

Bears Scare Martins

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Martins Pugnaciously Hold to Third Place

FEW CHANGES

League regulations governing the manipulation of ball players and effective Sunday, August 13, precipitated only a few changes among clubs in the Coastal Plain circuit.

The Snow Hill Billies released Charley Whitaker, slugging outfielder, who was immediately transferred to the New Bern Bears. Drawing his release from the league-leading Greensies, Ralph Simpson hooked on with the Kinston Eagles.

Johnson Loses Bout To New York Negro

Conflicting reports by the disagreeing fight factions in Williams-ten indicate that Walter Jack Johnson, local colored giant, lost last Friday night's fisticuffs by a split decision, the referee's final note depriving him of the victory.

Swain Gets No. 19

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Walter Jack's companions on the fish truck, his conveyance to the scene of battle, however, substantiated his original claims in their entirety. They added that the colored man fought a game fight and by losing, lost little favor in the eyes of the crowd that was ever predominant for the Williamston carbon copy of Joe Louis.

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How the Martins Are Hitting

According to unofficial averages compiled for contests as of Sunday, August 13, last week's hectic play marked clouting Ace Villepique's brilliant tidal wave procession into the sacred 300 circle, his initial inclusion of the current season, though partially antidoted by Skipper O'Malley's premiere recession below the brink of hitting greatness.

Though tailspinning 247 units, Thoele still paces the pack with a nifty .353, as Deim, experiencing a healthy end of the week spurt, boosted his average two points, possibly presaging an ascent into the more favorable climbs with which his sparkling all-around play has always been associated.

In a desperate effort to overhaul the circuit pacing runs batted in artists, Ace Villepique slugged six mates around the circuit running his impressive R. B. I. total thus far to 74. Rimmer and Deim follow with 59 and 54 respectively. Leading in both hits and runs scored, having 126 of the former and 68 of the latter, Howard Earp is closely stalked by the rampaging Villepique in both departments.

Table with columns: Player & Position, Ab, R, H, RBI, Pct. Rows include Thoele, Villepique, O'Malley, Rimmer, Myers, Earp, Kimrey, Deim, Spires, Albritton, Swain.

How Martins Are Pitching

Williamston's hitherto erratic hurling squad settled somewhat last week gaining more of a perspective on the torrid chase, for highly prized positions in the post-season playoffs, that is now in full sway.

Winning two games, Red Swain, featuring the week's upswing, ran his victory surge to nineteen victories against seven defeats. Lefty Dick Cherry, meanwhile, experienced little difficulty in racking up his thirteenth, supposedly unlucky, win of the season.

Turning to the ever present debit side of the ledger discloses the more bitter happenings of the week. Bob Emer won and lost while Sieminski fell into the .500 bracket with two consecutive tough losses and Laundry Larry Wade was knuckling under one time.

All in all, the period ended on an optimistic note as several of the defeats were by narrow margins, leaving the staff in good shape for this week's difficult card.

Table with columns: G, IP, H, W, L, Pct. Rows include Swain, Cherry, Wade, Sieminski, Emer, McCarthy.

O'Malley Retains Team Intact For The Last Roundup

Addition of Rookies Possible During Remainder of Season

Placing a great deal of confidence in his present team to carry the Martins' flag into the last round-up of the Coastal Plain League season, Skipper Paul O'Malley retained the entire personnel of the local baseball club last Saturday when the curtain fell on further additions of a class rating. There is, however, a possibility of adding two or three Simon pure rookies during the last few days of the regular season and those additions can materially strengthen the team in the later stages of the stirring race now underway for a place in the post-season playoffs.

Acc. Villepique, George Rimmer and Howard Kimrey will perform in the outer gardens for the locals over the rest of the distance, the Martins boasting as well balanced a group in these three, as any club in the entire league. Composing the inner defense will be Pappy Deim, whose play of late on the hot corner seems definitely on the upgrade, and Solly Myers and Howard Earp, those astute guardians of the keystone with Hank Spires continuing his antics on the first sack.

The reception department will be made up of Manager O'Malley and Erwin Albritton, his replacement, and an excellent aide for the old timer in the second games of double-headers. Six men at present, Red Swain, Dick Cherry, Larry Wade, Bob Emer, Walter Sieminski and Gene McCarthy form the capable mound corps. Thoele, the team's leading hitter, with .353 will be retained as a utility man, playing capably in both the outfield and infield, making it unnecessary for the skipper to operate at any save his own familiar niche at which he is so proficient.

A league ruling effective Sunday, August 13, allows each club eighteen players through stipulations oppose more than three unlimited class men and six class D ball players to each franchise, it being explicitly required that each of the other nine be rookies, with no liberal translation of the term permissible.

Only fifteen of the eighteen members of the squad will be eligible for participation in the series and to be eligible one has to have been a certified member of a particular club for at least a period of ten days.

RESULTS

Table with columns: Date, Team 1, Team 2, Score. Rows include Friday, August 11, Saturday, August 12, Sunday, August 13, Monday, August 14.

Growling furiously, the Bruins showed over two runs in a vicious initial inning spurge on hits by Joe Tierce and Norwood, followed by erstwhile umpire batter Worliss Knowles' two-run double against the school building. Herewith the veteran sidewheeler settled down, allowing only five hits and nary a tally over the rest of the route.

