

Martins Drop To Fifth-Place Tie In Last Three Days

Wilson Tobs Defeat Martins 10 To 6 On Tuesday Afternoon

Chester Sparr Clouts Three-Run Homer in the First Inning

The Williamston Martins made a good start and a fine ending as they scored three runs in both the first and ninth innings, but in the meantime Bill Herring and his Wilson Tobs were making runs all along to hand the Martins a 10-6 defeat in Wilson last Tuesday afternoon.

Williamston opened up with a three run lead as clouting Chester Sparr hit for the circuit with two men aboard, but three errors and 11 hits proved too much of an advantage to overcome. In the ninth, the Martins counted three more times on five hits.

Skipper Rodgers, who wrenched his knee in Kinston Monday, was advised to rest for a while, and Pitcher Pete Kunis was drafted into the outfield to make a trio.

Harris Hinton started on the mound for the locals, allowing 10 hits during his 5 2-3 inning stay. He walked two and fanned two. Hinton was replaced by Ken Rymer who finished the contest, allowing a lone hit, walking one and struck out one.

Chester Sparr was the only Martin to connect safely more than once, while Dickens, Treadway and R. Hoyle got two for four each to lead Wilson by the plate.

The box:

Tuesday, May 20.

Williamston	Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Byrum, cf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Shelton, 2b-ss	4	1	1	5	4	0
Taylor, rf	4	2	0	1	0	0
Tuckey, 3b	3	1	0	0	0	1
Sparr, lb	4	2	2	1	1	1
Stotler, ss-2b	4	0	1	0	5	0
Kunis, lf	4	0	0	2	0	1
Pettus, c	3	0	0	3	1	0
Hinton, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
Rymer, p	1	0	0	0	2	0
xGardner	1	0	1	0	0	0
xxMiller	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	6	6	24	14	3

xBatted for Pettus in 9th.

xxBatted for Rymer in 9th.

Wilson

Wilson	Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Dickens, 2b	4	4	2	2	1	1
Stuart, ss	4	1	1	0	2	0
Treadway, cf	4	1	2	2	0	1
Carnahan, lf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Brinkley, lb	0	0	0	3	0	0
Morris, lb	3	0	1	7	0	0
Murphy, c	4	0	0	11	2	0
R. Hoyle, 3b	4	1	2	1	3	1
Fuller, rf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	6	24	14	3	

Leading Hitters . . .

Chester Sparr, of Williamston, who shared the lead in last week's Howe News Bureau figures, now has the Coastal Plain League batting leadership all to himself with a mark of .488. Sparr is also the leader in total bases with 36 and is tied for having most hits with Lyle Thompson of New Bern at 21. These averages include games of Sunday, May 18.

Sparr, Williamston	Ab	H	RB	Pct.
Thompson, N. B.	49	21	10	.429
Sturges, Golds	47	20	5	.426
Morris, Wilson	48	20	10	.412
Treadway, Wilson	36	15	4	.417
Carnahan, Wilson	51	10	18	.373
Rothman, Tar.	35	13	4	.371
Peele, Golds	47	17	9	.362
Sudol, Tarboro	54	20	12	.370
Biershenk, R. M.	39	14	3	.359
Smith, R. M.	42	15	6	.357
Stuart, Wilson	42	15	4	.357
R. Hoyle, Wilson	17	6	2	.353
DeCubellis, Tar	49	17	14	.347
Seagg, Greenville	45	15	12	.333
Eason, Wilson	21	7	0	.333
Ayers, New Bern	18	6	3	.333
Ridings, Kinston	46	15	8	.326
Fessler, Golds	34	11	4	.324
DeMasi, Kinston	50	16	8	.320
DiGaetano, Golds	25	8	5	.320
Walker, R. M.	44	14	5	.318
Dickens, Wilson	35	11	6	.314
McCaskey, R. M.	35	11	5	.314
Knowles, N. B.	48	15	9	.313
Swiggett, N. B.	32	10	1	.313
Taylor, Williamston	42	13	11	.310
Upchurch, Kinston	49	15	7	.306
Byrum, Williamston	36	11	3	.306
McGarity, Green.	43	13	9	.302
Myers, R. M.	34	10	11	.294
Murphy, Wilson	48	14	3	.292
Jenkins, Green	45	13	9	.289
Stotler, Williamston	38	11	7	.289
Tuckey, Williamston	35	10	4	.286
Herring, p	2	2	1	.270
Totals	33	10	11	.270

Score by innings:

Williamston 300 000 003—6

Wilson 103 204 00x—10

Runs batted in: Sparr 4, Carnahan, Morris 2, Stuart 2, R. Hoyle, Gardner. Two base hit: Morris. Home runs: Sparr, R. Hoyle. Stolen bases: Dickens, R. Hoyle. Sacrifices: Stuart, Herring. Double play: Stotler, Shelton and Sparr. Left on bases: Williamston 3, Wilson 4. Bases on balls, off Herring 2, Hinton 2, Rymer 1, off Herring 2, Hinton 11, Hinton 2. Struck out by Herring 11, Hinton 2, Rymer 1. Hits, off Hinton 10 in 5 2-3; Rymer 1 in 2 1-3. Wild pitches: Rymer. Herring 2. Losing pitcher: Hinton. Umpires: Erjerson and Bagby. Time: 1:56.

