

Coastal Plain League Membership Continues Uncertain

Greenville And Snow Hill Ask More Time For Posting Deposits

February 15th Set As Dead Line For Final Club Answer

Local Club Promised Player Connection With the Richmond Colts

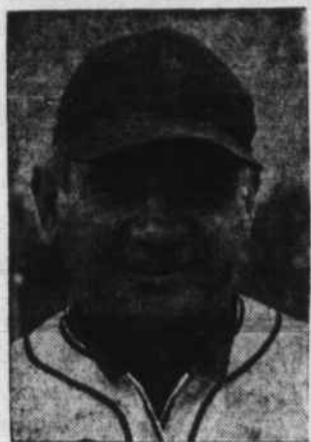
Uncertain that Greenville and Snow Hill will maintain their franchises, the complexion of the Coastal Plain Baseball loop is not yet fixed, some guessing that the two clubs will join the ranks on or not later than the 15th of this month and others guessing that the league will have new faces or the circuit will be reduced to a six-club outfit. If one of the two clubs drops out, then it is likely that the league will pick up a new entry, possibly Rocky Mount. If both clubs drop out then the league will likely struggle along with six clubs. A definite answer is due not later than Saturday of next week, the directors kindly agreeing to allow the two clubs more time to post their \$600 deposits.

Williamston, Tarboro, Wilson, Goldsboro, New Bern and Kinston

Unofficial but reliable reports state that the Richmond Colts, while there will be no working agreement, are offering Manager Rodgers every possible player aid. It is possible that Luis Olmo, the fast stepping and heavy hitting outfielder for the Wilson Tobs last year, will be in a Martin uniform this season. Player arrangements as they are advanced between the Martins and Colts will have to await spring training developments.

are definitely in the circuit, but Club President Pete Fowden points out in a fatherly way that it is possible to take down the Williamston flag between now and the fifth if some more money is not pledged by the fans. The six clubs posted their \$600 deposits at a league meeting in Greenville last Tuesday night when

MARTIN SKIPPER



Frank Rodgers, above, who managed the Wilson Tobs last season, has signed as skipper of the Martins for the coming season. Frank has built quite a reputation as a manager and the fans of this section wish him the best of luck here.

plans were virtually completed for operating the circuit this coming season.

No changes were made in the player classifications, and other rules and regulations were left virtually untouched. The season is to get underway on May 8th and close on September 4th, the new schedule being seven days shorter than the one in effect last year. Two double-headers, one on Memorial Day and one on July 4th, are included in the schedule.

Greenville and Snow Hill are to advise the league president, R. H. Goodmon, of their intentions not later than Saturday, February 15th. If they continue in the league, no meeting of the directors will be held immediately, but if one or both of the clubs drop out, the league officials will meet on or about the 17th to determine future plans. Work on a playing schedule is being delayed, pending the receipt of definite answers from Snow Hill and Greenville. The league last Tuesday night

High School Cage Tourney Begins Tuesday Night

Williamston Martins And Goldsboro Will Meet Tonight In Washington Cage Tourney Finals

Beaird and Wallace Injured In Last Night's Victory Over Windsor

The Williamston Martins conquered the Windsor Rebels, 35-29, in the annual Washington Basketball Tournament there last evening and thus won the right to meet Goldsboro in the final round there tonight for championship laurels. The Martins will be defending the crown they won in the Washington Tourney last season.

The Martin-Rebel clash was a fierce battle all the way, with the Williamston quint leading 9-8 at the end of the first period. At the half the count was 18-16 in favor of the Martins, with Pap Diem shooting nine points during the first two sets. In the third period, both teams gathered eight points with the Martins retaining their two-point margin, while in the final period Little Pappy got "hot" again and scored five points in leading the Martins to their well-earned victory.

The leader for the Martins was Diem—who bagged 16 points, while Bosko Anderson was next with six points. For Windsor, Godwin, at forward, counted 10 points; while Love tallied eight to follow close behind.

And thus, the Martins reach the final play-off tonight, with a favored Goldsboro quint.

But in reaching the finals, the Martins had to pay dearly, with two men now placed on the injured list and are not expected to play tonight.

Adopted the Goldsmith ball. Now that Williamston is virtually in the league, Club President Pete Fowden and his board of directors are scouting for players. A contract has been forwarded of Frank Rodgers in Pennsylvania and its return with signature affixed is expected shortly. Several player applications are in the hands of the club officials, but no contracts have been offered so far. During the meantime, President Fowden is calling for more pledges that the \$2,500 goal can be made a reality before the first ball is "chucked" on May 8th.

