

# Hustling Martins Push Winning Streak to Four Games

## New Life Displayed on Diamond As the Hapless Martins Launch Drive for Higher Place in Loop

### Pitching Staff Now Rated With Best in Coastal Plain Loop

### Miller and Longest Chalk Up First Shut-outs for the Martins This Season

With four straight wins under their belts, the Martins are all set to turn in victories in wholesale lots from now on. You've heard every week that the hapless Williamston forces were on the way up, but this time there is some evidence for what we say.

The pitching staff is the biggest reason for the Martins' prophesied ascendance. With Red Swain, Slim Gardner, Cecil Longest, Ted Miller and Breezy Beard working in fine order, the locals are getting perhaps the best huling in the entire loop. Slim's 4-2 record is the only presentable one of the lot, but all have shown their best work in the past week and we have reason to expect better things.

Slim lost a three-hitter in his last appearance, but he's going to the hill today in Snow Hill in an effort to get back in the victory column. Ted's two-hitter on Sunday needs no description. The big Bertie had a 7-6 chart and he's improving every time he goes to the mound. Swain has finally gotten right after a tragic spring and now has wins in his last two times out. Breezy dropped a five-hit game, then came through with a 5-3 overtime win over Kinston to mark for the first time. A sensation his first year in the league, the little old man is showing the form that made him the most effective relief chucker around. Cecil Longest can't be counted out when hurling acas are being talked about, either. He has a reputation as a steady winner, and with his initial victory chalked up, and that a shut-out, great things are expected of the tall and lanky fellow.

The hole in left field will be filled by Manager Swain until a suitable replacement can be found. When Red's pitching, Lozier Newman will be in the garden position.

Pop Popovich has come through in fine style at the keystone berth, and his hitting has amazed even the most optimistic. The speedy infielder has been getting safe hits in clusters, and his base-losing doubles and triples have been the deciding features in several game-winning rallies of late.

Al Slakis has been another pleasant surprise. Since coming into the game regularly at third base, he hasn't failed to get at least one hit a day. His fielding is up to par, and the slightly-built lad seems to be getting more and more power behind his swings. Thompson and Rock, Red's siege guns, are still in their respective slumps, but Leon has come through with several timely blows in recent games. Rock, a proven batsman, will eventually start bustin' that pellet again, but in the meantime is capably holding down the initial sack with his steady performance.

### How Martins Are Pitching

The best brand of hurling shown to Williamston fans in many a moon has been exhibited by the Martin moundsmen in recent tilts. Witness: Breezy Beard lost a five-hitter; Cecil Longest won one of the same variety; Slim Gardner suffered defeat in a three-hitter; and Ted Miller turned in a brilliantly twirled two-blow affair. Fifteen hits in four games. That's the record.

After dropping six decisions, Beard finally got his due and won one. Harry Swain split on two trips to the mound, and Miller got above the .500 mark with his Sunday masterpiece. Cecil Longest turned in his first win, and Slim Gardner's record was reduced to 4-2 on a bitter defeat.

Swain still leads in games, innings pitched and strike-outs, while Miller has the most victories, seven. Gardner's percentage places him at the head of the hurling corps.

The following statistics include games, innings pitched, hits, strike-outs, bases on balls, won, lost and Percentage:

	G	IP.	H	S.O.	BB	W	L	Pct.
Gardner	6	53	39	37	20	4	2	.667
Miller	19	130 1-3	125	89	57	7	6	.538
Longest	3	21 2-3	22	6	5	1	2	.333
Swain	20	143 2-3	161	91	36	4	12	.250
Beard	9	68 2-3	69	19	29	1	6	.143

### Longest Introduces Shut-Out Brand of Ball to the Martins

### Records 2-0 Defeat Over the New Bern Bears Last Tuesday Night

Cecil Longest, recently acquired by Williamston, came through with his first victory as a Martin, with a masterful 2-0 blanking of New Bern's Bears Friday night in the Craven capital. A pitching duel between Longest and "Dopey" Fuller was decided in the first five minutes when Chuck Taylor's big bat swung around twice to drive in a run in each of the first and second frames to provide the margin of victory.

