

Manager Frank Rodgers Well Pleased With Mound Staff

Rymer and Miller Impressive In Exhibition Contest Here Sunday

Hartis Hinton Is A Big Threat With A "Mean" Curve Ball

Pitching Force Now Regarded Fairly Complete With Seven on Roster

According to latest reports coming from the Martin training camp, Skipper Frank Rodgers will probably have a fine mound staff—one of the best in the Coastal Plain circuit, if the outlook now has any bearing on the situation. The Skipper now has seven pitchers fast rounding into mid-season form, led by Veterans Pete Kunis, Ted Miller and Slim Gardner, with Rookies Ken Rymer, Marty Matusa, Hartis Hinton and Nathan Edmondson showing plenty in the daily training periods.

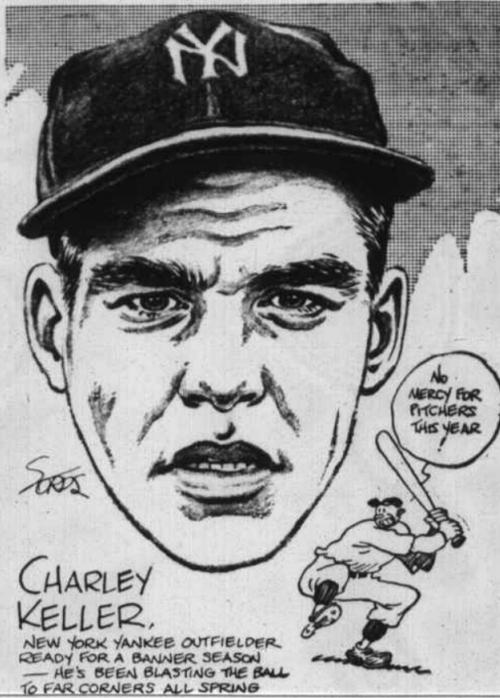
Pete Kunis, who played in this league with Goldsboro the year before last, did a masterful job, participating in 30 games and ending the season with an earned run average of 3.35 runs per nine-inning game. Last year he played with a weak club in the Bi-State loop, and his record took a slight dip, but Pete is considered by the Skipper to be ready for an unusually fine season with the Martins.

Ted Miller, Bertie County thrower deluxe, displayed before the fans last Sunday that he was ready to go, being very impressive during his three-inning turn.

Slim Gardner, although a bit wild last Sunday, is waiting for "hot" weather, and Rodgers feels sure that Slim still has a lot of those fancy curves left when the hot weather arrives.

Also impressive in last Sunday's exhibition was Ken Rymer, rookie right-hander, who has a great deal

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Martins Win Exhibition Game Sunday

Turn Back Durham Independents By A Score Of 12 To 6

Martins Play Errorless Ball And Get Sixteen Hits To Score Victory

In their first exhibition of the 1941 season, the Williamston Martins defeated the Durham Lookouts, 12-6, here last Sunday afternoon before a fairly large crowd of interested supporters. The Martins looked exceptionally well both at the plate and in the field considering the fact that they have been training only four days.

Skipper Frank Rodgers used fifteen players during the game, and feels that the club with possibly one or two changes will make a presentable showing in the pennant race. He divided the mound duties between Ted Miller, Ken Rymer and Slim Gardner. Miller looked in good condition during his turn, allowing only three safeties, staying in front of the batters with his fine control. Rymer, a rookie, displayed a sizzling fast ball with a variety of curves and just enough wildness to keep the hitters from getting set for his pitch. He fanned four and allowed only two bingles during his three-inning turn. The fans were impressed with his performance. Slim Gardner went the last three, and stayed in hot water most of the time. He allowed six hits, five runs, three walks, a wild pitch, while striking out four.

The Martins batted around in the second innings to count five runs off five hits and two errors. They came back in the third frame with three more runs on Tuckey's walk, Stotler's double and singles by Gainer, Miller and Byrum, driving the Lookouts' starting hurler to the showers. The locals counted their other four runs in the seventh when Catcher Plantz singled, Gardner was safe on a fielder's choice, Byrum binged, Stotler walked, Taylor went to first on an error as Gardner came home. With the bases loaded, Haywood Wynne placed a two-base blow down the left field line to empty the bases.

