

# Martins to Play First Home Game Under Lights Next Monday

## Representatives Of League Leave For All-Star Contest

Goodman, Smith and Jenkins Will Be in Cooperstown On Sunday

The Coastal Plain League will be well represented when the minor leagues from all over the nation stage an all-star game Sunday in Cooperstown, N. Y., the home of baseball. Messrs. Guy Smith, president of the leading Greenville club, and his third baseman, Harry Jenkins, will leave early tomorrow morning with Ray Goodman, league president, for the little New York town. Jenkins was chosen to succeed Maisano, Snow Hill third baseman, who had to forfeit his free passage and an assignment on the all-star team when he suffered a broken finger.

Maisano was chosen by the club managers to represent the league in the all-star game, but when he broke his finger, the original plan for selecting a player was invoked. President Guy Smith selected Jenkins, League President Goodman explaining that an immediate selection was necessary to complete the all-star line-up and that there wasn't time to submit the question to the various club managers in the league.

Reaching Cooperstown early Sunday morning the group will leave soon after the all-star game that afternoon and journey back to New York City where they will remain until Tuesday for the major all-star game. They will return Wednesday.

## How the Martins Are Hitting

The Williamston Martins, according to official figures formulated and released by league statistician, Aubrey Shackell, are batting .270 as a unit. This takes in the entire personnel, and is exclusive of players with whom the club has since severed relations.

Manager O'Malley, though sustaining another recession of eleven points, is still pacing the pack in the ever important stick work with a creditable .317. Two other Martins this week joined O'Malley in the select circle as Myers with .310 and Rimmer with .312, featuring an advance of 15 percentage points, gave the locals three .300 hitters.

The feature of a colorful week, embracing a sudden display of timely hitting was the thirty-four point increase noted in the record of Ace Villepique. Ace also is leading in runs batted in with 37, while Newcomer Solly Myers heads the run production department with a total of 43 tallies.

George Rimmer is the leader in home runs with 10 of the tremendous clouts and is followed by Diem and Myers with seven each.

Player & Position	G	Ab	R	H	2b	3b	HR	RB	SB	Pct.
O'Malley, c	64	205	27	65	7	1	0	31	2	.317
Rimmer, rf	49	183	37	57	9	2	10	31	3	.312
Myers, 2b	60	245	43	76	17	5	7	35	6	.310
Kimrey, lf	31	128	11	37	5	1	2	17	0	.287
Earp, ss	62	246	41	68	12	4	0	15	4	.280
Villepique, cf	65	236	29	66	5	6	4	37	3	.279
Rhodes, 3b	65	219	35	63	7	1	7	36	11	.279
Duber, p	9	15	2	4	0	1	0	2	0	.267
Sellers, lf	60	237	33	54	11	4	2	29	9	.227
Albritton, c	34	116	10	23	3	0	0	9	1	.198
Swain, p	24	48	7	9	1	0	3	7	0	.191
Wade, p	20	47	3	8	1	0	0	1	0	.170
Cherry, p	20	38	2	5	0	0	1	4	0	.131
DeLuca, p	15	29	1	4	1	0	0	1	0	.131
Lewis, lb	4	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.100
TOTALS		2002	281	540	79	25	36	255	38	.270

## How Martins Are Pitching

Bob Emer, a new star flashing over the Martins' horizon is leading the locals' hurlers with a 1.000 record as a result of a beautiful two-hitter last Sunday. The youngster, however, fails to completely take over the place in Martins' fans hearts occupied by Red Swain, as the old timer still is the most dependable work horse, with a 10-4 record which is good in any league.

Cherry and Wade, veterans of previous Coastal Plain league campaigns, are the only other hurlers holding their heads above the .500 mark as both are bracketed in the 5-4 division with a .555 mark.