Chuck, rangy middle-gardener, who is at present on a swatting spree, clouted one of Fuller's first-inning pitches over the rightfield barrier to register his first round-tripper of the spring. In the next stanza Wilcox singled with two-out, went to third when Lokey errored Longest's bounder, and scored on Taylor's single.

Cecil scattered the Bears' hits so effectively that they never seriously threatened. He struck out five and walked one. Fuller whiffed six and passed one.

Taylor had another single to go with his game-winning blows to take hitting honors for the evening with three for five. Charlie Wilcox was the only other Williamston performer to bingle more than one time. He had two for four.

Friday, June 28.

Williamston	Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Taylor, cf	5	1	3	1	0	0
Popovich, 2b	3	0	0	3	6	0
Stotler, ss	3	0	1	0	5	0
Rock, 1b	4	0	0	16	0	0
Thompson, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Slakis, 3b	4	0	1	0	3	1
Swain, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Wilcox, c	4	1	2	6	0	0
Longest, p	4	0	1	0	2	0
Totals	35	2	8	27	16	1

New Bern

Lokey, 3b	Swiggitt, lf	McCarty, 1b	Branch, 2b	Ferrell, rf	Rucker, cf	Hellockson, c	Hug, ss	Fuller, p
3	0	0	5	3	1	4	0	1
4	0	1	3	1	0	4	0	1
4	0	1	6	0	0	4	0	1
4	0	1	2	3	0	4	0	1
4	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2
3	0	2	2	0	0	3	0	0
3	0	0	6	1	0	3	0	0
3	0	0	3	1	1	3	0	0
3	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0
3	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0
Totals	31	0	5	27	12	2		

Score by innings: 0-0-0-0-2-0  
 Williamston 110 000 000-2  
 New Bern 000 000 000-0  
 Runs batted in: Taylor 2, Two base

### Manager Swain In Saddle As Martins Win 4th Straight

### Stotler, Popular Figure At Short, Suffers Slight Injury Last Evening

Manager Harry Swain pitched his Martins to their fourth consecutive victory here last night, setting the Snow Hill Billies down with seven scattered hits to register a 6 to 1 triumph, his fifth of the campaign. While Williamston touched Virgil Taylor for nine blows, they came at opportune moments, and the Martins had only six men left on base.

Swain struck-out three and walked three, and allowed the Billies as many as two hits in only the third and eighth frames. Taylor whiffed four, passed three, but allowed the victors to bunch a trip of safeties in the fifth for a three-run cluster, enough to insure Red the win.

Hits by Newman and Wilcox, a walk to Swain and Popovich's double counted two scores, and Beard's infield out scored the other. Popovich tripled after Wilcox had doubled in the third for the first Williamston tally. A sixth-stanza walk to Thompson, a passed ball and Swain's sharp single to left produced another singleton. A pass to Taylor, and singles by Beard and Leon Thompson figured in the scoring of the final run in the seventh.

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### HOLIDAY GAME

While general business is celebrating, there'll be no holiday for the Martins on the Fourth. In fact, a double schedule has been arranged for the boys. That afternoon the locals will meet Tarboro in Tarboro, returning here for a second contest that evening at 8:15 o'clock. The Wednesday game will be played here at 8:15.

Large crowds are expected for the contest tomorrow evening and on the night of July 6th.

### Beard Comes Home With 5 To 3 Victory Over Kinston Team

### Game Was Second the Martins Had Won This Season In Extra Innings

When Cecil Longest won his first victory, it must have given Breezy Beard ideas. At any rate, the following day the "Big Leaguer" racked up his initial triumph, this time at the expense of the Kinston Eagles.

The decision was a 5-3 verdict in ten innings, the Martins' second overtime win of the year. Although the game was not the best-pitched affair that Beard has turned in, the chunky righthander was effective in the pinches, and succeeded in scattering 10 Eagle hits widedly.

The locals took the contest with a two-run tenth inning. Popovich singled, Rock doubled, Slakis singled and an error did the rest.

