

Williamston Martins Continue Fight For First Division

Chester Sparr's Homer Defeats Goldsboro 6-5

Locals Remain A Half Game Out Of The Top Bracket

Pea Green Allows Nine Hits In Pitching the Victory Last Night

Skipper Frank Rodgers' Martins took two close decisions in as many days, when they defeated Goldsboro there last night by the score of 6-5. And a home run figured in the final outcome of both victories.

With the score knotted at 5-all, Williamston's top hitter, Chester Sparr uncorked a terrific wallop that sent the small pellet out of the playing field and gave the Martins the needed edge.

Williamston scored twice in the first inning, but the Bugs counted a run in the second and two in the third to take the lead. The locals made three markers in the fifth to once more take over the reins, but Goldsboro tied the count with singles in the sixth and seventh.

Allan Pea Green limited the Bugs to nine safeties, while the Martins were getting 10 off of the combined efforts of Yeske and Acosta. Green walked seven and fanned five batters.

Chester Sparr led both teams at the plate for the evening. Besides his game-winning home run clout in the eighth, Sparr hit a double and single for four attempts and knocked in four of the six tallies. Chuck Taylor was next best with two for five.

GREEN COLORS BUGS!

| Thursday, June 26. | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|--|--|--|
| Williamston | Ab | R | H | PO | A | E | | | |
| Byrum, 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| Tuckey, ss | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| Taylor, lf | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Sparr, 1b | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| Rodgers, cf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Hoyle, rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Cone, 2b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0 | | | |
| Wilcox, c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| Green, p | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| Totals | 35 | 6 | 10 | 27 | 9 | 0 | | | |

| Goldsboro | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|--|--|--|
| DiGaetano, lf | Ab | R | H | PO | A | E | | | |
| DiGaetano, lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Fessler, ss | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| Sturges, rf | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Peele, c | 4 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| Smith, 3b | 5 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| Patton, cf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Clifton, 1b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Biershenk, 2b | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| Yeske, p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| zBrinkley | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Acosta, p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Totals | 35 | 5 | 9 | 27 | 12 | 0 | | | |

zHit for Yeske in 6th.
Score by innings:
Williamston 200 030 010-6
Goldsboro 012 001 100-5

Runs batted in: Clifton 2, Cone, Sparr 4, Smith, Patton 2, Rodgers 2, Two base hits: Clifton 2, Sturges, Taylor, Sparr, Peele. Home runs: Sparr. Stolen base: DiGaetano. Double play: Biershenk, Fessler and Clifton. Left on bases: Williamston 6, Goldsboro 10. Base on balls, off Green 7, Yeske 3. Struck out—by Green 5, Yeske 3. Acosta 4. Hits, off Yeske 7 in 6; Acosta 3 in 3. Hit by pitcher, by Yeske (Byrum). Wild pitch: Acosta. Passed ball: Wilcox. Losing pitcher: Acosta. Umpires: Flowers and Green. Time of game, 2:20.

Public Opinion . . .

By "BUFF"

If Williamston defeats Goldsboro here tonight, the Martins will become inhabitants of the top flight of the Coastal Plain. At the present time only three and one-half games separate the third place Rocky Mount team from the seventh place New Bern Bears, while eighth place Tarboro is only two games behind New Bern. Williamston, in fifth place with 23 wins and 26 losses, is one-half game behind fourth place Goldsboro and a game out of third place. So—if we win tonight and Rocky Mount loses, Williamston will be tied for third place.

Everyone who attended the baseball game in Edenton last Wednesday afternoon, returned with much praise both for the exceptionally well-played ball game, the crack Edenton High School band, and the hospitality of the Edentonians. Everyone agreed that the transfer was a success from every standpoint with a number of fans already talking about switching another contest to our neighboring city. If it was a baseball game you went to see, you came away well satisfied, and those who stayed home just can't appreciate the afternoon by listening to a verbal essay.

Johnny Byrum had a good day in Edenton, as did his opponent and former teammate, "Little Bud" Cayton. Tarboro second baseman, Levi Woods, the starting pitcher, and Eddie Sudol, Orioles' first baseman, trained in Edenton with the Peemoke City team and Poke Whalen. All turned in unusual performances.

