

Martins Hold First Work Out of Season Here Yesterday

Skipper Rodgers Reserves All Predictions for Coming Season

Seventeen Players Go Through Paces Under Blazing Sun

Additional Recruits Expected From Richmond During Next Few Days

Skipper Frank Rodgers and sixteen of his players went through the paces under a blazing sun here yesterday morning to make the opening of the Martins' training camp. While the schedule brought forth streams of perspiration, the meeting yesterday morning was devoted in part to formal introductions, members of the group calling each other Babe, Boy, Pop and so on before the dinner bell was sounded at one o'clock.

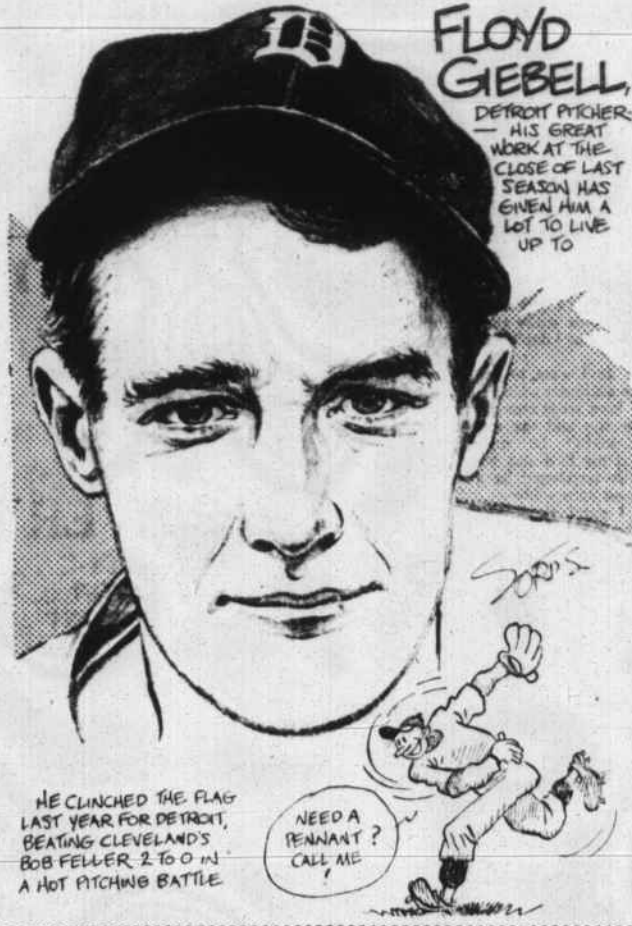
While offering no predictions for the season, Skipper Rodgers found a few bright spots in the field and around the diamond. It is quite apparent that Frank is a bit worried over his mound staff. There were Ted Miller, Slim Gardner, Marty Matuza, Nathan Edmondson and Dick Cherry on the field yesterday, and as far as they go it is all right. Dick Cherry is a veteran and that complicates matters, for the club can carry only three players of that classification. Already there are four veterans on the roster, and regardless of ability one of them will have to go. Ted Miller and Slim looked very good in the first day out. Edmondson is quite young, but the Skipper is pulling for him. Marty Matuza, coming here from Rodgers' home-town, is working for a mound assignment. "He looks all right, but I did not know him back home," Manager Rodgers explained, adding that he comes highly recommended. The outlook for the mound is improving rapidly, however. Ken Rymer, of Morganton, is coming here from the Colts' camp and Pete Kunis, former Goldsboro pitcher, has agreed to terms. Rymer, a rookie, and Kunis, a veteran, are due in today. Kunis coming from Wilkes-Barre.

Clarence Tuckey, one of the boys who started calling Babe in quick order, held the spotlight at the third sack in yesterday's training. Keith Ford, who stands a mere six foot six inches in his bare feet, was reaching in all directions from first, and at the bat he laid two over the centerfield fence. Milton Richman, a youngster from New York, is at second with a great determination. Bert Stotler, one of the best-looking shorts in the circuit last season is back at that post. Felton McGee is offering competition at that position.

