

# Martins Clinging to Top Division in League Standings

## Locals Drop Hard One to the Kinston Eagles Last Evening

### Kinston Comes From Behind To Win By A 4-3 Count In the 11th

#### Taylor and Pettus Lead Attack at Bat for Martins With Two Hits Each

Williamston dropped to fourth place in the Coastal Plain League standings as a result of the heart-breaking loss last night to Kinston's Eagles by a score of 4-3. The hurling battle between our own Pete Kunis and Don Parker went 11 innings before the decision was made.

Veteran Pete Kunis held the Eagles scoreless for seven innings. He gave up 13 hits, walked three and fanned three, while Parker allowed nine safeties, walked seven and struck out eight.

With the score 3-0 in favor of the Martins going into the last half of the seventh, Kinston marked twice on three singles and an error. The Eagles went ahead to tie it up in the ninth on a double, a sacrifice and an infield hit.

The tenth inning found both teams unable to cross the home plate with the all-important run, and Williamston was unable to gather a score in the eleventh. But by combining three singles and a sacrifice, the battle was over—with the Eagles being "the best birds."

Chuck Taylor and Clyde Pettus each got two hits to lead the Martin attack at the plate. Charlie Metelski hit safely three times to lead Manager Cowboy McHenry's lads.

The box:

Monday, May 19.										
Williamston	Ab	R	H	P	O	A	E			
Byrum, lf	4	0	1	1	0	1	0			
Shelton, 2b	5	0	1	2	4	0	0			
Taylor, rf	5	1	2	3	0	0	0			
Tuckey, 3b	5	0	1	1	3	1	0			
Rodgers, cf	5	1	1	4	0	0	0			
Sparr, 1b	4	0	0	1	1	0	0			
Stotler, ss	2	0	0	4	2	0	0			
Pettus, c	5	0	2	3	0	0	0			
Kunis, p	4	1	1	2	3	1	0			
Totals	39	3	9	31	13	3	0			
xOne out when winning run scored in 11th.										

Kinston										
Ab	R	H	P	O	A	E				
Metelski, cf	6	0	3	1	0	0	0			
Hundley, ss	4	0	0	1	6	0	0			
Taylor, rf	5	1	2	3	0	0	0			
McHenry, lf	5	1	1	4	0	0	0			
Ridings, 2b	4	0	1	5	1	0	0			
Upchurch, 3b	5	0	2	0	4	2	0			
Bator, 1b	5	0	1	13	2	0	0			
Willett, c	4	0	1	7	1	0	0			
Carr, c	1	0	0	1	0	0	0			
Parker, p	4	1	1	1	2	0	0			
zKoy	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Totals	43	4	13	33	17	2	0			
zRun for Willett in 9th.										

Score by innings: R  
Williamston 000 100 110 00-3  
Kinston 000 000 021 01-4  
Runs batted in: Taylor, Pettus, Ridings, Metelski, McHenry. Two base hits: Willett, Pettus. Stolen bases: McHenry, Taylor 2, Metelski, Shelton. Sacrifices: Byrum, Parker, Hundley 2. Double plays: Kunis, Stotler and Sparr; Bator and Hundley; Hundley, Ridings and Bator.

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## Hit-And-Run Game Offered By Locals And Eagles Sunday

### Skipper Rodgers and Company Build Up Batting Averages, Make 17 Runs

If you liked to see baseball games with plenty of scoring, you should have been at the local park Sunday afternoon when Williamston's Martins and Kinston staged a free-for-all slugfest and display of their mound staff. The Martins were the final victors by the long count of 17-10.

The outstanding highlight of the encounter was Chuck Taylor's home run in the second inning with the bases loaded. Taylor's blow hit the school building and bounced away from the outfielder, rolling almost back to the infield before a Kinston player was able to recover the pellet, and by that time the speedy Martin outfielder had already crossed the plate. Chuck also got a double and a single for five trips and batted in seven runs.

Three pitchers were used by each team in a useless attempt to stop the scoring festivities.

Bert Stotler hit safely three times out of four, two of which were good for two bases, while Johnny Byrum got four for six. Chester Sparr hit a home run in the seventh.

Johnny Byrum made several nice catches in left field, including a one-hand catch while backed up against the high school gym.

The box:

Sunday, May 18.										
Kinston	Ab	R	H	P	O	A	E			
Metelski, cf	3	1	1	2	0	0	0			
Hundley, ss	4	0	1	2	2	1	0			
DeMasi, rf	6	1	2	1	0	0	0			
McHenry, lf	6	0	2	1	0	0	0			
Ridings, 2b	4	1	0	1	4	1	0			
Upchurch, 3b	5	0	2	2	2	1	0			
Bator, 1b	4	2	1	9	0	0	0			
Carr, c	4	3	1	6	2	0	0			
Mooney, p	1	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Dwyer, p	1	1	0	0	0	1	0			
Koy, p	1	0	1	0	1	0	0			
xWillett	1	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Totals	40	10	11	24	12	4	0			

Batted for Koy in 9th.

