Stanton,

Red Oak, Mapleton, Moorhead, California Junction, Missouri Valley, Dunlap, Carter Lake.

Nebraska: Class A, Tekamah; Class B, Fort Crook, Dakota City.

Missouri: Class B, Westboro.

South Dakota: Class A, Sioux Falls Canaries.

Illinois: Class A, Gilkerson's Chicago Union Giants.

Oklahoma: Class A, Holdenville, Okla., All-Indians.

Minnesota: Donaldson's All-Stars.

Michigan: Benton Harbor House of David.

Cuba: Syd Follock's Cuban Giants.

Council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil, Council Bluffs, IA

Thursday, August 25, 1932, Page 9, Columns 1 and 2