

# Martins Remain In Thick Of Coastal Plain Race

## Only Two And a Half Games Behind The Third-Place Leafs

### Goldsboro Gains One-sided Victory Here Last Night

### Williamston Batters Unable To Solve Bug Hurler; Lose 13 to 1

The Williamston Martins were treated unusually rough by Goldsboro here last night when Manager McKinney's Bugs ran up a 13-1 verdict.

The Martins continue in sixth place in the Coastal Plain standings, but are still well within striking distance of that top division. At present, Williamston is only a half game behind fifth-place New Bern, and a two-game margin divides them from fourth-place Goldsboro. Manager Norm McCaskill's Rocky Mount Leafs, now situated in the third spot, are only two and a half games ahead of our Martins, all of which goes to show that with only a small winning streak those Rodgersmen will be up in third place.

For five innings, the affray here last night looked like a fine ball game, but with the coming of the sixth, Goldsboro broke loose with a scoring attack which netted seven runs and sent starting pitcher Pea Green to the showers. To make the game more secure the Bugs added three more runs in the eighth and a pair in the ninth.

Biershenk, first man up in the first inning, hit the first pitched ball on the gym for the first score of the game. But Pea Green settled down and had little trouble until the sixth. The Martins tied the score in the second when Skipper Frank Rodgers hit a triple down the right field foul line, crossing the plate on Fred Hoyle's hard drive to left center field which was good for two bases.

Williamston was held to four hits by Ed Brooks, who fanned seven and walked only two in going the route for the visitors. Three local hurlers saw action during the contest.

The Martins hits were equally divided among Bill Shelton, Rodgers, Hoyle and Pea Green.

Rodgers and Patton made several nifty catches in deep centerfield. The box:

Monday, July 7.	
Goldsboro	Ab R H PO A E
Biershenk, 2b	5 2 2 3 3 0
Fessler, ss	4 1 1 1 3 0
Clifton, rf	5 1 3 2 0 0
Peele, c	5 1 1 7 0 0
Smith, 3b	5 1 3 2 0 0
Brinkley, lb	3 2 1 8 0 0
Patton, cf	4 1 0 3 0 0
Sturges, lf	5 2 2 1 0 0
Brooks, p	4 2 1 0 1 0
Totals	40 13 14 27 7 0
Williamston	Ab R H PO A E
Byrum, 3b	4 0 0 0 0 1
Shelton, 2b	3 0 1 0 3 0
Taylor, lf	4 0 0 3 0 0
Sparr, 1b	4 0 0 14 0 0
Rodgers, cf	4 1 1 5 0 0
Hoyle, rf	3 0 1 0 0 1
Tuckey, ss	3 0 0 2 4 0
Wilcox, c	3 0 0 3 1 0
Green, p	2 0 1 0 0 0
Humphries, p	0 0 0 0 0 0
Mims, p	1 0 0 0 1 0
Totals	31 1 4 27 9 2
Score by innings:	R
Goldsboro	100 007 032-13
Williamston	010 000 000-1
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### Stotler Is Traded To Bluefield Club

Frank Rodgers has announced officially the trade with Manager Bill Averette, of the Bluefield, West Virginia club, which sends Shortstop Bert Stotler to Averette's club and brings Louis Ritter, a limited service pitcher, here.

It is not known when Ritter will report but the Bluefield manager thinks he will help the local mound staff. Ritter won eight games and lost 11 last year, is a righthander and is 23 years old.

Bert Stotler has been below his last year's performance for the Martins, and the Skipper felt that although Stotler was capable of doing better, he could not allow the third veteran post on his squad to continue as it was, necessitating a trade to bolster his over-worked hurling corps.

Bill Shelton returned to action last night after having been on the injured list for more than a week. In his play at second base, Shelton handled three plays without a miscue, and got one of the Martins' base hits.

Mrs. J. D. Thrower is returning home tomorrow from Duke hospital where she underwent an operation week before last.

### STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Wilson	43	15	.741
Greenville	38	25	.590
Rocky Mount	30	31	.492
Goldsboro	30	32	.484
New Bern	28	33	.459
Williamston	28	34	.452
Kinston	24	33	.421
Tarboro	22	38	.367

### Public Opinion . . . .

By "BUFF"

With the Coastal Plain League's All-Star game coming up next Monday night in Wilson, it might be a good idea to look over the prospects of the two skippers—Frank Rodgers and Bill Herring. (The team rosters will be released by the managers in Friday's paper).