Suppose Woods would have bunted that ball when Manager Whalen had the squeeze play on, instead of missing the pitch, allowing "Donald Duck" to tag the man coming home. That would have placed an entirely different slant on the ball game and may have given Tarboro the victory. You never can tell about those breaks.

In announcing the various "big shots" Aubrey Shackell, Tarboro editor, failed to note one of Williamston's most faithful fans—Todd Maxwell of Washington. Todd never misses a game and when Rocky Mount played a doubleheader here some time ago, he attended both contests, going back to Washington between games to look after his affairs. Such spirit and interest is what is making the Martins a better team this season.

Slim Gardner will take over the mound duties here tonight when the Martins meet Goldsboro. Slim has had his regular rest since he went the route to defeat Rocky Mount last week and he is expected to turn in a sterling exhibition against Manager McKinney's Bugs this evening. Skipper Rodgers announced that Harry "Spees" Humphries is slated for action here tomorrow night against New Bern. In his last two starts Humphries has turned in well-pitched battles but lost both by very close scores.

KING FOR A DAY—Playing his initial game as a Martin, Elmer Cone made a magnificent start in the opinion of the local fans. Cone came here from Goldsboro, where he had a hitting percentage of .183 this season. Yet in the tenth inning this youngster went to bat, overcame all pressure and nervousness and proceeded to knock the first pitched ball out of the park. Elmer also got another hit to pace the local attack.

Bill Shelton and Bert Stotler are still out of the Williamston lineup, due to injuries. Right now it is impossible to say how long it will be before they return to action, but it is sincerely hoped that they will be ready to go soon.

League president, Ray H. Goodman has been having a tough time with his umpiring staff. With the recent resignations of Helmer Ericson and Jim Stroner, Goodman has had to stage a real hunt for arbiters. He signed Tan Flowers, Arthur L. McGloin, of Chicago, and C. C. Newman, of Winter Haven, Fla. Flowers is remembered in this section having umpired in the Albermarle League during 1936. Newman has worked in the Appalachian League and the Florida State loop. Personally, we don't think there'll be much arguing back at Newman for he is a "tough looking" fellow with plenty of size. According to reports, he was with the Foreign Legion during the first World War. These three additions now give the Coastal Plain a full umpires' staff for the first time this season.

At the beginning of this season, there was much talk about several of Wilson's star players having low draft numbers, and that they would be called for service in Uncle Sam's Army ere long. Almost two months have passed and Irv Dickens and Earl Carnahan, a pair of aces, are still breaking up ball games for the Tobs. If and when the Army gets this pair, Manager Bill Herring will have a hard time trying to replace them, for ball players of their calibre are like hen's teeth.

Pete Kunis Wins Pitching Duel In Edenton Wednesday

Elmer Cone Hits Homer In Tenth For Deciding Run

Both Teams Turned in Superb Exhibition Before Fine Crowd

Staging the second pitching duel in as many days, Williamston edged out Tarboro, 2-1 in Edenton before a large and appreciative crowd last Wednesday afternoon. This game was originally scheduled for Williamston, but the local management agreed to transfer the contest to our neighboring town.

With every player on both teams turning in a superb exhibition, and the three pitchers in fine form, it was not until the tenth inning that the final decision was reached. Pete Kunis, who went the route for the Martins, was at his best, never giving the batter anything good, spreading the nine hits well. He struck out seven. Levi Woods, starter for the Orioles, also was in fine form, allowing five hits during his seven-inning stay, and fanning nine. He was removed from the game in the eighth for a pinch-hitter. Coogan finished the contest, allowing two hits and fanning two. Coogan was charged with the defeat.

Williamston scored first in the sixth inning when Edenton's own Johnny Byrum was hit by the pitcher, went to second on Chester Sparr's single and scored on a base hit by Skipper Rodgers.

Manager Poke Whalen put Johnny in to pinch-hit in the eighth inning, the big pitcher promptly hit one over the left field barrier to knot the count.

Neither team could cross the plate in the ninth, and Tarboro could not solve Kunis' offerings to any degree of success in the tenth. But Elmer Cone, first Martin to bat in the tenth, hit the first pitch for a home run over the left field fence to win the ball game.