Admission fees, the league directors decided, will remain virtually unchanged, the group lowering the gate costs for colored fans to an even twenty cents.

BLACK AND WHITE

Eagles-Washington, Wed. Night				
WASHINGTON	G	F	T	
Waller, f	5	4	14	
Carter, f	5	2	12	
Jett, c	11	1	23	
Hamilton, g	1	0	2	
Lyles, g	0	0	0	
Fowler, g	2	0	4	
Totals	24	7	55	

EAGLES				
	G	F	T	
Skinner, f	2	0	4	
A. Holliday, f	2	1	5	
Rose, c	0	1	1	
Holliday, g	2	2	6	
Manning, g	0	0	0	
Totals	6	4	16	

Martins-Windsor, Thurs. Night				
MARTINS	G	F	T	
Anderson, f	2	2	6	
Wallace, f	2	1	5	
Longest, c	0	0	0	
Diem, g	7	2	16	
Fuller, g	2	0	4	
Beaird, g	2	0	4	
Totals	15	5	35	

WINDSOR				
	G	F	T	
Godwin, f	4	4	10	
Gaylord, f	1	1	3	
Love, c	3	2	8	
Walker, g	2	0	4	
Goldstein, g	2	0	4	
Matthews, g	0	0	0	
Totals	11	7	29	

night Fenner Wallace gave his knee a nasty twist last night against the Rebels, and today it is swollen and stiff. Brezzy Beaird, who came from Norfolk yesterday especially to play with the Martins in this tournament, received a torn ligament in his ankle in the third quarter and suffered a great deal last night.

With Wallace and Beaird out of the line-up against Goldsboro tonight, it is expected that Jack Manning and Tommy Lee, diminutive flash from Elizabeth City, will be added to the local personnel to complete a starting team with Anderson, Diem, Longest and Fuller.

Williamston High Court Teams Beat Edenton Hi Twice

Local Girls Edge 31-22 Win, While Boys Gain One-Sided Victory

The Williamston Green Wave basketball teams were victorious in a pair of games played in the local gymnasium last Tuesday night. Williamston High's sextet defeated Edenton 31-22, and the Green Wave boys won over Edenton boys, 27-9.

The leader for the Williamston girls was Marjorie Grey Dunn with a total of 14 points. Close behind was Bina Jackson with 10 points. Nina Bunch's stellar play was outstanding in the close defense contributed by the local girls. Parker and Yates were Edenton's leaders with 9 and 7 points respectively.

C. Ward, J. Ward and B. Peele, each tallying 6 points showed the way for the Williamston boys' quint. The score at the half was 14-3 with Williamston in the lead. The locals added to their safe lead in the second half as they scored 13 points to Edenton's 6. Jack Sullivan was an outstanding leader in defense. Barrow and Ashley, each with 4 points led the play for the visitors.

Tonight, Williamston High's teams entertain the Bear Grass teams in a doubleheader beginning at 7:30.

The box scores:

Girls' Game				
Williamston	G	F	T	
B. Jackson, f	5	0	10	
M. Dunn, f	7	0	14	
R. Leggett, f	2	1	5	
N. Bunch, g	0	0	0	
E. Ward, g	0	0	0	
F. Gurganus, g	0	0	0	
A. Jenkins, f	1	0	2	
D. Shaw, g	0	0	0	
M. Moore, f	0	0	0	
M. Biggs, g	0	0	0	
Totals	15	1	31	

Boys' Game				
Williamston	G	F	T	
B. Peele, f	3	0	6	
C. Ward, f	3	0	6	
J. Ward, c	3	0	6	
J. Sullivan, g	1	1	3	
Griffin, g	1	0	2	
R. Jones, f	2	0	4	
H. Peele, g	0	0	0	
Cunningham, f	0	0	0	
Totals	13	1	27	

Martins Win Handily in First Round, As Eagles Lose "In a Big Way"

While the Williamston Eagles were thoroughly blasted from the Washington court tournament in the initial round last Wednesday evening by a score of 55-16, the Williamston Martins gained a decisive victory over Colerain's Red Devils, 54-28, in the opening round and thus gained the right to meet the Windsor Rebels in the semi-finals last night.

The Martins started off strong against the Red Devils, holding a six-point margin at the end of the first period, and leading by a count of 27-10 at half-time. In the third period, scoring was even as both teams counted on three field goals.

But the fireworks broke loose in the final quarter. Bosko Anderson found his shooting eye and tallied eight points, and Cecil Longest and Dave Fuller counted four each. Colerain displayed their best attack in this period, scoring 10 points, six of which were made by "Slim" Corey at center.