Frank Rodgers will select his team from the personnel of Williamston, Tarboro, Greenville and Rocky Mount, while Bill Herring has to pick among the players of Wilson, New Bern, Kinston and Goldsboro. Of course, this annual meeting of the loop's best players may not run true to form, but a look at the averages shows that the Rodgersmen—this is the Skipper's second year at the helm of the honor team—will have the edge in the mound staff, while the "Herringbones" will list a team of top sluggers. The only click is that a manager must select only four men from each team. That, no doubt, will weaken the possibilities of the Herringbones.

The Skipper shouldn't have much trouble at first base, with Eddie Sudol, of Tarboro, hitting .363. Ches Sparr, of Williamston, .347; and Tom Kurst, of Rocky Mount, at .319. He may shift Kurst to the outfield, if he can gain in another department. In the second base slot, it will either have to be Frankie Ware, Rocky Mount, .300, or Bud Cayton, Tarboro, .285, for Greenville's Finrock is a low hitter, and the Martin keystone sack has been too uncertain. At third, Harry Jenkins, of Greenville, .312 is best, but Johnny Byrum, Martin, .274, may be used instead, in order to get more of the Greenville fine pitchers and hard-hitting outfielders. Shortstop will be the weakest spot in the Rodgers' lineup, with no outstanding star at this spot on any of the four teams. The outfield could include from Greenville: Charlie Seagg, .330; Caraway, .297; or Benny Crowe, who is batting .279 and has driven in 41 runs. From Rocky Mount: Red Minicy, .341. From Tarboro: Red Murray, .316, or Ray Riley, .275. From Williamston: Fred Hoyle, .303.

Tarboro's DeCubellis or our own Charlie "Donald Duck" Wilcox will have to do the receiving as McCaskill, manager of the Leafs, is not allowed to play, and Greenville has not had an outstanding receiver. On his mound staff Rodgers could list Long, Kee, Adams and Teller, from Greenville. H. Wilson, Weeks and Shultz from Rocky Mount. Coogan, Woods and Stratton from Tarboro. Kunis, Gardner and Green from Williamston. All of these hurlers possess good records, and no doubt the Skipper will have a tough time making his choice.

### HERRING HAS TOUGH JOB

But Bill Herring will have a tougher job naming his outfield. Metelski, 348; Averette, 348, and Carnahan, 347, have driven in well over 100 runs as a group. Eason, .331; DeMasi, .321; Treadway, .318; and DiGaetano, .299, are all exception men in the outer gardens. First base finds Morris and Thompson knotted at .343. Second base sees Ridings, .281 and Dickens, .278. At third has to be Woody Upchurch, leading the league with a mark of .397. Fessler a defensive dynamo and a .264 mark may be at short.

Of the receivers, Murphy, .291, and Peele, .260, rate best. Manager Herring's pitchers could easily come from his own club, with Talley, Webb and Bisette. But New Bern could furnish Hamilton; Acosta from Goldsboro, and Parker and Simon from Kinston.

It's a tough job when you have to select a team from four squads, and the fact that you can't pick but four from each roster can almost break your heart. However, Rodgers and Herring have been studying the records since their appointments and we will have to wait and see how they think on Friday.

The tennis tournament got underway here today with the best in this section making a determined effort to dethrone last year's champions—"Bosko" Anderson in the singles, and Rush Bondurant and Anderson in the doubles. See where Bill Spivey has transferred his talent from the softball diamond to the court and will make his bid. Well, he doesn't have to catch the tennis ball, so he should be better at that game.

### Mick Mims Defeats Tarboro 13 to 6 in Afternoon Affray

### But Humphries Drops Nightcap, 6-3, in Holiday Special

It was just like counting money last Friday—we'll take one and you take one, The Martins defeated Tarboro here in the afternoon holiday special 13-6, but lost to the Orioles in the Edgecombe capital that night by the score of 6-3.

Scoring eight runs in a prolonged rally in the sixth inning, the locals came from behind to win the afternoon tilt. Instrumental in this barrage were Bert Stotler's double, Charlie "Donald Duck" Wilcox's three-run double, and a home run by Pete Kunis with one man aboard.

Mickey Mims pitched well during his sixth inning sojourn on the hill for Williamston, allowing 7 hits, while striking out 4 and walking the same amount. Pete Kunis, who entered the game with his circuit clout, hurled the last inning.

The affray was halted two times, once to hear the President speak and another time by rain, and it had to be called at the end of the seventh so that the players could get dressed and go to Tarboro for the night game.

Ches Sparr hit a home run in the sixth inning with one on.