Williamston										
Ab	R	H	P	O	A	E				
Byrum, lf	6	3	4	4	0	0	0			
Shelton, 2b	3	2	1	2	3	0	0			
Taylor, rf	5	1	3	3	0	1	0			
Tuckey, 3b	5	1	1	5	2	0	0			
Rodgers, cf	4	1	0	2	0	1	0			
Sparr, 1b	4	3	3	0	3	0	0			
Stotler, ss	4	3	3	0	3	0	0			
Pettus, c	4	2	1	3	0	0	0			
Miller, p	2	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Rymer, p	2	1	1	0	0	0	0			
Gardner, p	1	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Totals	40	17	15	27	9	4	0			

Totals

Myers, 2b										
Ab	R	H	P	O	A	E				
McCaskey, c	6	2	3	3	2	0	0			
Biershenk, ss	4	1	2	0	8	1	0			
Blawn, 1b	4	1	1	15	0	0	0			
Wilson, p	4	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Totals	43	16	15	27	16	1	0			

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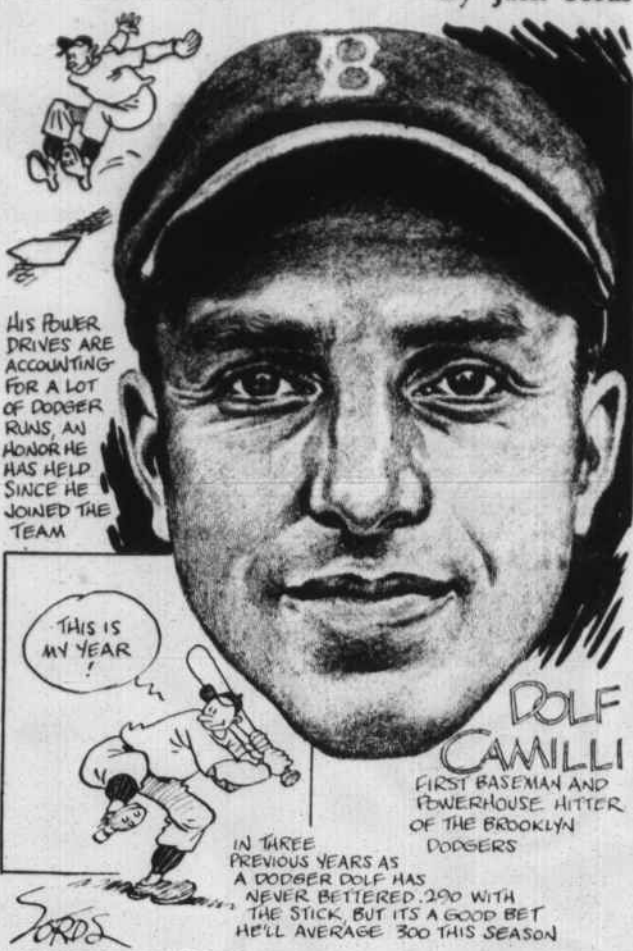
Williamston										
Ab	R	H	P	O	A	E				
Byrum, lf	3	1	0	0	1	0	0			
Shelton, 2b	3	1	1	1	6	1	0			
Taylor, rf	4	1	0	1	0	0	0			
Tuckey, 3b	3	0	1	1	4	1	0			
Rodgers, cf	4	1	1	3	0	0	0			
Sparr, 1b	4	1	2	12	0	0	0			
Pettus, c	4	0	0	4	1	0	0			
Rymer, p	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Hinton, p	3	0	0	0	2	0	0			
Totals	32	5	5	27	16	4	0			

Score by innings:

Rocky Mount	032 301 322-16
Williamston	113 000 000-5

Runs batted in: Myers 3, Biershenk, McCaskey, Kurst 4, Weeks 2, Walker, Blawn, Tuckey, Sparr 3, Rodgers. Two base hits: Myers, Biershenk, Smith, Kurst 3, Rodgers, Blawn. Three base hits: Sparr, Biershenk. Home runs: Sparr, Kurst, Myers. Stolen bases: Byrum, Weeks, Walker. Sacrifice: Wilson. Double play: Smith and Blawn. Left on bases: Rocky Mount 8, Williamston 3. Bases on balls, off Wilson 3, Rymer 1, Hinton 6. Struck out, by Wilson 2, Hinton 3. Hits, off Rymer, 3 in 1 inning (none out in 2nd); Hinton 12 in 8. Balk: Rymer. Losing pitcher: Hinton. Umpires: Bagby and Hanna. Time: 2:00.

## AT HIS PEAK - - - By Jack Sords



## Ted Miller Turns Up With Bad Arm

The woes of Frank Rodgers as manager of the Williamston Martins have taken a turn for the worse as Ted Miller comes up with a sore arm. Miller started Sunday's game, but he had to be replaced in the fourth inning. The Skipper said he was going to take Teddy to Goldsboro where his arm will be examined.

