

Martins Opening 1940 Home Schedule This Afternoon

Martins Drop Loosely - Played Opening Game To Tarboro By A Score of 11-4 Last Evening

Thompson Leads Local Attack with A Trio Of Safeties

Williamston Hurlers Suffer In The Cool Weather; Show Promise

Opening the 1940 Coastal Plain League season in the Edgcombe Capital last night, the Williamston Martins got their first taste of defeat as the Tarboro Cubs out-hit, out-scored, and out-errored the locals, the final score being 11 to 4.

The Martins offered a presentable game, and although a number of misplays were made, and the pitchers got themselves into a number of holes, the contest was much closer than the score indicates.

Tarboro opened up in the first inning to score five runs off Bartnick, first Williamston pitcher, who allowed only three hits, but a walk, hit batter and three errors proved costly.

The Cubs marked up two more runs in the fourth frame, three in the fifth, and one in the seventh.

The Martins first drew blood in the fourth inning when Newman, third baseman, was safe on an error, and "Hard" Rock sent a zooming double to deep centerfield which threatened to clear the fence.

In the following stanza the locals scored their other three runs by combining a two-base blow of Bomar with singles by Bert Stotler, Newman and Thompson along with an error.

Pinion, Tarboro catcher, was injured in the fifth, as Gene Albritton charged across home plate, knocking him down, but it was later learned that his injury was not serious.

Bomar, relieving Bartnick in the first inning, hurled four innings, but was replaced in the fifth by Oderizzi, due to a charleyhorse. Oderizzi finished the contest in fine form allowing only four hits and one run.

Manager McHenry, centerfielder for Tarboro, captured batting honors for the evening as he chalked up a perfect average of three safeties for three trips to the plate. Justice was next in line for the Cubs with three for four.

For the Martins, Leon Thompson, rightfielder, with three hits for four times at bat, was the big gun, although Rock Bomar and Newman

BREAK CAMP

The Williamston Martins broke camp yesterday morning, leaving the American Legion hut and scattering out to homes in various parts of town where they will stay for the duration of the 1940 season.

President J. Eason Lilley was busy yesterday selling and storing the beds and other equipment used during the spring training season by the Martins at the hut.

Skipper Dixie Parker is now at home in the Hotel George Reynolds and will be there until his wife arrives, at which time they will take an apartment on West Main Street.

Edenton Band Advertisers Special Baseball Game

Accompanied by officials and a few citizens, Edenton's high school band made an impressive appearance on local streets last Wednesday noon when a special invitation was extended local people to witness the Reading, Pa. and Pocomoke City, Md. clubs play in Edenton the following day.

The group was welcomed by Mayor J. L. Hassell over a public address system.

RESULTS

Greenville 5, Wilson 2.
Tarboro 11, Williamston 4.
Kinston 5, New Bern 3.
Snow Hill 2, Goldsboro 1.

Bad Eyesight Causes Rejection In Service

Defective eyesight heads the list of nine physical shortcomings which cause rejection of 70 per cent of men of military age for active service in the Canadian overseas forces, reports the Better Vision Institute.

A substantial number of recruits, rumored to be about one out of every 30, are being rejected for color-blindness. Although many men with varying degrees of color-blindness can get by traffic lights and carry on ordinary civilian activities without being handicapped, the mistaking by a lookout of a barrage flare for one which warns against a gas attack might have disastrous effect upon a whole corps of troops.

Englishman Had Microscopic Eyes

One of the strange cases of unusual eye development in a human being is that of John Hertop, who lived about half a century ago in Birmingham, England. He suffered an affliction which impaired his eyesight. Nature, in attempting to overcome the handicap, caused the cornea of the eye to become greatly enlarged, with the result that he had almost microscopic vision. Possibly his eyes grew to be somewhat similar to those of birds, whose well-developed corneas are chiefly responsible for a sharpness of vision 100 times greater than the visual acuity of human beings, comments the Better Vision Institute.

Wilson Lists Eight Veterans from Last Year's Loop Team

Wilson—When Wilson and Williamston meet Monday afternoon, April 29th, in Williamston for their first time in 1940, the Tobaccoists will present a team as uncertain as the weatherman's prediction, despite the fact that the Tobs boast eight carry-overs from last season.

With a young and untried infield the status of Wilson will be in doubt until well after the season is underway, but meanwhile Skipper Frank Rodgers is counting heavily on the clubbing of his outfielders and the cunning of his chumpers to keep the team's head above water until the infield has shown its ability under heavy cannonading.

Return of Luis Olmo, the hard hitting Puerto Rican fly chaser, settled the outfield problem of the Tobs. Olmo will patrol the right pasture, the sure-fielding Tob skipper will cavort in center, while in left will be found the ever-dependable Earl Carnahan.