The pre-season observers and there were quite a few of them on hand yesterday morning when the camp was officially opened at 10:30, are quite pleased with the outfield, and it is fairly safe to bet that the skipper will have little worry in that quarter. He knows, after being there a dozen or more years, that the center spot will be handled by himself. And John Byrum, of Edenton, and Chuck Taylor look all right in left and right fields, respectively. There may be a little shifting done later on, the pilot said today after studying strategy over night.

There's plenty of competition around the backstop position with four candidates ready and willing to take over. Haywood Wynne, local youth who is completing his work for the season with the high school team and who had rather play ball than eat is a promising youngster, but he is "mighty" young. Edward Brown, following along in Brother

REAL TEST AHEAD - By Jack Sords



HE CLINCHED THE FLAG LAST YEAR FOR DETROIT, BEATING CLEVELAND'S BOB FELLER 2-0 IN A HOT PITCHING BATTLE.

FLOYD GIEBELL
DETROIT PITCHER - HIS GREAT WORK AT THE CLOSE OF LAST SEASON HAS GIVEN HIM A LOT TO LIVE UP TO

EXHIBITION

Frank Rodgers' first 1941 edition of the Martins will be seen in regular line-up next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in an exhibition contest with an independent team from Durham. The game will be played on the field here, advance reports from Durham stating that the visitors are tuned to offer bad competition.

Things To Watch For In The Future

A hot-weather sleeping bag to cool the sleeper without a suspicion of draft, via millions of tiny jets of refrigerated air; coffee is latest to join the ranks of the "quick-frozen" foods. Super-quick analysis of your watch, on a machine some jewelers have that will magnify and count the tick-tocks and draw a chart, in less than a minute, showing just how much your watch gains or loses per 24 hours, and indicate what is probably wrong with it. Another idea in special match-book covers—your favorite photo, of wife, kiddie, clubhouse, home, or business place, reproduced in miniature on the match books. A small, motor-

Jimmy's footsteps, Steve Plantz, of Pittsburgh, and Jim Gainer are working for the catcher's assignment. Al Slakis, the hard-working little third baseman last year, and Chester Sparr, rookie first baseman from Chicago, came in yesterday too late for the opening exercises, but they are in the camp and ready to go.

Eleven of the twenty men on the roster are simon-pure rookies, four are veterans, and five are limited service men.

Goldsboro Signs "Young" Rookie

Six Feet, Two Inches Tall, Hurler Is Not Yet 17 Years Old

Measuring six feet, two inches in height and weighing 195 pounds, Pitcher Sydney Unger, of the Goldsboro Bugs is not yet 17 years old. He was only 16 when he signed his first pro contract and reported for training.

Last summer, he pitched for the Carletons of New York, one of the stronger teams of the metropolitan area. On May 26, just three weeks after his sixteenth birthday, he beat the Brooklyn Bushwicks, one of the outstanding semi-pro clubs of New York State. This team boasts such stars as George Earnshaw, famous hurler for Connie Mack's A's and other retired major league sparklers. Defeating them is a tough job, but young Unger turned in a no-hitter against them.

During the summer, the Bug box recruit rolled up four two-hit games against some of the stiffest competition that could be found in the territory.

As a star for DeWitt Clinton high of New York, Unger earned three baseball letters at the school, and he was placed on the metropolitan all-scholastic nine during his last two seasons.

On the basketball court, he scored 24 points in one game for his high school quint.

A giant for his age, Unger also starred on the Clinton football team as an end. Last October in an important game against Roosevelt High, he intercepted a pass and sprinted 84 yards for a touchdown.

Young as he is, Unger always was noted for coolness under fire, even when playing against much older heads. This trait earned him the nickname of "Steady Boy" which has followed him through high school and semi-pro play.