Coming in last Saturday afternoon, Jack Wilcox, rookie pitcher, stated that he was tired after 30 hours' ride on the bus, but that he would be ready after a rest. Wilcox, (Charlie "Donald Duck" Wilcox is his uncle),

Score by innings: R  
Kinston 100 300 303-10  
Williamston 143 601 20x-17  
Runs batted in: McHenry, Carr 2, Hundley 2, Metelski, DeMasi, Rodgers, Taylor 2, Byrum 3, Shelton, Pettus, Rymer 2, Sparr. Two base hits: DeMasi, McHenry, Bator, Carr, Taylor, Upchurch, Stotler 2. Three base hit: Shelton. Home runs: Taylor, Sparr. Left on bases: Kinston 13, Williamston 12. Bases on balls, off Mooney 5, Dwyer 3, Koy 2, Miller 2, Rymer 7, Gardner 1. Struck out, by Mooney 1, Koy 4, Rymer 2. Hits, off Mooney 2 in 2 innings; Dwyer 5 in 1 (none out in 4th); Koy 8 in 5; Miller 6 in 3 1-3; Rymer 3 in 3; Gardner 2 in 2 2-3. Hit by pitcher, by Koy (Sparr, Shelton). Wild pitches: Miller, Mooney, Dwyer 2. Winning pitcher: Miller. Losing pitcher: Mooney. Umpires: Hanna and Bagby. Time: 2:30.

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## INTRODUCING

## Chester Sparr

### MARTINS' HARD-HITTING FIRST BASEMAN

With the current baseball season less than two weeks old, Chester Sparr, Martin first baseman, has made his name one feared by every pitcher in the Coastal Plain League. His present batting average of .545 is second to none and in the first ten games has batted in 14 runs, while hitting in sixth position. He has every essential of a natural hitter and ere this 1941 season is over, barring possible injuries, Chester stands a fine chance of breaking several batting records.

Quiet and unassuming, but with the spirit and determination of a player seeking to rise to the tops in baseball, Sparr hails from Chicago, Ill., and is 22 years old. He came here with a great record in semi-pro ball, having played for five years in the best semi-pro circles of Chicago. During those five seasons he never fell below the select .300 percentage mark, and last season he walloped the ball for a good 380.

In answer to the question of what he thought of Williamston and its fans, Sparr said, "It's a fine little town and the people are swell. Skipper Rodgers is one of the swelliest guys I've ever known and the best manager."

Rodgers secured the services of Chet on the recommendation of one Polly Pawlak, who played second base for Goldsboro last season. Pawlak boosted Sparr to the limit, and said he was certain that he could make the grade. And while Pawlak liked to clown around those right-field bleachers, he was still a fine ball player, who was able to spot another bright luminary.

Chet stands about six feet tall and tips the scales at around 180 pounds. He throws right-handed and hits from the right side of the plate. His fielding, although not as good as his sensational hitting, is beautiful to watch, the unusually long spread already having saved a number of errors and bad throws.

This is his first year in organized baseball, and he, as every rookie, wants to realize his ambition to play in the big leagues. It's a good name to remember, for we may be reading about him up there sooner than we think.

In ending, we may tip off the feminine beauties of Williamston that Chester is happily married, and so it looks as though you will have to look elsewhere.

## Martins Kind to Rocky Mount In First Meeting on Diamond

### The Visitors, However, Had To Run For Their Money In Slugfest Friday

While Rocky Mount's hurler was allowing only five hits, the Leafs slugged two local hurlers for fifteen safeties, ten of which were for extra bases, to defeat the Martins 16 to 5 here last Friday evening.

Williamston scored in the first inning when Byrum was issued a free pass, stole second and came home on Tuckey's single. But Rocky Mount touched Ken Rymer for three hits, which along with an error and a balk, were good for three runs. Chester Sparr hit a homer in the second, but the Leaf increased their lead two more runs in the third.

The Martins tied the score at 5-all in the third frame on two walks, an error and Sparr's triple to the hedge in deep centerfield.

However, Relief Hurler Hinton lost control in the fourth and Rocky Mount counted three times to clinch the contest.

Wilson handcuffed the local batters, limiting them to five hits, with only one Martin left on base after the third inning. Chester Sparr again took the lead at the plate, hitting for the circuit and a triple in four trips. Shelton, Tuckey and Rodgers got the other Martin bingles.

Tommy Kurst led Rocky Mount's terrific slugfest with three doubles and a home run for six trips. Bill Shelton featured afield with several beautiful stops at second base.

The box:

Friday, May 16.										
Rocky Mount	Ab	R	H	P	O	A	E			
Walker, cf	5	2	0	4	0	0	0			
Smith, 3b	5	3	3	1	5	0	0			
Kurst, lf	6	4	4	1	0	0	0			
Weeks, rf	4	2	1	1	0	0	0			
Totals	20	11	8	10	5	0	0			

## STEADY WORK - - - By Jack Sords