Although having only a five-man squad for this affair, the Martins were in trouble at no time and the outcome of the game was never in question. Bosko Anderson set the pace in counting points with 17, followed by Wallace with 13, and Longest with 12. Diem and Fuller each counted six points.

For the Red Devils, Corey bagged 12 points, with Harrell tallying four field goals to follow.

The box—

Wednesday Night, Feb. 5th.				
MARTINS	G	F	T	
Anderson, f	8	1	17	
Wallace, f	6	1	13	
Longest, c	6	0	12	
Diem, g	3	0	6	
Fuller, g	2	2	6	
Totals	25	4	54	

COLERAIN				
	G	F	T	
Todd, f	1	0	2	
Harrell, f	4	0	8	
Corey, c	6	0	12	
Forehand, g	0	0	0	
Magee, g	1	0	2	
Perry, f	0	0	0	
Belch, f	2	0	4	
Adams, g	0	0	0	
Totals	14	0	28	

Review Shows That Jamesville And Bear Grass Boys' And Girls' Teams Have Dominated Past Tournaments

Williamston Boys Win First Championship in 1935, Along with the Jamesville Girls.

The County High School Basketball Tournament will get underway here next Tuesday evening at six o'clock when the Williamston girls and Oak City meet in the first round of elimination. At seven o'clock the Bear Grass boys and Oak City will mix, while the Farm Life girls and Robersonville will play at 8 p. m. The night's finale between the Robersonville boys and Jamesville, will take place at 9 p. m. The Bear Grass and Jamesville girls drew byes in the first round as did the Williamston and Farm Life boys.

A review of the past Martin County Basketball Tournaments reveals that the county championships have been dominated largely by the boys and girls' teams from Jamesville and Bear Grass High Schools. Since the night of January 4, 1935, when the Williamston gymnasium was used for the first time (Williamston High entertained Bear Grass in a doubleheader that night), the school structure has been the scene of five county-wide basketball tournaments. The sixth in the series of competition was held last year but champions were determined by a series of games scheduled among the county high schools, and a tournament was not held.

The first of the tournaments was held in 1935, with the Williamston boys and the Jamesville girls emerging as winners. The Williamston boys defeated the Jamesville boys, 21-18, while the Jamesville girls conquered the Bear Grass girls by a score of 39-31. Stars in the boys' contest were J. D. Bowen and Walt Cooke. The tournament was brought to a close on a Saturday night when the late W. C. Manning awarded trophies and gold basketballs to the members of the winning teams.

Except for the first tourney all county championship titles have been won by either Bear Grass or Jamesville high schools. The division of titles during the six years of competition were: Williamston boys 1; Bear Grass girls 4; Bear Grass boys 1; Jamesville boys 4; and Jamesville girls 2.

After winning county titles in two years the Jamesville boys con-

Farm Life Hi Cage Teams Score Wins

The Farm Life quint met the Robersonville boys on the Robersonville court Friday night, January 31st, to bring down another victory for Coach Jerry Perry's boys. The game was a nip-and-tuck affair with the Farm Life boys coming out on the long end of a 26-24 score. D. Manning, with 8 points, was leader for Farm Life.

The Farm Life girls were less successful, and they suffered defeat from the Robersonville lassies. On Tuesday night, Farm Life met Bath in a doubleheader at Bath and won both games.

The score in the girls' game was 14-4 in favor of Bath at the half, but the Farm Life girls rallied in the second half to win the game 24-13. L. Griffin was best for Farm Life with 8 points.

The boys' game was another nip and tuck affair with Farm Life forging ahead in the last quarter to win by a narrow margin of 16-15. B. Peele, with 6 points, was high scorer.

The Farm Life boys and girls had captured their previous double bill with the Bath High School teams on the Williamston court. The boys have lost but one game, to Bear Grass, by one point.

Continued their winning ways in the Atlantic Christian College competitions and annexed two championships among the Class B schools. The years these honors were won were 1938 and 1940.

The years and finals of the county competitions follow:

1935—Williamston boys defeated Jamesville 21-18. Jamesville girls defeated Bear Grass 39-31.
1936—Jamesville boys defeated Williamston 21-18. Bear Grass girls defeated Farm Life.
1937—Bear Grass boys defeated Jamesville 26-17. Bear Grass girls defeated Robersonville 23-10.
1938—Jamesville boys defeated Williamston 59-14. Bear Grass girls defeated Robersonville 20-12.
1939—Jamesville boys defeated Williamston 44-14. Bear Grass girls defeated Jamesville 17-15.
1940—Jamesville boys and girls won the series of games.

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