A beautiful back handed stab of Jenkins' terrific clout by this same Rimmer definitely labeled for three bases, prevented certain scoring and earned for its perpetrator a half share in the fielding features of the day. Ace Villepique's marvelous catch, the other half of the heroics, a game leap with his back against the school building to heave down Allen's bullet like shot, failed to prevent a tally in the fifth as Smith had singled and advanced two bases on a couple of misplays. It was physically impossible to trap the runner at home from a position so far removed.

The Martins once again drew to the fore in the sixth as Earp doubled and Deim walked, preceding R. B. I. Villepique's double to score Earp.

In the continual jockeying for position Greenville drew to the fore in the seventh, from which position they were never thereafter dislodged. McCall opened the proceedings with a Ruthian blow over the leftfield barrier, and was followed by Jenkins' single and Smith's double. A double by Gracie Allen then emptied the sacks to terminate the outbreak. Coming in the ninth Jenkins' homer off Larry Wade, the only hit he allowed, furnished the final margin of victory as Williamston moved into the position of a strong contender only to fall slightly short with a desperate last-minute rally. Pappy Deim continued potent by hustling out an infield hit, followed by Thoele, who worked Willson for a walk. Then Hank Spires came through in a big way to count both runners with a timely double off the gymnasium. Big Ben Mooney, Willson's successor, indeed faced a difficult immediate future for Red Swain, famed for his timely home run clouting with men on bases, and Howard Earp, leader in hits, were at bat and in the hole respectively, but when the smoke of the battle had cleared there was no joy in Mudville as the mighty Swain and Earp had both been easy prey on infield outs.

Several Greenville runners were like the player who stealing in baseball's earlier days was described by a veteran sports columnist as having larceny in his heart, but his feet were honest. O'Malley's rifle-like pegs cut down runners all day and held potential stealers so near first as to render any base thefts impractical.

COMING ACROSS

Recognizing in the Messrs. Lilly Brothers the lifesavers of Williamston's baseball club, local fans started a last drive Friday evening to come across with the actual cash to support the pledge made the club operators last spring.

"We can't fall down on that pledge," a loyal fan said, and reports state that all other fans are of the same opinion as they advance their bit to meet the obligation which has been made small this season as compared with other years. The club operators have asked little, and have done a masterful job, and fans say they will get every penny of the \$2,000 pledged them.

Kiwianians Split With Independents In Friday's Play

Independent Group Holding To Top Roost in Softball League

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Friday, August 11. Independents 8-3, Kiwanians 9-1. Monday, August 14. Lions-Vagabonds, rain.

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Aug. 15—Independents vs. Vagabonds. Friday, Aug. 18—Kiwianians vs. Lions. Friday afternoon the Kiwanians and the Independents split a hard-fought double bill, leaving the Kiwanians one-half game behind the hustling Independents.

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Pitching no-hit ball for five innings in the finale Jack Manning turned the tables on Ironman Hardy with a three-run triumph. Charley Robertson, with two hits for a thousand and percent average, led the day's hitting, while no Kiwanian successfully solved Manning's intricate delivery.

Friday, August 11. First Game.

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President Goodman Shakes Up Umpires

According to umpire assignments released by the office of the league president, Ray Goodman, for the forthcoming week, effective Thursday, August 17, the following arrangements have been completed and will form the basis of umpire shifts during the specified seven days.

Hanna and Mitchell at Greenville. Phaap and Ritter with the Goldsboro club.

Kearney and Sidel with the Tarboro Goobers. King and Stroner at Kinston.

President Goodman, in an informative interview late yesterday, outlined a major turnover among the personnel of the loop's arbiters in an effort to promote efficiency and place the umpire's job on the high plane, devoid of public criticism, that it deserves.

Monday, Fred Thomas received his pink slip and will return to his home to build up his failing health. His place will be taken by Ben Mitchell, who already in only one appearance here, has won the respect and admiration of local fans.

Johnny Phaap was suspended for three days, without pay, effective August 14, for a disgraceful exhibition in Wilson one day last week. He is alleged to have been guilty of clouting on the field, carrying on a conversation with spectators, and smoking a cigarette on the field during the contest. The proxy stated that such conduct was a disgrace to the league, not to be tolerated, and that he and he alone was responsible for the action taken to prevent future recurrences of a trouble prevalent in baseball for many years.

Local Softball Team To Play Ahoskie '10'

Manager Ham Price, of the Vagabonds, announced today that his boys had scheduled a contest with the Ahoskie All Stars to be played on the local baseball diamond Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. He added that either Price, who could be "be" or Manning would likely open on the mound for the locals. As yet the All Stars have not divulged their likely starting mound tenant.

No admission is required for entrance to the park and a large crowd is expected to cheer the home boys to victory.

Scouts To Hold Meet In Swimming Pool Here

Thursday afternoon, August 17, between the hours of 1-2 or 5-6, the Williamston Boy Scout troop will hold a swimming meet at the Municipal pool preliminary to a regional East Carolina Council get-together later this month.

Competition will be afforded in eight diving and swimming events, while three novelty specialties are also on the card. Only scouts in good standing will be allowed to participate in the program.

Scoutmaster Horace Ray announced today that the most talented swimmers will be taken to Greenville, the scene of the council meet on August 24 to compete there for the championship of eastern Carolina.

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