Batting honors for the Martins went to Miller, who had a perfect day with two for two, batting in three runs; Stotler, with three for five, also batted in a trio of scores; Johnny Byrum, with three for five, knocked in a pair of counters, and Skipper Rodgers was good for two safeties in four trips to the plate.

Leading the Durham team at the plate were Reilly and Addison with two for four each.

The box:

Ab	R	H	P	O	A	E
Byrum, If	5	3	3	1	0	0
Stotler, ss	5	1	3	3	2	0
Taylor, rf-ef	4	1	3	0	0	0
Sparr, lb	4	0	0	5	0	0
Ford, lb	1	0	0	4	0	0
Rodgers, cf	4	0	2	0	0	0
Wynne, rf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Tuckey, 2b-3b	3	2	1	2	0	0
Slakis, 3b	3	1	0	1	1	0
Magee, 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gainer, c	3	1	1	5	1	0
Plantz, c	2	0	1	4	0	0
Miller, p	2	2	0	2	0	0
Rymer, p	1	0	1	0	2	0
Gardner, p	2	1	0	0	1	0
Totals	42	12	16	27	11	0
Durham	4	2	2	1	0	0
Reilly, cf	4	0	1	3	4	2
Mann, ss	5	0	2	1	1	0
Ward, 3b-p	4	0	0	1	0	0
Walters, lf	5	2	1	7	1	1
Wilkie, lb	4	0	2	3	1	0
Addison, c	2	1	0	2	5	2
Hunter, 2b	2	0	0	1	0	0
Levy, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Eubanks, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Parker, p	1	0	1	0	0	1
Sharpe, p	2	0	1	0	0	0
Tatum, 3b	1	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	36	6	11	24	12	6
Score by innings:	000	001	212	—	6	R
Durham	000	001	212	—	6	R
Williamston	053	000	40x	—	12	R
Runs batted in:	Reilly, Mann, Hunter, Byrum 2, Stotler 3, Wynne 3, Miller 3. Two base hits: Addison, Tuckey, Stotler, Wynne. Three base hit: Reilly. Stolen base: Hunter. Double plays: Miller, Stotler and Sparr; Sharpe, Mann and Wilkie.					

Former Martins To Meet Frank Rodgers' Boys Here Thursday Afternoon At 3:30

Public Opinions

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WOLVES LOOSE AGAIN . . .

After watching the 1941 assortment of Williamston's entry in the Coastal Plain League perform here last Sunday, public opinion has taken quite a step forward, the bleacher fans who are the best second-guessers in the world feeling like that team could have whipped the socks off last year's squad at this stage of the game.

Already a number of fans have gone out on the limb and predicted that Ted Miller, of the Bertie variety, will be one of the leading pitchers in the Coastal Plain this season. Well, Ted didn't do so bad last season as a rookie, and those limb-sitters may have a good thing.

SEEN FROM A DISTANCE: Hack Gaylor, Martin outfielder of last season who hit a mere 350, sitting in the grandstand watching the exhibition. Hack finished up the season with the locals, but he said he would be unable to continue this year because of his work. They say that old age gets the best of 'em.

Drawing favorable comment from many was Clarence "Ken" Tuckey, second baseman. He'll break up his part of the ball games this season. Looks like he's a better than average fielder, and a fair hitter.

Judge Smith, of Robersonville, had his pillow at his usual spot Sunday afternoon for his view and opinion of the Martins. We kinda believe the Judge rates as No. 1 fan outside of Williamston for he never misses. He wanted to see Edmondson pitch for the Martins, but Skipper Rodgers couldn't turn the trick at that time.

In comparison, this same Durham team played Rocky Mount's Coastal Plain entry in Rocky Mount Saturday afternoon and lost by the narrow margin of 5-3. The Lookout manager said his team should have won, that Rocky Mount has a long way to go before the season opened. Wonder what he thinks about the Martins?