Cone, playing his first game in a Martin uniform, led the Martin attack with two for four and gave an exceptional performance in the field as did Babe Tuckey, Johnny Byrum and everyone else.

A large crowd from here attended the game, and all agreed it was one of the best seen this season, a good time being had by everyone.

Wednesday, June 25.

| Tarboro | Ab | R | H | PO | A | E |
|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Riley, cf | 5 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Murray, lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Cayton, 2b | 4 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Hendershot, 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sudol, 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Olesiewicz, ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| DeCubellis, c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 0 |
| Conover, rf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Woods, p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| xxJohnson | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Coogan, p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 36 | 1 | 9 | 27 | 8 | 0 |

xxBatted for Woods in 8th.
Williamston

| Williamston | Ab | R | H | PO | A | E |
|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Byrum, 3b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Tuckey, ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Taylor, lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sparr, 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Rodgers, cf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Hoyle, rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Cone, 2b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Wilcox, c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Kunis, p | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Totals | 33 | 2 | 7 | 30 | 9 | 0 |

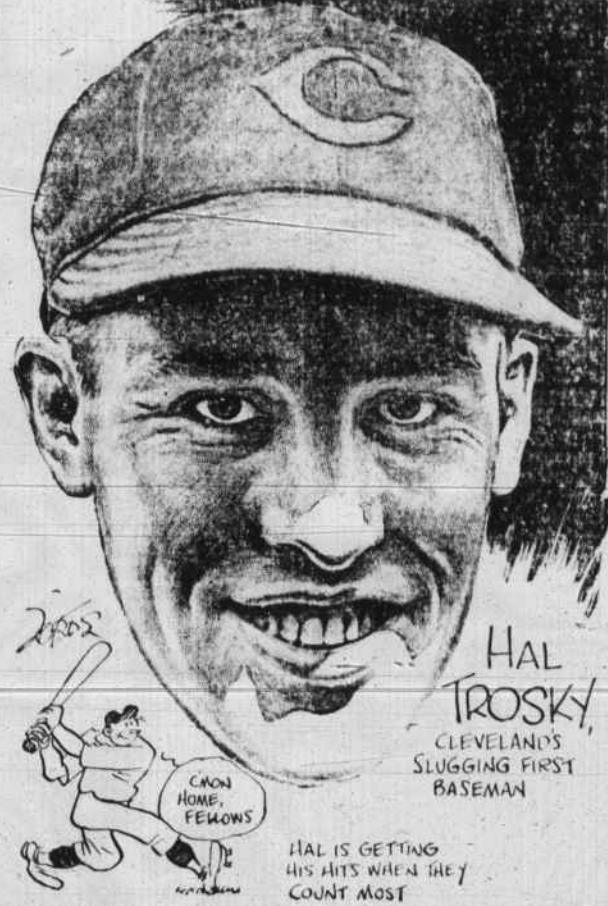
Score by innings:
Tarboro 000 000 010 0-1
Williamston 000 001 000 1-

Runs batted in: Rodgers, Johnson, Cone. Two base hit: Cayton. Three base hit: Conover. Home runs: Johnson, Cone. Sacrifice: Coogan. Left on bases: Tarboro 6, Williamston 5. Struck out, by Woods 9, Kunis 7, Coogan 2. Hits, off Woods 5 in 7 innings; Coogan 2 in 2. Hit by pitcher, by Woods (Byrum). Losing pitcher: Coogan. Umpires: Green, Flowers and Newman. Time: 1:57.

STANDINGS

| | W | L | Pct. |
|-------------|----|----|------|
| Wilson | 34 | 13 | .723 |
| Greenville | 30 | 19 | .612 |
| Rocky Mount | 24 | 25 | .490 |
| Goldsboro | 24 | 26 | .480 |
| Williamston | 23 | 26 | .469 |
| Kinston | 20 | 26 | .435 |
| New Bern | 20 | 28 | .417 |
| Tarboro | 18 | 30 | .375 |

PEAK FORM - By Jack Sore's



'Spees' Humphries Loses To Tarboro In Mound Duel, 4-3

Both Teams Knock Out Six Safeties; Skipper Rodgers Hits Homer

Harry "Spees" Humphries and George Zitzler staged a hot hurling duel in Tarboro last Tuesday evening with the Martins coming out on the short end of the 4-3 score. Both pitchers allowed six safeties, with Humphries walking one batter and striking out four, Zitzler fanned six and issued free passes to three.