In the infield, composed entirely of new faces as far as Wilson is concerned, are two dangerous men and two who are yet to show their ability to stand the withering fire of a 128-game campaign. The dynamiters are Phil Morris, first baseman, who pounded the apple at a .377 clip for Ayden in 1938 and who is counted on heavily as a spearhead of the Tobs offensive, and Angelo Mariana, third sacker, who packs a mean wallop in the willow. Home runs and fence rattling doubles appear to be Angelo's specialty—but right now he's laid up in the hospital with blood poison which may keep him out of the first few games.

The midway sack combination is causing concern, however. At the present, Eddie Bauer is at second and Pete Stuart at short. Both have shown ability afield and at bat but their way has not been exactly spectacular in either department. However they are expected to settle down and give a good account of themselves before the season is very old.

On the other hand, Irv Dickens, the flashy former Wake Forest diamond captain, will be on hand in a few days to battle Bauer for his second base post and then the fun will begin.

Weakest of all Tob departments appears to be the backstopping. Andy Anderson, the capable receiver of 1939 who was credited with keeping the Tobs in the thick of the fight for fourth place until the closing week of the race, has quit baseball. Four candidates are on hand, but as yet Skipper Rodgers has not given any indication as to who the successful candidates might be. Joe Baba, second string catcher last year; Bob Taylor, who is also quite a utility man; Cliff Evans, the Kenly boy, and Red Edwards, another North Carolina product, are battling for the job.

The Tobs "ace in the hole" is figured to be in the pitching staff. But even that is doubtful. Four carry-overs from 1939 are counted on heavily. They are Fem Bissette, the local high school flinger who made good in a big way last summer; Jack Threlfall, Joe Talley, all limited service men and Firpo Creason, veteran fastballer. Threlfall and Creason have not yet hit their stride, Bissette has been handicapped by a torn ligament in his back and Talley is still teaching school.

Two newcomers are expected to break into the Tob hurling corps, however. They are Karl Williams, righthander who was with Greenville two years ago, and Claude Ungerer, rookie southpaw, and a couple of others, who show promise.

out: by Witt 3, Bomar 1, Oderizzi 1. Hits, off Bartnick, 3 in 1-3; Bomar 8 in 4, Oderizzi 4 in 3 2-3. Hit by pitcher, by Bartnick (Justice). Balk: Oderizzi. Passed balls: Pinion, Wrenn. Losing pitcher: Bartnick. Umpires: Kearney and Vickers. Time: 2:22.

Who Is Where

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
Tarboro at WILLIAMSTON
New Bern at Kinston
Snow Hill at Goldsboro
Greenville at Wilson

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
Kinston at Greenville
Williamston at Snow Hill
Wilson at New Bern
Goldsboro at Tarboro

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
Greenville at Kinston
Snow Hill at WILLIAMSTON
New Bern at Wilson
Tarboro at Goldsboro

MONDAY, APRIL 29
Snow Hill at New Bern
Tarboro at Greenville
Wilson at WILLIAMSTON
Kinston at Goldsboro

NOT SO BAD

Last night's bed-time story in Tarboro wasn't really as bad as the score would indicate considering this and that and a few other things. Looking at the contest as a whole, one saw in it a promising team, a team that was hardly ready for action in over-coat weather, under new lights and in a strange surrounding. Bomar, relieving Bartnick, was handicapped with a charleyhorse after holding the Cubs to a few scattered hits. Then the breaks leaned away from Skipper Parker and his boys.

Firmly believing that "Negro" baseball had been ruled out, the skipper never dreamed that he would allow Thompson to wander off third base and get caught by a player with a hidden ball. The skipper offered to explain that the gag had been ruled off on a hit ball in the Bi-State circuit, but the umpires ruled that they were still playing that kind of ball down here.

Skipper Parker Busy Ironing Out the Kinks This Morning

New Pitcher from Statesville Reports To Martins On Approval

After last night's bed-time story, Skipper Dixie Parker was up early this morning making a noble effort to iron out a few kinks. He has three irons in the fire, and we are going to patch up the one or two weak spots just as soon as we can, if not sooner," the manager explained.

Declaring the team, as a whole, looked good, that it was a timely win for Tarboro, the Skipper is worrying more over that hidden ball than anything just now. "Why, it's the first time in twenty years that a hit ball was allowed to go into hiding in a league where I have played," Parker explained.

Urged to shift his conversation back to his ironing-out business, the manager said that Statesville, long on pitchers, sent him a new "chunker" last night on approval. "We don't know much about him," Parker said. It is apparent, however, that there'll be a little ironing out done around the mound. Ebbie DeLoach is the youngster's name and he comes from South Carolina. Ebbie is just 21 years old and is ranked as a rookie.

Three applications for a position on the team are now before the management, one of the applicants holding a fairly good record afield and in the base-running department. The youngster stole 31 bases in 33 attempts last season, and negotiations are underway to give him a trial, according to the skipper.