What looked to be the fastest man on the basepath was Johnny Byrum, left fielder. He scored from first base on Stotler's short double, which meant that he was really "layin' 'em down."

Skipper Rodgers is proving to be a very popular manager. The only thing about him is that he is slightly "High Hat"—He hangs around the grandstand more than he does the

Wilkie, Mann and Hunter. Left on bases: Durham 8, Williamston 10. Base on balls, off Parker 1, Sharpe 1, Ward 2, Rymer 1, Gardner 3. Struck out, by Parker 1, Sharpe 2, Ward 3, Miller 1, Rymer 4, Gardner 4 Hits, off Parker 9 in 2-3 innings; Sharpe 4 in 3-1-3; Ward 3 in 2; Miller 3 in 3; Rymer 2 in 3; Gardner 6 in 3. Hit by pitcher, by Sharpe (Taylor); Gardner (Hunter). Wild pitches: Rymer, Gardner, Ward. Winning pitcher: Miller. Losing pitcher: Parker. Umpires: Diem and Baird. Time of game: 2:10.

Old '39 Club Will Have To Call For Few Recruits For Regulation Game

Led by such old regulars as Howard Earp and Pappy Diem, the '39 Martins will return to action on the local diamond Thursday afternoon of this week when they meet Skipper Frank Rodgers' boys. The game, booked and planned on a regulation schedule, is to be called at 3:30, the Martins' president, Pete Fowden, stating that the 25-cent admission fee will go to the ball club treasury.

While Skipper Rodgers points out that the game is subject to put him on the spot, he will be ready with an improved team over the one seen in action Sunday. It is possible that a new catcher will be in the line-up for the professionals. One is due in tomorrow from Mobile, Ala. The youngster, just turned 19, is coming at the recommendation of Charlie Wilcox, a former receiver for the Martins.

The '39 line-up includes: Howard Earp, Artie Diem, Dick Cherry, Breezy Beard, Haywood Wynne, Jack Manning, Oscar Anderson, Brother Cherry and Fenner Wallace.

Scheduled just one week ahead of the opening of the official season in the Coastal Plain Loop, the game on Thursday will offer a pretty good idea of what the starting line-up will look like against Tarboro here on the eighth.

If reports are true, which are, the present-day Martins will have a tough time here Thursday afternoon at 3:30 when they meet the "Thirty-Niners" in a regulation game. Dick Cherry is slated to hurl for the former Martins.

Nevertheless and notwithstanding the consequences, the wolves realize that the Martins have been in camp only a week and that many things can happen between now and May 8th when the official season opens with Tarboro here. So here's hoping for the best for everybody!

EXHIBITION

The management of the Williamston Martins has staged a return exhibition with the Durham Lookouts here next Sunday afternoon. The contest will begin promptly at 3 o'clock.

The Lookouts' manager, Wilkie, stated that he would acquire a good pitcher for the affair and that his team would come back looking for revenge. Fans seemed well satisfied with the play of both teams here last Sunday and an even larger crowd is expected to attend the return game here this Sunday afternoon.

Increased Travel On Ocean Highway

That the Ocean Highway (U. S. 17) is carrying an increasing traffic is reflected in the recent action of the Virginia Ferry Corporation, calling for the addition of a new boat and more frequent schedules. The steady increase in public acceptance of the Ocean Highway route makes a faster schedule necessary to accommodate the traffic without delays. The new schedule, offering a crossing every 90 minutes, is in effect from 5:30 a. m. to 12:15 a. m.

With the completion of the fill and bridges across Conine Swamp at this point, the route is destined to become one of the most popular for tourists.

The new boat has six traffic lanes, a dining room and lunch counter and is strictly modern.

Yancey Farmers Trying Out Sequoia Irish Potato

Yancey County farmers are trying out the Sequoia Irish potato. State College's latest horticultural contribution, because it has proven superior to other varieties now being grown.

Rodgers states that with possibly one or two changes, his charges will be ready to make a presentable showing against all clubs in the circuit.

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