

Martins Take Two Out of Three from Leafs; In Third Place

South Conquers North, 6-3, Last Night In Annual All-Star Classic

Williamston Splits With Rocky Mount Sunday Afternoon

Home Runs Play a Deciding Part in Outcome of Both Battles

The Williamston-Martins split a double bill in Rocky Mount last Sunday afternoon under a sweltering sun, winning the first game 7-6, and dropping the finale 3-2.

This split raised the Martins to third position in the Coastal Plain loop and tightened the race considerably. At the present time, only a half game separates the third team from the fifth place Leafs, while Goldsboro rests in sixth spot, a mere game and a half out of third. The Martins are six games behind the second place Greenville Greensies. So it looks as though fireworks and pressure will be on in a large degree as the circuit goes into its final month on Friday.

The deciding runs in the first at-bat came in the ninth when Skipper Frank Rodgers homered over the left field wall with one on. Elmer Cone hit a four-base blow in the seventh to keep the locals in the ball game.

Pea Green started the initial battle and hurled creditably until the eighth when he was relieved by Harry Humphries who finished the game and received credit for the win.

Home runs also played a big part in the nightcap, with the Martins scoring both of their runs in such a manner and Rocky Mount counted one homer.

Tuckey drove a pitch over the left field fence in the fifth, and Charlie "Donald Duck" Wilcox, as a pinch-hitter, in the seventh, did likewise.

Slim Gardner went the route for the Martins, giving up five hits.

Tuckey hit safely twice to lead the locals in this game.

The box:

Sunday, July 27.

First Game.

Williamston	Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Byrum, lf	3	0	2	0	0	0
Shelton, 2b	5	1	0	3	2	0
Hoyle, rf	4	2	2	0	0	0
Sparr, lb	5	2	3	2	0	0
Rodgers, cf	5	1	1	4	0	0
Cone, 3b	5	1	2	0	4	0
Wilcox, c	5	0	3	5	0	1
Green, p	4	0	0	0	1	0
Humphries, p	1	0	0	1	0	0

Totals 39 7 11 27 14 2

Rocky Mount

Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Drews, ss	5	0	2	1	1
Kasper, 3b	5	0	0	4	0
Kurt, lf	4	0	1	0	0
Sanford, lb	5	2	2	0	0
Brittain, c	5	2	2	0	0
Kral, cf	3	1	3	1	0
Shee, rf	4	1	1	2	0
Ware, 2b	4	0	1	4	1
Gautreaux, p	1	0	0	1	0
Weeks, p	2	0	1	0	1
Kennedy, p	0	0	0	1	0

Totals 38 6 12 27 9 1

Score by innings: 000 200 302-7

Rocky Mount 010 200 302-6

Runs batted in: Brittain 3, Kral 2, Sparr, Cone 3, Rodgers 3, Two base hits: Hoyle, Sparr, Three base hit: Sparr. Home runs: Brittain 2, Cone, Kral, Rodgers. Stolen base: Drews. Double plays: Cone, Shelton and Sparr 2; Green, Tuckey and Sparr. Left on bases: Williamston 11, Rocky Mount 7. Bases on balls, off Gautreaux 4, Weeks 1, Kennedy 1, Green 2, Humphries 1. Struck out by: Gautreaux 5, Weeks 1, Kennedy 2, Green 4. Hits, off Gautreaux 5 in 4 1-3; Weeks 3 in 3 1-3; Kennedy 3 in 1; Green 10 in 7 2-3; Humphries 2 in 1 1-3. Wild pitches: Gautreaux, Humphries. Winning pitcher: Humphries. Losing pitcher: Kennedy. Umpires: Daniels and Greene. Time: 2:17.