The Eagles had tied the count in the seventh by tallying two counters on Congdon's single, a triple by Bator and a single by McCullough.

Besides hurling the win, Beard took batting laurels with three blows in four attempts. Popovich also had three safeties, including a double.

Saturday, June 29.

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Taylor, cf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Popovich, 2b	5	1	3	3	2	0
Stotler, ss	3	0	0	2	3	0
Rock, 1b	5	1	2	8	1	0
Thompson, rf	5	0	0	3	0	0
Slakis, 3b	5	0	1	3	2	0
Swain, lf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Wilcox, c	3	0	0	7	1	0
Beard, p	4	0	3	1	3	0
Totals	38	5	11	30	12	0

Kinston

Kennedy, cf	Weeks, lf	Demasi, rf	Russo, ss	Overton, c	Congdon, 3b	Koloszar, 2b	Bator, 1b	Williams, p
5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	1	5	2	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	1	2	14	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Totals	39	3	10	30	13	1		

Score by innings: 0-0-0-0-2-0-5-0-0-0-3  
 Runs batted in: Stotler, Russo, Beard 2, Bator, McCullough, Rock. Two base hits: Popovich, Kennedy, Rock. Three base hits: Swain, Bator, Weeks. Stolen bases: Demasi, Stotler. Sacrifices: Wilcox, Stotler. Double plays: Russo, Koloszar and Bator. Left on bases: Williamston 8, Kinston 12. Bases on balls: off Beard 6, Williams 3. Hit: off Williams 7 in 6-1-3; McCullough 5 in 2-3. Losing pitcher: McCullough. Umpires: Garner, Vickers and Stroner. Time: 1:45.

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It should be remembered that the Martins were wrecked by a league ruling, that ill luck has followed them week after week, but there has been disheartening reports coming from the public. No complaint has been registered by the owner, but fans have sneaked into the park by crawling through ventilators in the school building, some of them possessing more than the small price of admission. Scores of others have had the brazen nerve to build makeshift platforms on the outside of the park for a free stand. Wayward youths have stolen foul balls by the dozens, and other acts have been committed that were small within themselves.

Pledging the club operator \$2,000, interested fans have virtually raised that amount, and with the team playing better ball and with more interest to be expected among the fans, it is reasonable to expect the Martins to give a better account of themselves and for the owner to break at least even during the remainder of the current season.

Include the remainder of the local games on your recreation schedule and support the team and its owner.

### STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Wilson	48	20	.706
Tarboro	39	27	.591
Goldsboro	37	31	.544
Kinston	33	34	.493
New Bern	31	35	.470
Snow Hill	30	37	.448
Greenville	30	37	.448
WILLIAMSTON	20	47	.289

### How the Martins Hit

Although the Martins as a team lost four percentage points last week, the number of hitters in the select .300 circle has been doubled. Chuck Taylor, speedy centerfielder, and Slim Gardner, the Jamesville Jolter, put on batting sprees to climb into the upper strata. Taylor has climaxed a gradual drive with a trim .314 figure, and at the rate he's now clouting it is probable that the mark will be higher as the season wears on. Chuck possessed a .339 average with New Bern before coming here, but as no record of this has been received that figure has not been included in this tabulation. The entire team at present is hitting .265.

The pace-setters, Leon Thompson and Lester Rock, lost much ground, but some of the lower averages came up to partially offset this slump. Thompson dropped 28 points in eight games, while Rock slid down nine. Both are still comfortably in the higher brackets, and continue to lead the club in the more important departments. Leon is tops in runs scored and hits; Les is high man in runs batted in.