Williamston took the lead in the second inning on a home run drive by Skipper Frank Rodgers, but the Orioles came back in the third to score twice and counted two more in the fourth when Steve DeCubellis homered with one on. The other local tallies came in the sixth and eighth frames.

Three of the Martins' six hits were for extra bases. Charlie "Donald Duck" Wilcox and Chuck Taylor hit two-base blows, while Rodgers hit a home run.

No player on either team got two hits during the evening.

The box:

Tuesday, June 24.

| Williamston | Ab | R | H | PO | A | E |
|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Byrum, 3b | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Tuckey, ss | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Taylor, lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Sparr, 1b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 1 |
| Rodgers, 2b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Hoyle, rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Wilcox, c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Ryder, cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Humphries, p | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| xKunis | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 35 | 3 | 6 | 24 | 11 | 1 |

xBatted for Humphries in 9th.

Tarboro

| Riley, cf | Ab | R | H | PO | A | E |
|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Riley, cf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Murray, lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Cayton, 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Sudol, 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 1 |
| Hendershot, 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| Olesiewicz, ss | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| DeCubellis, cf | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Conover, rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Zitzler, p | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 29 | 4 | 6 | 27 | 11 | 3 |

Score by innings:
Williamston 010 001 010-6
Tarboro 002 200 000-4

Runs batted in: Rodgers, Riley, Murray, DeCubellis 2, Hoyle, Sparr. Two base hits: Wilcox, Taylor. Home runs: Rodgers, DeCubellis. Stolen base: Olesiewicz. Sacrifice: Riley. Double play: Murray to Hendershot. Left on bases: Williamston 8, Tarboro 3. Base on balls, off Humphries 1, Zitzler 3. Struck out by Humphries 4, Zitzler 6. Wild pitch: Zitzler. Umpires—Flowers and Green. Time of game: 1:53.

Leads
The native American black walnut prized for the fine furniture its wood makes, continues to yield the highest priced timber in the United States, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Who's Where

TUESDAY, JUNE 24
Rocky Mount at Goldsboro
New Bern at Kinston
Williamston at Tarboro
Wilson at Greenville

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25
Goldsboro at Rocky Mount
Kinston at New Bern
Tarboro at Williamston
Greenville at Wilson

THURSDAY, JUNE 26
Williamston at Goldsboro
Rocky Mount at Tarboro
Wilson at Kinston
New Bern at Greenville

FRIDAY, JUNE 27
Goldsboro at Williamston
Tarboro at Rocky Mount
Kinston at Wilson
Greenville at New Bern

RESULTS

Tuesday, June 24.
New Bern-Kinston, rain.
Tarboro 4, Williamston 3.
Goldsboro 7, Rocky Mount 2.
Wilson 6, Greenville 0.

Wednesday, June 25.
Williamston 2, Tarboro 1.
Goldsboro 8, Rocky Mount 1.
Wilson 6, Greenville 1.
New Bern 5, Kinston 0.

Thursday, June 26.
Williamston 6, Goldsboro 5.
Kinston 5-3, Wilson 3-5.
Rocky Mount 12, Tarboro 6.
Greenville 6, New Bern 3.

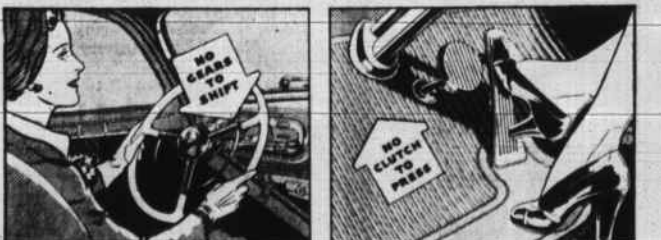
Vegetables
Market supplies of truck crops available and in prospect for early summer sometime smaller than a year earlier, but supplies of new potatoes are larger, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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