Sparr and Fred Hoyle, with two for three, led the Martin attack in the afternoon setto.

Tarboro gained an even split for the day when the Orioles captured a 6-3 victory there Friday night.

Errors again proved costly, as Harry Humphries, on the mound for Williamston pitched well, allowing 10 safeties, striking out seven and issuing no walks.

Johnny Byrum was the only Martin to connect safely twice, getting two hits for five attempts.

### Friday, July 4.

#### Afternoon Game in Williamston

	Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Tarboro	4	1	0	1	0	1
Walker, lf	4	1	0	1	0	1
Murray, c	3	0	3	10	1	0
Cayton, 2b	3	0	1	2	0	0
Olesiewicz, ss	4	0	0	0	0	0
DeCubellis, lb	4	0	0	2	1	0
Hendershot, 3b	3	0	0	1	1	0
Riley, cf	4	1	1	2	0	0
Monogue, rf	3	3	2	2	0	0
Hooper, p	1	0	1	1	2	0
Strattan, p	0	1	0	0	0	0
Woods, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	6	8	21	5	2
Williamston	Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Byrum, 3b	3	2	1	0	1	1
Tuckey, ss	1	0	0	2	1	2
Stotler, ss	2	2	1	1	0	1
Taylor, lf	5	0	1	4	0	1
Sparr, 1b	3	3	2	5	1	0
Rodgers, cf	1	2	0	1	0	0
Hoyle, rf	3	1	2	0	0	1
Cone, 2b	2	1	1	4	1	0
Wilcox, c	3	1	4	1	0	0
Mims, p	3	0	1	0	0	0
Kunis, p	1	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	27	13	21	5	6	2
Score by innings:	R					
Tarboro	031 002 0—6					
Williamston	010 038 1—13					
Runs batted in: Hooper, Cayton, Wilcox 4, Murray, Sparr 3, Cone, Olesiewicz, Taylor, Hoyle 2, Kunis 2. Two base hits: Riley, Murray, Stotler, Wilcox. Home runs: Sparr, Kunis. Sacrifices: Hooper, Monogue. Left on bases: Tarboro 9, Williamston 9. Bases on balls, off Hooper 9, Mims 4, Strattan 1, Woods 5 in 1-3; Mims 7 in 8; Kunis 1 in 1. Hit by pitcher, by Woods (Stotler). Wild pitches: Hooper 2, Woods. Winning pitcher: Strattan. Umpires: Newman and Bagby. Time: 2:39.						

### Night Game in Tarboro

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Williamston	5	0	2	2	1	1
Byrum, 3b	4	0	1	0	0	2
Stotler, ss	3	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor, lf	4	0	0	7	1	1
Sparr, 1b	3	1	1	1	0	0
Rodgers, cf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Hoyle, rf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Cone, 2b	4	0	0	4	3	0
Wilcox, c	3	0	1	7	1	0
Humphries, p	3	1	1	1	0	0
Kunis, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	3	7	24	7	4
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Olesiewicz, ss	4	1	1	2	1	0
DeCubellis, lb	4	0	1	1	0	0
Lansinger, rf	4	1	2	1	0	1
Hendershot, 3b	4	0	0	2	3	0
Riley, cf	4	2	3	4	0	0
Coogan, p	4	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	35	6	10	27	9	3

### NOTE OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing our great appreciation to our neighbors and other friends who were so kind and thoughtful during the long illness and recent death of our husband and father, Marshall C. Cherry. The acts of kindness will long be remembered by each of us. The Family.

### WOLVERINE WALLOPER - By Sords



### Pete Kunis Again Wins Hurling Duel

### Williamston Wins Over Rocky Mount 2 to 0 Here Sunday

### Both Pitchers Give Up Five Hits; Martin Runs Are Unearned

It seems as though every time veteran Pete Kunis takes the mound for the Martins a fine hurling duel is slated for the fans, and last Sunday afternoon was no exception. Pete tied up with Joe Gautreaux here last Sunday and came out on the big end of the 2-0 score. Both pitchers allowed only five scattered safeties and both of the Martins scores resulted from errors and were unearned.

Williamston counted its pair of runs in the lucky seventh when Fred Hoyle, safe on an error, crossed the plate on singles by Charlie "Donald Duck" Wilcox and Kunis. Wilcox, caught off second base, went to third when Tony Gallovich erred on the throw. Johnny Byrum placed a perfect hunt to make the squeeze play work, counting Wilcox.

Batting honors for the afternoon went to Wilcox who hit safely twice out of three attempts. Borowick led the Rocky Mount Leafs with two for four.

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