Second Game

Williamston	Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Byrum, lf	3	0	0	0	1	0
xxxRymer	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shelton, 2b	3	0	1	1	0	0
Hoyle, rf	3	0	1	4	0	1
Sparr, lb	3	0	0	6	1	0
Rodgers, cf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Cone, 3b	2	0	0	2	2	1
Pettus, c	2	0	0	4	0	0
xWilcox	1	1	1	0	0	0
Tuckey, ss	3	1	2	0	2	0
Gardner, p	2	0	0	0	2	1

Totals 23 3 5 21 7 2

Williamston 000 010 1-2

Rocky Mount 100 101 3-3

Runs batted in: Shee, Ware, Tuckey, Wilcox. Home runs: Shee, Tuckey, Wilcox. Double play: Gardner, Cone and Sparr. Left on bases: Williamston 5, Rocky Mount 5. Bases on balls, off Gardner 3, Williams 1. Struck out by Gardner 2, Williams 4. Wild pitch: Gardner. Umpires: Greene and Daniels. Time: 1:23.

Public Opinion . . .

By "BUFF"

Our vote for the biggest pack of evildoers goes to Rocky Mount. They even criticize their own players when they are winning. . . . The umpiring Sunday afternoon was slightly on the "lousy" side. . . . A Leaf player went into home plate with a good slide, when Clyde Pettus stooped and tagged him on the chest. . . . According to "everybody" there was no possible way the runner could have been out. . . . But Greene said he was, and if you don't think a howl went up and a razz went out, you should have been there. . . . Another time, in the first game, Daniels called 4 balls on Elmer Cone who went to first filling the bases. An argument ensued and it was decided that the pitcher had made only three bad pitches. . . . What kind of "second-guessing" do you call that?

BEST STORY OF THE WEEK—The wolves had been giving Babe Tuckey a thorough razzing in Rocky Mount during the second game, and when he went to the plate in the fifth, they really gave him the works. Not to be outdone the Babe promptly proceeded to slam one out of the park and on crossing home plate, he curtisied to his "admiring" fans.

The Martins' power at the plate has picked up considerably according to the last official report from the Howe News Bureau which included games of Monday, July 21st. . . . Ches Sparr with a mark of .325 has batted in 62 runs. . . . Bill Shelton, dependable second baseman, is slugging at the .312 mark, having driven in 26 scores. . . . Charlie "Donald Duck" Wilcox is now hitting over .300 for the first time in his professional career, driving in 19 runs with a mark of .301. . . . Fred Hoyle, hustling right fielder, is batting .290 and has knocked in 29 runs. . . . Slim Gardner's mark is .277. . . . Skipper Rodgers has hit in 52 runs with a .274 average. . . . Johnny Byrum, local lead-off man, is at .272 and has driven in 23 runs. . . . All the others have increased their averages to some extent.

Pete Kunis with a record of 10 wins and five losses leads the Martins mound staff. . . . Slim Gardner has eight victories and six defeats. . . . Pea Green's average is 7 wins and 6 defeats. . . . Harry Humphries has won 2 and lost 7. . . . Ken Rymer has won 2 and lost 5.

According to reports, at least six big league scouts were in attendance at the All-Star game in Wilson last night, and from this corner, Fred Hoyle looked just about as good as anybody on either team. The pitching on both sides was "rough" in spots, the umpires had a good night, and all in all, everybody had an enjoyable trip.

xxKunis 1 0 0 0 0 0

Totals 27 2 5 18 9 3

xxBatted for Pettus in 7th.

xxBatted for Gardner in 7th.

xxxBatted for Byrum in 7th.

Rocky Mount

Ab	R	H	PO	A	E	
Drews, ss	3	0	0	2	3	1
Kasper, 3b	3	0	1	0	2	1
Kurt, lf	3	1	0	7	0	0
Brittain, c	2	0	1	6	0	0
Kral, cf	2	0	0	3	0	0
Shee, rf	2	2	1	3	0	0
Ware, 2b	3	0	1	0	2	0
Gallowich, lf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Williams, p	2	0	0	0	0	0

Totals 23 3 5 21 7 2

Williamston 000 010 1-2

Rocky Mount 100 101 3-3

Runs batted in: Shee, Ware, Tuckey, Wilcox. Home runs: Shee, Tuckey, Wilcox. Double play: Gardner, Cone and Sparr. Left on bases: Williamston 5, Rocky Mount 5. Bases on balls, off Gardner 3, Williams 1. Struck out by Gardner 2, Williams 4. Wild pitch: Gardner. Umpires: Greene and Daniels. Time: 1:23.