	G	IP	H	W	L	Pct.
Emer	1	9	2	1	0	1.000
Swain	20	116 1-3	112	10	4	.714
Wade	13	83 1-3	77	5	4	.555
Cherry	20	106	115	5	4	.555
DeLuca	14	73 2-3	69	4	5	.445
Rhodes	7	38 1-3	52	2	3	.400
McCarthy	1	21-3	1	0	1	.000

## Martins Hold Second Place in Loop Ratings

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STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Greenville	38	28	.576
WILLIAMSTON	37	31	.544
Snow Hill	36	31	.537
Goldsboro	36	33	.522
Wilson	33	32	.508
Kinston	33	35	.485
New Bern	29	36	.446
Tarboro	27	43	.386

## O'Malley Changing His Team Line-up

Contemplating very few changes in his team personnel from now on, Manager Paul O'Malley altered the color of the Martins' line-up slightly today when he released Michael DeLuca, the young pitcher from New York, and re-instated Edward McCarthy for mound duty following a suspension period.

Hank Spirael, property of the Yankees and a graduate of Furman University, reported yesterday for action around first base. Scouted by Johnny Nee, the six-foot-plus player was signed this season and comes here from the Eastern league. He is likely to appear on first base this afternoon.

Ailing with malaria during the past few days, George Rimmer, the heavy hitting right fielder, is due back in the line-up this afternoon.

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Make Clean Sweep of Holiday Schedule To Regain Higher Rating

The Martins, making a clean sweep of their holiday schedule, gained a notch in league ratings this week and now hold second position with the Greenies just two games in front.

Changes effected by the hustling Lilley Brother, through their pilot, the red-headed Irishman, O'Malley, have been responsible for the return to old form of a superior brand of ball.

Williamston's victory surge swelled to four games as the Martins swept the July Fourth double bill with Tarboro. A spectacular revival of hitting strength afforded the locals a comfortable margin of victory in both contests, each of which developed into a slugfest featured by hefty clouting.

The outcome of the afternoon contest staged at Taylor Field in Williamston was never in doubt after a seven run outburst in the fourth frame extinguished the fire of Tarboro's hopes. Four hits, three errors, a sacrifice and a walk were the life of the big inning party. Williamston added four more tallies over the remainder of the route to remove all doubts as to superiority and carry off the decision, 11-4.

Lefty Dick Cherry, Martin County product, went the distance for the Martins, scattering eleven hits, while removing eight batsmen via the strike-out route.

Charlie Gadd, formerly with the Snow Hill Billies, set the pace for the losers at bat with three safeties lies came under the wire as a result caged similar honors for the locals each getting three singles. Seven tallies came under the wire as a result of the slugging of the "Little Man" and Ace Villepique who batted in four and three runs respectively.

The Martins journeyed to Tarboro Tuesday night and completed the business in hand with a seven to two triumph behind the eight-hit hurling of "Laundry" Larry Wade.

Red Swain, slab artist and general handy man, homered in the second stanza with two men aboard to put the game on ice. Harry came through while subbing for the convalescent George Rimmer, who has been out with a slight case of malaria.

Manager O'Malley, who has finally decided to do something about that ailing average, led the Martins with three safe hits. Lehman was best with the ash for Tarboro with two bingles.

The high flying Martins finally met adversity with a 9-8 trouncing at the hands of the New Bern Bears, snapping the string at four successive games.

For eight innings the lead seesawed until the Martins pulled into an 8-6 deadlock in the ninth verse with a two run splurge.

Successive singles by Joel Tierce and Barnes in the New Bern half of the ninth set the stage for the win as Norwood, who was passed intentionally, was followed by Sammy Levine's victory producing single.

Solly Myers, with two circuit clouts and a single, led the Martins with the stick while four Bears were credited with two hits apiece. Villepique and Diem also hit home runs in a futile effort to revive the flagging hopes of victory.