Williamston Loses 4-2 Verdict To The Eagles Last Night

Marty Matusa and Kinston's Simon Stage Great Hurling Duel

In a mound duel here last night between Kinston's Claude Simon and Marty Matusa, Simon was awarded a 4-2 victory. But it was a hard and bitter struggle with Matusa hurling a good brand of ball for his first game on the Martin mound. He allowed seven scattered hits, fanned four and walked seven, getting in trouble only in the second inning when Kinston scored three runs on a walk, two hits and two wild pitches. Simon, who came to Manager Cow-boy McHenry from Portsmouth in the Piedmont League only yesterday, fanned 10 Martins and allowed five walks.

The first of the Martin scores came in the second inning on Tuckey's triple and Rodgers' outfield fly. In the eighth they scored again on two walks and Chester Sparr's single.

The entire Martin team looked well in the field with both squads making a number of sensational catches.

Bert Stotler led the Martin attack with two hits for four trips to the plate, while Willett was best for Kinston with a perfect day—three for three.

The box:

Thursday, May 22.

Kinston	Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Metelski, cf	4	0	0	4	0	0
Hundley, ss	4	0	0	0	2	0
DeMasi, rf	4	0	1	2	0	0
McHenry, lf	5	0	0	0	0	0
Ridings, 2b	4	1	1	2	3	0
Upchurch, 3b	3	1	1	0	2	0
Bator, lb	2	1	1	0	0	0
Willett, c	3	1	3	1	0	0
Simon, p	4	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	33	4	7	27	9	0

Williamston

Williamston	Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Byrum, lf	4	0	0	3	0	0
Shelton, 2b	4	0	0	3	4	0
Taylor, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Tuckey, 3b	3	2	1	0	1	0
Rodgers, cf	3	0	1	2	0	0
Sparr, lb	4	0	1	10	1	1
Stotler, ss	4	0	2	1	3	0
Pettus, c	3	0	1	5	1	0
Miller, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Matusa, p	2	0	0	2	2	0
zzGardner	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	6	27	12	1

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Stotler And Gardner Play Major Roles In 7-6 Win Over Tobs

Bert Knocks Four-Run Homer To Tie Score In The Eighth

"Slim" Gave a Masterful Performance Against The League Leaders

The Williamston Martins staged a brave comeback here last Wednesday night to defeat Wilson's Tobs in a 10-inning exhibition which had the large crowd on its feet cheering the last three innings. The final score was 7-6.

And Bert Stotler and Slim Gardner played the major roles in this sensational comeback to gather in spoils. Stotler's clutch hitting enabled the Martins to tie the count and the old veteran Slim Gardner was on the mound all the way giving all he had, and he had plenty.

The affray started off in fine form but Wilson gathered three runs in the third frame on three hits, three errors and a wild pitch. The Tobs counted again in the seventh and eighth frames to make the score 5-0 against the locals, who had only hit safely twice.

But the Rodgersmen put the pressure on in this inning as Shelton and Taylor received walks, Tuckey singled to score Shelton, then Sparr walked. Bert Stotler strode to the plate with the bases loaded and hit Relief Hurler Pea Green's first pitch over the scoreboard in deep center field for a four-run homer to tie the score. But Wilson scored a run in the ninth on two singles and an error. The Martins, fighting hard, evened the count again with a walk, a single and an error. Wilson was unable to score in their half of the tenth.

Stotler, first Martin up in the 10th, flied to third base, Riley walked, Pettus sacrifice was erred by the pitcher, Slim Gardner was walked intentionally filling the bases. Johnny Byrum hit to the pitcher who forced Riley at the plate. Bill Shelton then faced the hurler. After taking a strike, Pea Green then issued

Whatta Battle!

Wednesday, May 21.

Wilson	Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Dickens, 2b	6	0	1	1	3	0
Stuart, ss	5	0	1	1	5	1
Treadway, cf	4	2	1	1	0	0
Carnahan, lf	5	0	3	1	0	0
Morris, lb	5	1	0	10	0	0
Murphy, c	4	1	1	11	1	0
R. Hoyle, 3b	4	1	3	3	1	1
Fuller, rf	5	1	2	1	0	0
Bissette, p	4	0	1	0	2	0
Green, p	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	42	6	13x	29	13	3

xTwo out when winning run was scored.

