

Fans Will Decide Fate of Baseball Next Monday Evening

Numerous Contracts Of Players Pending

Local Fans Being Asked To Express A United Opinion

No Financial Pledge Has Been Mentioned By President Of Martins

The fate of baseball in Williamston will be determined at a meeting of local fans to be held in the offices of the V. E. P. Company here next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Every fan interested in baseball is invited to attend that a united expression may be had. It is believed that Mr. J. Eason Lilley, president of the Martins, will undertake the operation of the club this coming season if he can find a ready cooperation in handling the problems that are certain to present themselves in a financial way and in a loyal support of the team.

Mr. Lilley is pulling no punches, he has played fair with local fans, and he gave them a championship team last season. He was pledged \$2,000 as a supplement to the gate receipts. Not quite all of that pledge has been met. No mention of a new pledge has been made by him for this season, but it is not at all reasonable to expect him to undertake the operation of the club without a strong financial support and a loyal cooperation. Mr. Lilley had planned to continue as president of the club and went so far as to employ a manager. The player classification was upset and that disturbed him, and he is still worried over the change. As a result he considered withdrawing from the club as president. Now, it is believed local fans can help him make a definite decision if they show a willingness to cooperate with him.

Reports from a neighboring town maintain that the fans there have already raised in excess of \$6,000 to have the sport continued in their town. It is understood that few, if any, towns in the league are enjoying the national past-time at such little cost to the fans as is the case in Williamston.

Who Are The Strangers?
Unofficial reports have it that the Martins are attempting to schedule a basketball game with the North Carolina Strangers, a semi-pro team made up of former college stars. The tilt may take place next week.

Local Girls Break Into Win Column

Boys Score Victory Over The Windsor Lions in Twin Bill Last Night

Maintaining a strong determination in the face of continued defeats during the current season, the local girls' basketball team finally broke into the victory column to feature a doubleheader with Windsor's boys and girls here last night. Led by M. Dunn, the locals annexed victory by a one-point margin. Dunn scored eight of her team's sixteen points; Jackson playing a close second position with six points. E. Dunning, high scorer in the contest, accounted for twelve of Windsor's fifteen points. Very little scoring was recorded in the first period of the game, but members of both teams made their shots count to feature the close play in the last half.

Led by C. T. Roberson who scored ten points, the local boys turned back the Windsor lads by a 23-15 count. The Anderson boys contributed four points each and Boykin added three. Spruill made ten of his team's fifteen points.