"We'll have to go into the game this afternoon with virtually the same line-up we had last night," Parker said, adding that Swain would probably draw the assignment. Miller, Bertie County boy, or Mike DeLuca is on deck for service in the Sunday afternoon game here against Snow Hill.

LAW OF AVERAGES

Williamston's 1940 entry in the Coastal Plain loop was opposed on two sides as the curtain was lifted in Tarboro last evening. There was a rejuvenated team of Frank Lawrence's and Cowboy McHenry's making to consider and there was the old law of averages.

Out of six opening games Williamston claimed three, Tarboro two and the rain one, the delayed tilt also falling in Williamston's hands.

The record shows: 1935, Williamston 6, Tarboro 5; 1936, Williamston 8, Tarboro 5; 1937, Williamston 8, Tarboro 7; 1938, Tarboro 11, Williamston 7; 1939, Williamston 4, Tarboro 1; 1940, Tarboro 11, Williamston 4.

Colorful Opening Held In Tarboro

A colorful program marked the opening of the Coastal Plain League in Tarboro last evening just before the Cubs and Martins went into battle. Tarboro's high school band marched into the limelight with an exacting drill and several band numbers.

Repairing to the grandstand, the band turned the field over to club and league officials and authorities of the two towns. Mayor J. L. Hassell without warming up, placed a pretty pitch over the home plate with a little power behind it. Tucker Jones laid down a well executed bunt and possibly saved Mayor Brooks Peters, Tarboro's chief executive, a miss. And Ray Goodman, league president, had no chance to go wrong as the umpire.

STANDINGS

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| Greenville | 1 | 0 | 1,000 |
| Snow Hill | 1 | 0 | 1,000 |
| Kinston | 1 | 0 | 1,000 |
| Tarboro | 1 | 0 | 1,000 |
| WILLIAMSTON | 0 | 1 | .900 |
| New Bern | 0 | 1 | .900 |
| Goldsboro | 0 | 1 | .900 |
| Wilson | 0 | 1 | .900 |

Business Men And Farmers Will Meet

A farmer-businessman meeting will be held in the agricultural building here next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock when a mutual discussion of the farm program will be discussed. Considerable effort has been advanced in behalf of agriculture, and it is certain that greater benefits can be obtained in the aims of the program can be coordinated with the aims of business.

Mr. R. Flake Shaw, prominent Guilford County farmer and State Committeeman, will address the group and a special invitation is being extended the business men of the county to attend and hear him.

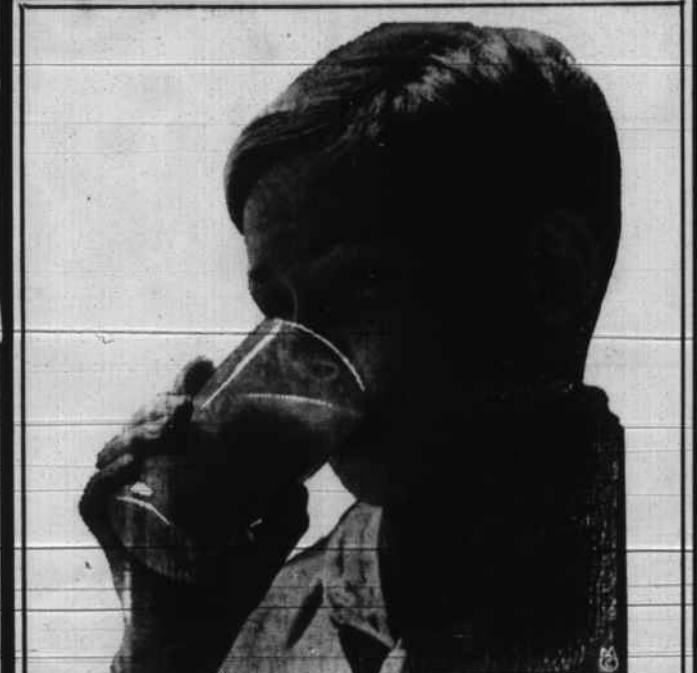
Similar meetings have been and are being held throughout the state, early reports from the first meetings stating that much good has been accomplished in developing a clearer understanding of the farm program problems as they relate both to the farmer and business man.

Best Method For Applying Fertilizer To Garden Crops

Recent experiments with fertilizer placement for garden-row crops show that placing the fertilizer in narrow bands on each side of the seed is the most desirable. This prevents too great a concentration of fertilizer salts near the roots of the plants, especially during the seedling stage. Practically the same results are obtained if the application is made in the row a week to ten days before planting. The fertilizer should be thoroughly mixed with the soil. Where the rows are spaced close enough to require hand cultivation, broadcast applications are desirable.



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