Ken Rymer Limits Leafs To Trio Of Hits, Wins 4 to 2

Babe Tuckey and Ches Sparr Hit Homers; Tuckey Features Afield

Ken Rymer limited the Rocky Mount Leafs to three hits in pitching a 4-2 victory here last Saturday night. Ken struck out eight batters. One of the Leaf hits was a home run by Tommy Kurst, their other score coming in the first inning as a result of three walks and an error.

Williamston counted its first run in the fifth inning when Babe Tuckey was safe on an error, Rymer doubled and Tuckey scored on Johnny Byrum's outfield fly.

Tuckey homered in the seventh to tie the score, Ches Sparr's circuit drive in the eighth putting the locals in front. Two walks and another single gave the Martins their final tally.

Three local players got all the hits, Rymer leading with two for three, and Sparr and Tuckey each with two for four.

Making several beautiful plays at shortstop, Tuckey also featured afield.

The box:

Saturday, July 26.

Rocky Mount	Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Drews, ss	4	0	1	3	0	0
Ware, 2b	3	1	0	1	3	0
Kurt, lf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Sanford, lb	2	0	0	15	0	0
Brittain, c	4	0	0	4	0	0
Kral, cf	4	0	0	2	1	0
Kasper, 3b	4	0	0	1	2	1
Shee, rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Matthews, p	4	0	0	5	0	0

Totals 31 2 3 24 17 1

Williamston

Ab	R	H	PO	A	E	
Byrum, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Shelton, 2b	3	0	0	1	0	0
Hoyle, rf	4	0	0	5	0	0
Sparr, lb	4	1	2	0	0	0
Rodgers, cf	2	1	0	5	0	0
Cone, 3b	2	0	0	2	1	0
Wilcox, c	4	0	0	8	0	0
Tuckey, ss	4	2	2	0	4	0
Rymer, p	3	0	2	0	0	0

Totals 29 4 6 27 7 1

Score by innings: 000 010 000-2

Rocky Mount 000 010 12-4

Runs batted in: Kurst, Byrum, Tuckey 2, Sparr. Two base hits: Shee, Rymer. Home runs: Kurst, Tuckey, Sparr. Sacrifices: Cone, Shelton. Double play: Ware, Drews and Sanford. Left on bases: Rocky Mount 7, Williamston 4. Rymer 5. Struck out by Matthews 3, Rymer 8. Umpires: Greene and Daniels. Time of game: 1:42.

Vernon Bunting Is Singles Champion

In the second annual City Tennis Tournament recently concluded here, a new singles champion was crowned, Vernon Bunting, one of last year's semi-finalists, conquered all opposition and won the singles title by defeating defending champion, Bosko Anderson, 6-4, 6-4, in two hard-fought sets.

For the second straight year, the winner of the singles title was co-winner of the doubles honor, as Bunting paired with Bill Spivey to upset the defending tandem of Rush Bondurant and Anderson. The close score of 6-2, 1-6, 6-4, was indicative of the hard struggle staged by the foursome.

RESULTS

Friday, July 25.

Williamston 10-10, Goldsboro 4-12.

Kinston 5, Wilson 0.

Tarboro 9, Rocky Mount 8.

Greenville 8, New Bern 4.

Saturday, July 26.

Williamston 4, Rocky Mount 2.

Wilson 10, New Bern 1.

Goldsboro 9, Tarboro 4.

Greenville 17, Kinston 8.

Sunday, July 27.

Williamston 7-7, Rocky Mt. 6-3.

Greenville 11-17, Kinston 3-2.