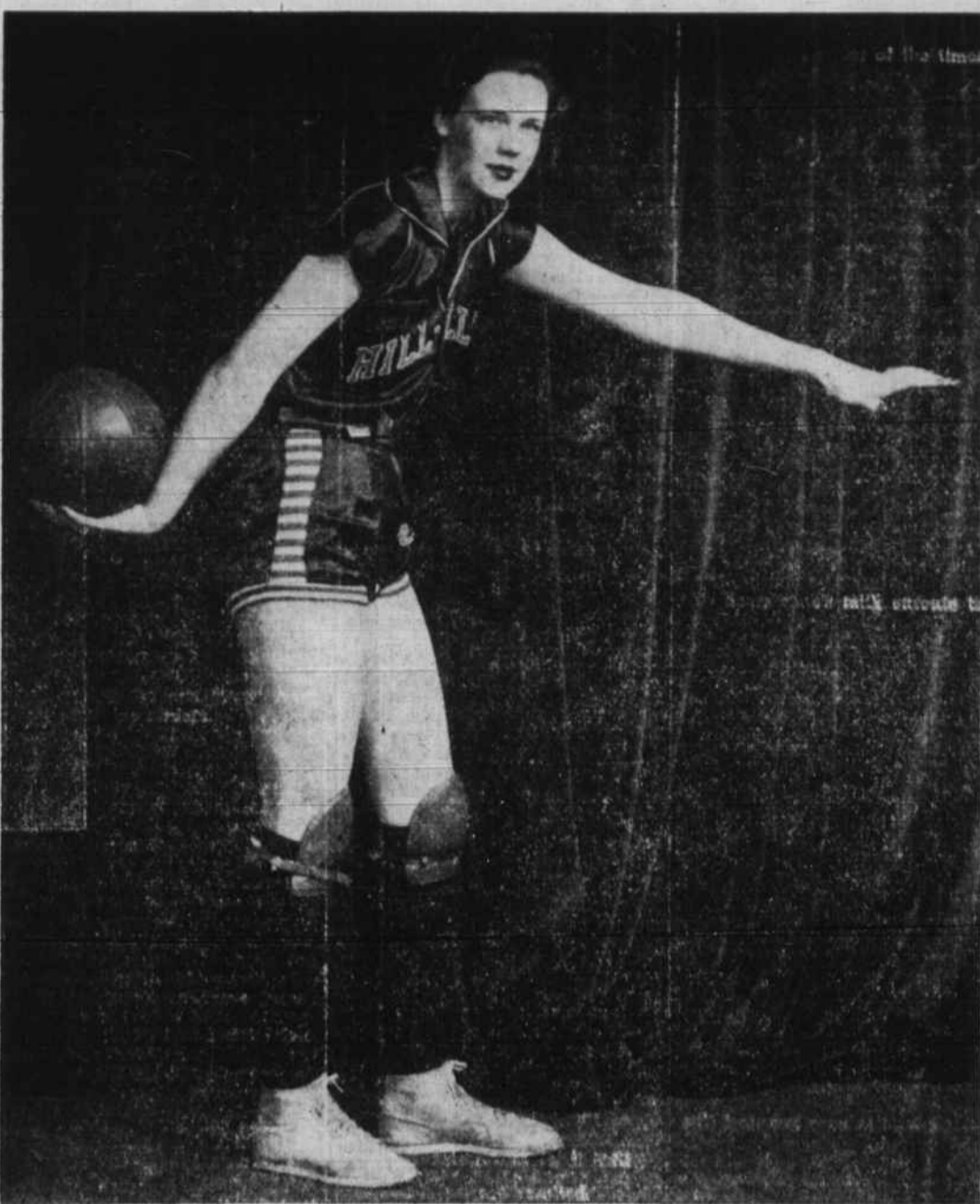
Martins Still Flying High

The record of the Williamston Martins basketball team for the 1939 season to date stands at 22 wins and five losses, with all the defeats coming when the locals were crippled with injury.

Revenue Officers To Look Over Payrolls

The traditional moonshiner's cry of "look out for them revenooers" may make a comeback, and not just in the mountains, either. There is evidence of more aggressive enforcement of the Social Security Act, with revenue agents making surprise visits to look over payroll records of employers. Heretofore the collections under this act have not been checked into on a wide scale, although white collar WPA workers have been used in efforts to increase income tax collections. Thus far, the visits seem to be on a rather hit-or-miss basis.

WORLD'S TALLEST GIRL STAR



Above is Miss Monica Ryan, world's tallest girl basketball star. Miss Ryan, who measures six feet three inches in height, hails from Port Huron, Mich.

and is a veteran of the Original Ozark Hill Billies, a girls' team, who will play the Williamston Martins a two-game exhibition here.

The Hill Billies and the Martins will play their first game in the local gym Monday, February 5, with the second contest slated for the following night.

Martins Face Strong Durham Y In Next Home Engagement

After taking quite a holiday, the Williamston Martins, local independent basketball team, will return to action next Wednesday night when they will meet the strong Durham Y team in the local gym. Durham, always full of excellent court material, will bring a crack quint here and is expected to put up quite a battle.

Then on Monday and Tuesday, February 5 and 6, the Martins will play the Original Ozark Hill Billies, both games to be played here. This team of girls plays only men's teams and boasts an exceptional record for the weaker sex.

On February 7, 8 and 9, Williamston will enter its first tour-

namment of the season over in Washington. Although the tournament as yet has not been completed, it has been reported that Goldsboro, Kinston and Greenville will have representatives in the meet. It is expected that the Martins will be ranked one-two with Goldsboro and will play that team in the finals.

The local quint is once again at its top strength, with Pappy Diem back in harness, and the Number One lineup will read something like this: Brock at center, Wallace and Baird at forwards; Diem and Anderson at guards, with Jeff Grant and Jack Manning acting as reliable substitutes awaiting the call to action.

Tarboro Will Hold Its Club Franchise

Holding a rally yesterday morning, Tarboro citizens advanced more than \$2,000 in cash to retain their baseball franchise and pledged a loyal support to the operator of the club during the coming season. No official announcement has been released, but according to information received here today, Frank Lawrence, of the Portsmouth club, will be offered the franchise for the coming season.

Buck Marrow, after a fling with the Goobers during last season, is surrendering the franchise for an amount slightly less than the loss he sustained in operating the club. He is recovering \$2,250.

With the Tarboro question virtually settled, the spotlight in the league roster now centers on Williamston. Mr. J. Eason Lilley has not yet definitely announced his plans for the coming season. Possibly once the local fans show a keen interest in his baseball problems and offer to help solve them, he will reach a definite decision. Local fans are expected to show their stand at a call meeting of the followers of the sport in the V. E. P. Company offices next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Green Wave Quint Wins Sixth Game Of Current Season

Williamston Defeats Tarboro 29-26 In Overtime Affair

The Green Wave quint won its sixth game of the season in seven starts when the locals defeated Tarboro High here Tuesday night, 29-26. The regulation game ended 26-all, when Boykin failed on two free throws after the final whistle had blown.

In the 3-minute extra period, Crofton dropped a long shot from the center line to break the deadlock and Boykin put the game on ice with a free throw in the closing seconds. Boykin gained scoring honors for the locals with 13 points, while Martin Anderson was second with 8 points.

Hatton was the star of Tarboro's attack with 16 points. The Williamston girls lost to the Tarboro sextet in the preliminary game, 28-23.

Despite the fact that the 1940 edition of the Williamston Green Wave is one of the best in the school's history and is setting quite a record, the local fans have been very negligent in their support at the contests.

It is hoped that the people of this community will wake up to the fact that they can see a good game anytime the Green Wave goes into action.

The line-ups:

Williamston	G	F	T
Boykin, f	6	1	13
Roberson, f	1	0	2
Ward, c	1	0	2
Crofton, c	1	0	2
M. Anderson, g	4	0	8
A. Anderson, g	0	2	2
Critchler, g	0	0	0
Totals	13	3	29

Tarboro	G	F	T
Hatton, f	7	2	16
Gatten, f	0	0	0
Gull, f	0	0	0
Hudson, c	0	0	0
Thayer, c	3	0	6
Carter, g	0	0	0
Edmundson, g	0	2	2
Mewborn, g	1	0	2
Totals	11	4	26

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