The statistics, with games, at bats, runs, hits, home runs, runs batted in, and percentage, are as follows:

	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Pct.
Thompson, rf	66	263	42	91	2	39	.346
Gardner, p	6	26	2	9	0	3	.346
Rock, 1b	66	269	40	86	4	46	.320
Taylor, cf	30	127	21	40	1	9	.314
Beard, p-inf	25	88	8	24	1	11	.273
Slakis, 3b	39	145	20	39	2	14	.269
Swain, p-of	48	116	20	29	7	22	.250
Longest, p	3	8	1	2	0	0	.250
Newman, 3b	61	279	30	67	1	34	.240
Stotler, ss	34	109	20	23	2	11	.211
Wilcox, c	30	114	10	25	1	12	.210
Popovich, 2b	27	57	27	57	0	20	.207
Miller, p	19	46	4	9	0	3	.196
Rhabe, lf	11	48	4	6	0	3	.125

### Increased Support for Local Baseball Team Is Being Urged

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### Hot Race Continues In Softball League

### Methoterians Turn Episcopalians Back In Game On Friday

Friday afternoon the hustling and bustling Methoterians showed the Episcopalians into a tie for the cellar with the Baptists while they boosted their lead still farther with a 12-5 victory behind Benedict Manning's 9-hit pitching. The decision, Manning's third of the season against no defeats, was at the expense of John Hardy, whose knuckleball was blasted for 16 hits.

The "combination boys" forged to the fore in the second when Cobb's single and a walk mixed with several passed balls netted two runs and increased this advantage in the succeeding stanza. Wise singled and was followed by singles by Critcher, Boykin and Ned Cunningham and a base on balls for a total of four runs.

In their half of the same inning the Episcopalians scored a pair of tallies on a walk and several errors and seemed destined to finally win out, but they eventually reverted to their former sloppy playing and the Methoterians took over.

Fred Wise was best for the victors with three hits for four attempts while Tom Skinner, the Episcopalian stand-by, got a similar number of base knocks to pace his teammates. Hardworking Manager Dillon Cobb, of the Methoterians, shone afield for his boys, while Jim "Dime a Dance" Cooke played his regular steady game at short for the losers.

This afternoon the second place Christians engage the cellarite Baptists in a battle designed to clarify the league's foundation. Should the Baptists win they'll advance to second place while a Christian win would further solidify their present berth.

Manager Bill Spivey, of the Christians, will probably call on his ace, Jack Manning, to snap his club's losing streak. It is possible, but not probable, that Skipper Hall, of the Baptists, will place his faith upon Crubworm Cone. Anyway, a good game is expected and your presence will be appreciated.

### Who Is Where

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3  
 New Bern at Goldsboro  
 Greenville at WILLIAMSTON  
 Snow Hill at Kinston  
 Tarboro at Wilson

THURS., JULY 4 (Afternoon)  
 Williamston at Tarboro  
 Kinston at New Bern  
 Goldsboro at Snow Hill  
 Wilson at Greenville

THURSDAY, JULY 4 (Night)  
 Tarboro at WILLIAMSTON  
 New Bern at Kinston  
 Snow Hill at Goldsboro  
 Greenville at Wilson

FRIDAY, JULY 5  
 Goldsboro at New Bern  
 Williamston at Greenville  
 Kinston at Snow Hill  
 Wilson at Tarboro

### Christians Are Meeting the Episcopalians Today, Baptists Friday

### RESULTS

Friday, June 28.

Methoterians 12, Episcopalians 5.

### STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Methoterians	5	0	1.000
Christian	1	2	.333
Episcopalians	1	3	.250
Baptists	1	3	.250

### GAMES SCHEDULED

Tuesday, July 2.  
 Baptists vs. Christians.  
 Friday, July 5.  
 Episcopalians vs. Christians.

### Results

### RESULTS

Monday, July 1.

Greenville 5, Kinston 4.  
 Williamston 6, Snow Hill 1.  
 Goldsboro 1, Tarboro 0.  
 Wilson 5, New Bern 1.

Friday, June 28.

Wilson 4-10, Snow Hill 1-3.  
 Williamston 2, New Bern 0.  
 Tarboro 11, Kinston 0.  
 Greenville 8, Goldsboro 1.

Saturday, June 29.

Williamston 5, Kinston 3.  
 Greenville 9, Snow Hill 3.  
 New Bern 5, Tarboro 2.  
 Goldsboro 6, Wilson 4.