## Take Pair from Tarboro

Tuesday, July 4.	
First Game	
	Ab R H PO A E
Tarboro	5 1 1 0 4 1
Kearns, ss	4 1 1 4 0 0
Lehman, 3b	4 1 3 1 0 0
Gadd, lf	4 0 1 2 0 0
Lee, cf	4 0 1 2 0 0
Gorski, 2b	4 1 2 3 5 1
Humbrecht, lb	4 0 0 6 0 1
Burnett, rf	4 0 0 0 1 1
Shatzer, c	4 0 2 6 0 0
Schuett, p	1 0 0 0 0 1
Elmore, p	3 0 1 0 1 0
Totals	37 4 11 24 12 5
Second Game	
	Ab R H PO A E
Williamston	5 1 3 1 5 0
Earp, ss	4 2 3 3 0 0
Kimrey, lf	3 1 2 3 4 0
Villepique, cf	4 1 2 1 0 0
Diem, 3b	5 0 0 1 1 0
O'Malley, c	4 1 1 7 2 0
Lewis, lb	4 2 2 10 0 0
Swain, rf	5 2 2 1 0 0
Cherry, p	4 1 1 0 0 0
Totals	38 11 16 27 12 0

Score by innings: 100 020 000-4  
Tarboro 100 002 000-4  
Williamston 100 700 30X-11

Runs batted in: Gadd, Villepique 3, Gorski 3, Swain, Earp 4, Myers, O'Malley, Kimrey. Two base hits: Kearns, Villepique, Earp 2, Gadd, Shatzer, Lewis. Home run: Gorski.

## Independents Hold To Independence In Softball League

Lions Drag Their Tails Off Field After Wednesday Afternoon Taming

The red hot Independents continued to set a torrid pace for play to date in the city softball circuit as Wednesdays five to four victory over the rampaging Lions increased their lead to one and one half games over the trailing Vepecoians. Starting as a hurler's duel the game developed along these lines until two loose innings, the third and fourth, allowed the Independents to push over five runs off four hits.

In the third stanza hits by Roberson and Cowen, a sacrifice and an error gave the youngsters first blood in the battle with two scores. Three other tallies were added in the succeeding verse when hits by Boykin and Fowden, a walk and an error were converted into the final points necessary for the win.

The Lions, who submitted to the tail-twisting only after a terrific struggle rallied futilely in the fifth for four runs but falling just one score short of the imposing total formulated by the Independents. Hits by Courtney, Peel, Clayton and Ward and a walk were good for the four counts registered by the Lions in this period.

Clayton hurled capably for the Lions, allowing only nine hits but loose play of his mates in the early innings deprived him of the victory while Cone although allowing eleven safeties weakened in only one frame and received sparkling support over the rough spots.

Terrific Taylor with three for three led the Lions with the ash while C. Malone was garnering similar honors with three for four for the Independents. Fowden and T. Malone each had two for four for a .500 total.

Independents		Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Boykin, 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Cooke, ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cowen, 3b	4	1	1	1	1	0	0
Manning, lb	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rose, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simon, c	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
C. Malone, cf	4	0	3	0	0	0	0
Fowden, lf	4	0	3	0	0	0	0
Cone, p	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
T. Roberson, sf	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	5	9	0	0	0	0

Lions		Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
J. H. Ward, 2b	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
Davis, ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
T. Malone, c	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
Taylor, 3b	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
Courtney, lb	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
J. H. Edwards, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manning, cf	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
J. Harrell, sf	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
F. Peel, lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Clayton, p	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	4	11	0	0	0	0

Score by innings: 000 040 000-4  
Lions 002 300 00X-5  
Independents

## Martins Fourth In Fielding Averages

Williamston's Martins are ranking fourth in team fielding with a total of .956 and are paced by Goldsboro, Wilson and Greenville: Greenville's Greenies are in the van as of games played July 3, with an average of .965, though tied in this respect with the Wilson Tobs.