A righthander all the way, he is a native of the Bronx. A good hitter, he can play the outfield when not pitching. He ought to be a great pitcher when he attains full growth. If he never grows another inch he'll never be mistaken for a Singer midg-et.

Stotler Is First To Make Appearance In Camp Here

Bert Stotler, ppoular shortstop for the Martins last season, was the first to report for training in the Martins' 1941 camp, the young man coming in from Ohio Sunday.

Visits in Asheville
Dillon Cobb visited in Asheville last week-end.

Introducing the Skipper



SKIPPER RODGERS

Introducing Frank Rodgers—new skipper of the Williamston Martins. The diamond veteran comes here from Wilson where his teams met with great success. Under his capable leadership the Martins are expected to become a very much improved club with plenty of spirit.

Last year as the Tob centrefielder

Rodgers hit .281 in 123 games. He hit safely 128 times out of 456 official times at bat, scoring 71 runs. The skipper drove in 68 runs. Extra base hits included 28 doubles, two triples and seven home runs. He was walked 66 times, hit twice and fanned 46 times. In the fielding department his average was .980, making 234 put-outs, 13 assists and figured in one double play. He made six miscues.

The veteran is chunky, with a good tan and is suffering from "partial baldness", however he is still one of the most feared men at the plate in the clutch, and is dependable and fast in his garden duties.

I. T. Valentine To Speak At Farm Life

I. T. Valentine, prominent attorney and well known figure in North Carolina politics, will deliver the commencement address in the Farm Life School on Wednesday of next week. Principal Russell Martin announced last week-end.

The first in the series of commencement events in the school was held last Friday evening when Miss Melba Russ' piano pupils appeared in annual recital.

Other events scheduled are: Seventh grade commencement—an operetta, "Sunbonnet Girl," Friday, April 25, 8 o'clock.

Baccalaureate sermon, Sunday, April 27, 3 o'clock.

Class day exercises, Tuesday, April 29, 8 o'clock.

There are fourteen seniors in the graduating class and thirty-one in the seventh grade. Vera Pearl Williams is salutatorian of the senior class and Lala Smithwick, the valedictorian.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS - STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed Proposals for furnishing equipment and laying Surface Treated Pavement in the Town of Williamston, N. C., will be received by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Williamston, N. C., at the City Hall until Ten (10:00) o'clock A. M., E.S.T., the second (2nd) day of May, 1941, at which

The Contractor will bid on furnishing Motor Grader and Operator for conditioning the sub-grade, furnishing Roller and Asphalt Distributor with operators and proper trucks for spreading stone. All grading will be done by the Town. The Town will also haul in any material needed for the proper conditioning of the sub-grade.

A performance Bond is required in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and upon the payment of all persons supplying "labor" and furnishing equipment for the construction of the project.

Consideration will be given only to bids of Contractors who submit evidence showing that they are licensed under "An Act to Regulate the Practice of General Contracting" ratified by the General Assembly of North Carolina on March 10, 1925, and as subsequently amended.

Each bid must be accompanied by cash, a certified check or bid bond for five (5) per cent of the amount of the bid, made payable to the Town of Williamston, N. C., as a guarantee that a contract will be entered into with the Town within ten days after award to the bidder and that the required bond will be executed.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept any bid deemed to be for the best interest of the Town.

By order of the Board of Aldermen

J. L. HASSELL, Mayor
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GREENVILLE	Drink	May 8-24-30n June 25 July 4d-22 Aug. 10-22 Sept. 1	May 20 June 7-15-30 July 10-16 Aug. 11-20-28	May 10 June 3-16-22 July 15-18 Aug. 6-24-29	May 16-29 June 10-18 July 6-26-31 Aug. 25 Sept. 3	May 12 June 1-11-27 July 8-24 Aug. 4-16	May 14-27 June 13-28 July 3-20 Aug. 2-13	May 18-22 June 5-21 July 11-29 Aug. 8-18
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