Sunday, June 30.

Williamston 7, Kinston 0.  
 Snow Hill 5, Greenville 0.  
 New Bern 3, Tarboro 2.  
 Wilson 3, Goldsboro 2.

### Farm Platform Is Offered By Group

More than 60 per cent of all U. S. representatives and 75 per cent of the senators today represent rural constituencies—which makes the farmer a power in the land this presidential election year. The American Farm Bureau Federation has already laid down its "farm platform" for recommendation to the national party conventions. Highlights: Parity income for farm producers... Expansion of the nation's machine for moving surpluses into consumption... Strengthening of the farm credit system and rehabilitation of farm loan associations... Intensive development of the national defense system... And adoption of an excess war profits tax.

### Big Ted Miller Pitches Superior Ball Here Sunday

### Bertie Chunker Allows Only Two Hits in Game Against Kinston

Big Ted Miller offered one of the finest hurling performances seen here this year when he shut out the Kinston Eagles with two hits here Sunday afternoon. The Martins made seven runs, but that isn't the important part of the tale.

Bertie Ted twirled hitless ball for the last seven frames after giving up a double in the first and a single in the following stanza. He retired 22 men in order from the second until the ninth, and struck out seven batters. The triumph raised Miller's won-lost record over the 500 mark.

Sid Stringfellow had the Martins eating out of his hand equally as well as Miller was performing until a five-run eighth. Popovich singled, and Stotler's sacrifice was errorred. Rock got life on another miscue, and then Leon Thompson boomed a double to left-center to count two runs. Al Slakis, recently inserted in the regular line-up at third base, caught one of Sid's throws on the nose to bounce the pellet off the corner of the gym for a home run, three markers crossing the plate. The blow was Slakis' second four-master.

The Martins scored enough to win in the first after two men had been retired. Stotler walked, stole second and went to third when Catcher Overton errored. Rock then laid down an easy roller to Congdon at third, but the throw to first was wide and Stotler scored when Rock was safe. A fifth-frame run also came with two out. Taylor walked and scooted home on Popovich's triple past second.

The nearest thing resembling a score for the Eagles came when Weeks doubled and advanced to third on Demasi's fly to right. He was stranded on third. Miller later struck out Weeks.

Tony Popovich got half of the Martins' six blows to run his hit total for the series against Kinston to a half-dozen. He formerly was a member of the Lenoir County outfit. Slakis had a single to go with his Ruthian, while Thompson's timely two-baser was the other blow garnered off Stringfellow.

### Martins Surrender Games By Protests

By action of League President R. H. Goodman, the Williamston club has been penalized with the loss of three games as a result of a discrepancy in the signing of Nick Rhabe, recently acquired outfielder.

Games have been awarded to Tarboro, New Bern and Greenville as an aftermath of a protest by Manager Steinecke, of Tarboro. The forfeits were based upon the fact that Rhabe was not signed to a Williamston contract, although performing on the field for the Martins.

When through a misunderstanding Rhabe was not signed, the player himself openly mentioned the fact around the league and sought to gain his free agency as a result of his name not being affixed to a contract. Having come from the Richmond Colts, which is in the Class B Piedmont league, Rhabe considered himself too capable to play in this class of ball, and his discontentment was reflected in his .125 batting average with the Martins.

Manager Steinecke is alleged to have heard Rhabe and promptly made his protest which was upheld by the league proxy. Rhabe has left Williamston and it is thought that he is now seeking employment in the Bi-State league, a Class D circuit.

Included in the forfeited games are a 7-1 decision over the second place Tarboro Cubs, a win in the first game of the Friday night double bill with the Greenies, and a tilt to New Bern.

### Things To Watch For In The Future

Now, built-in radios on bicycles. Razor-blade "sandwich man" carrying bulletin board on which he chalks inning-by-inning baseball scores caught by his portable radio (well, they have 'em in Brooklyn).

### Score by Innings:

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Taylor, cf	3	1	0	2	0	0
Popovich, 2b	4	1	3	4	0	0