	PO	E	DP	Pct.
Williamston	1684	110	59	.956
Snow Hill	1633	121	68	.952
Greenville	1825	103	62	.965
Goldsboro	1660	97	86	.961
Wilson	1692	85	64	.965
Kinston	1545	106	52	.955
New Bern	1665	116	44	.954
Tarboro	1738	137	58	.946

Stolen base: Villepique. Sacrifices: Lewis, Myers. Left on bases: Tarboro 6, Williamston 9. Bases on balls: off Schuett 2, Elmore 1. Struck out: by Schuett 2, Cherry 3, Elmore 2. Hits: off Schuett 7 in 3 1-3; Elmore 9 in 4 2-3. Hit by pitcher: by Schuett (O'Malley). Wild pitches: Elmore 2, Cherry. Passed ball: Shatzer. Losing pitcher: Schuett. Umpires: Kearney and Sidel. Time: 1:55.

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Kimrey, lf	3 1 2 3 4 0
Villepique, cf	4 1 2 1 0 0
Diem, 3b	5 0 0 1 1 0
O'Malley, c	4 1 1 7 2 0
Lewis, lb	4 2 2 10 0 0
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Score by innings: 130 020 100-7  
Williamston 002 000 000-2  
Tarboro

Runs batted in: Villepique, Swain 3, Diem 2, O'Malley, Donovan, Lehman. Two base hits: Donovan, Gadd, Kimrey. Home run: Swain. Stolen bases: Diem. Sacrifices: Villepique. Double plays: Earp, Myers and Lewis. Left on bases Williamston 8, Tar-

## Preliminary Tests To Be Made This Evening

Game Starts At 8:15 p.m. With Bugs From Goldsboro

V. E. P. Forces Master Large Job In Record Time This Week

The Martins, motivated by the hustling Lilley Brothers, will be a'flying in big company next Monday night at 8:15 o'clock when they go into action for the first time after dark on their home grounds against the Goldsboro Bugs.

A record crowd is expected here that night, Skipper O'Malley announcing this morning that he was priming his Martins for fast action in the way of entertaining the fans.

No formal celebration is being planned for the gala occasion, but baseball fans in this and adjoining counties can well rejoice in one of the foremost steps ever undertaken to insure them baseball and a hustling team. It can be truthfully said here that the Messrs. Lilley Brothers, Mr. J. Dawson and Mr. J. Eason accepted a huge task when they took over a floundering baseball club, and in undertaking that task they have not handled it in any half-mannered way. In return they have only asked for the cooperation of the people, and appreciative of those efforts the people are planning to turn out in record numbers, not only in Williamston and immediate environs but from miles around ardent followers of the sport are making arrangements to "follow the Martins" more closely, wine, loaf or draw.

Reaching a decision less than three weeks ago, the club operators pushed plans for lighting the local park. Today, the hard-working forces of the Virginia Electric and Power Company are completing the installation of one of the best lighting systems found in any park in this section, a system that compares with the best in the higher-class leagues. When the engineers said get 75-foot poles, the club operators got 75-foot poles. They worked around and got delivery on those poles two weeks earlier than the engineers said it was possible for them to be gotten. Starting Wednesday morning, the club operators had everything for an able construction force to work with, and hundreds who have visited the park during the past two days will verify the reports that there has been some work going on in those two days and today, too.

Tonight, about 8 o'clock preliminary tests will be made. Additional tests will be made tomorrow night and Sunday night, if necessary. Then on Monday night under the bright lights, the Martins will go into action against the Bugs, and a big crowd is expected to be on hand to see the first ball game ever played at night in this section under a regulated lighting system.

## Facts About The Leading Batters

McCarthy of Kinston, is the leading hitter in the Coastal Plain loop, according to official records, succeeding Blanco Smith, of Wilson, who suffered a 54 point decline. Overton, of Goldsboro, .347, is the leading performer of over 100 times at bat.

O'Malley is the only local representative but several other Martins are poised just beneath the tallenders and with a little concentrated hitting may be listed in the next figures.

	Ab	H	Pct.
McCarthy, Kinston	64	26	.406
Daniels, Greenville	91	35	.385
Overton, Golds.	166	58	.347
Norwood, New Bern	203	70	.345
Soufas, S. Hill	229	80	.345
Smith, Wilson	204	70	.343
R. Wilson, Gr'ville	256	88	.344
Whitaker, S. Hill			