Williamston

Williamston	Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Byrum, lf	5	0	0	0	0	0
Shelton, ss	3	2	0	1	7	0
Taylor, rf	4	1	0	2	0	0
Tuckey, 3b	4	1	3	2	2	0
Sparr, lb	2	1	0	17	1	0
Stotler, 2b	4	1	2	3	5	2
Riley, cf	4	0	0	1	0	2
Pettus, c	4	1	0	4	1	1
Gardner, p	4	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	34	7	5	30	17	5

Score by innings:

Wilson 000 300 111 0-6

Williamston 000 000 051 1-7

Runs batted in: Murphy, Bissette, Dickens, Tuckey, Stotler 4, Shelton. Two base hits: Murphy, Carnahan, R. Hoyle. Home run: Stotler. Stolen base: Treadway. Sacrifices: Green, Pettus. Left on bases: Wilson 10, Williamston 11. Bases on balls: off Bissette 7, Green 4, Gardner 3. Struck out by Bissette 9, Green 1, Gardner 2. Hits, off Bissette 2 in 7 (none out in 8th); Green 2 in 2 1-3. Hit by pitcher: Bissette (Tuckey). Wild pitches: Bissette 2, Gardner 2. Losing pitcher: Green. Umpires: Bagby and Hanna. Time: 2:30.

four straight balls to put Shelton on base, force in the winning run and give the victory to Williamston.

Slim Gardner, although giving up 13 hits, hurled a great game all the way, allowing only one earned run.

Bert Stotler, with a home run and a single and driving in four tallies, and Babe Tuckey who got the Martins' other three safeties were the

Public Opinion . . . AND THE LIKE

It's an unusual season for the Williamston Martins this year, and if no more than the regular amount of injuries crop out, we predict the Rodgersmen will be in the Coastal Plain play-off in September. Of course, it's early to make such a rash statement and anything can happen, but after seeing the other teams in action one can truthfully say that the Martins display more spirit and desire to win, even when they are far behind. And that's something you can't beat.

Fans and followers of the local team had two peeps at the unusual within four days—two home runs with the bases loaded. Chuck Taylor hit for the circuit last Sunday against Kinston to start a rally which ended in a one-sided victory. And then Bert Stotler, with practically all hopes of victory gone in the contest with Wilson Wednesday, hit a homer that tied the score and was the turning point in the battle. Just goes to show how much difference one pitch will make in a ball game.

Skipper Rodgers said his knee was all right again after wrenching it in Kinston Monday, and that he would be in there from now on. Bert Stotler, whose hand was hurt in the Wilson game Tuesday, has returned to his old position at shortstop, after switching positions with Bill Shelton. So the Martins are once again without injuries, except for Al Slakias, speedy third baseman, who sprained his ankle in an exhibition game. He is expected to be ready in the near future.

Ted Miller, whose arm is back in shape, and Pete Kunis will handle the pitching assignments tonight and tomorrow night. If Teddy's arm is right, he will hurl against Kinston there tonight. If not, Pete Kunis will hurl tonight's game and Miller will be on the mound here Saturday night against Manager cannons in the local barrage.

Shelton also featured afield with seven assists and one putout.

Bissette, starting Tob pitcher, allowed only three hits, struck out nine and walked seven during his seven-inning stay on the mound.

Softball Enthusiasts Will Meet Here This Evening At 8 o'Clock

Organization of League and Playing of Night Games To Be Discussed

Tonight at eight o'clock there will be a meeting at the Enterprise in regard to organizing a Softball League for Williamston.

It is hoped that each church will have a representative present. It is getting rather late and many of the stars of last season are very anxious to get revenge for last season's setbacks. Many old players have expressed a desire to play night ball this year and it now appears that arrangements can be worked out if the majority of the teams are in favor of a "lightning bug" league.

There are many problems to be worked out and so a good crowd is hoped for in order that the ball may begin to roll in the next few days for some good ole fun.

Softball has been gaining popularity by leaps and strides since its introduction here, and last year, the church teams offered a good brand of play considering the age of several of the players. It may be possible that teams from Washington, Windsor, Tarboro and Rocky Mount may be scheduled in exhibitions here.

Poke Whalen's Tarboro Orioles.

Clyde Pettus has been doing a masterful job in the receiving department. With the Martin mound staff still showing plenty of wildness the young Alabama boy has had his hands full. But he has been taking it in top form, and deserves much credit.

Wednesday night's thriller should make everyone see what Skipper Rodgers is doing to the ball club. All he did was take a bunch of youngsters, the curve ball artist "Slim" Gardner along with pluck and determination and defeated the high-flying Wilson Tobs.

Marty Matusa pitched a fine game here last night despite the fact that he lost. . . . Looks like a good prospect. . . . Homer Riley, after playing only one game in center garden, was given his walking papers. . . . The local management announces Ladies Night next Tuesday night—but you ladies will have to bring a dime to give Uncle Sam for defense tax.

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