Wilson 9, New Bern 5.

Goldsboro 8-3, Tarboro 7-4.

Second Game

Episcopalians	Ab	R	H
Cooke, ss	4	0	1
S. Critcher, lf-p	3	0	1
Skinner, p-lf	3	0	1
Diem, 3b	3	0	0
R. Simpson, 2b	3	0	1
M. Simpson, c	3	0	1
H. Wynne, cf	3	0	1
J. Critcher, cf	3	0	1
Green, lb	3	0	0
M. Moore, rf	3	0	1

Totals 31 2 7

Baptists

Ab	R	H	
F. Peele, 2b	4	3	1
Cone, ss	4	2	2
Grimes, lb	3	0	1
Hall, c	4	1	1
A. Anderson, lf	4	1	1
Summerlin, 3b	3	0	1
Stalls, p	3	2	0
C. Peele, cf	3	0	1

Baptists Clinch Softball Championship; Final Contests To Be Played Tomorrow Night 8:30

Methos, Loop Problem Child, Are Now Setting the Circuit Afire

RESULTS

Friday, July 25.

Methoterians 5, Baptists 0.

Christians 7, Episcopalians 6.

Monday, July 28.

Methos 8, Christians 4.

Baptists 10, Episcopalians 2.

STANDING

W	L	Pct.	
Baptists	11	3	.786
Christians	8	7	.533
Methoterians	5	8	.385
Episcopalians	4	10	.286

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 30.

Baptists vs. Christians.

Episcopalians vs. Methoterians.

In the next to the last regular scheduled doubleheader of the local softball loop, played here last evening, the league leading Baptists put their standing definitely on ice as they overwhelmed the now lowly Episcopalians by a 10-2 score in the second game. The hustling Methoterians, until recently the cellar occupants, and who were kicked about as step-children during the early part of the season, have really hit their stride, having won their last four games straight. The Christians were the latest victims of the Methos, as they went down last night by an 8-4 count, in a game that was headed for a shutout, but errors in the final stanza at crucial moments allowed the Spivey boys to count four times on two hits. Ernest "Matuza" Mears pitched well, as the winners built up an 8-0 lead, featured by a 6-run uprising in the fifth inning. Roger Critcher, with two for three, led the winners, though he was pushed by four teammates with two for four. Jack Sullivan hit .500 for the losers to lead the way.

The second game saw a patched-up team of Baptist brethren wallop the Episcopalians, who were without their star moundsman, John Hardy.

Due to a transfer of the Martin-New Bern baseball game here to Friday night, the softball doubleheader scheduled for Friday will be played here tomorrow night. The first contest will get underway at 8:30 Daylight Saving Time.

The box:

Monday, July 28.

First Game.

Christians	Ab	R	H
C. T. Roberson, 3b	3	0	1
T. Barnhill, ss	2	1	1
Sullivan, lf	4	1	2
Bunting, 3b	4	0	0
Jack Manning, p	4	0	0
C. Manning, lb	3	0	1
B. Harrison, 2b	3	0	1
T. Harrison, c	3	0	1
Jas. Manning, rf	2	1	0
Goff, Jr., cf	1	0	0
Spivey, c	2	1	0

Totals 30 4 8

Methoterians

Ab	R	H	
Jojo Thiipen, c	2	1	0
D. Cobb, cf	4	1	2
G. Cunningham, sf	0	0	0
Foykins, lf	4	2	2
Fitzgerald, 2b	4	0	1
N. Cunningham, lb	4	1	2
Mears, p	3	1	1
Clayton, rf	3	1	2
Rogerson, rf	1	0	0
Critcher, 3b	3	0	2
M. Cobb, lf	4	1	0
Piephoff, cf	3	0	1
Wise, cf	1	0	0

Totals 36 8 13

Score by innings: 000 000 4-4

Christians 000 000 4-4

Methoterians 100 060 1-8

Second Game

Episcopalians	Ab	R	H
Cooke, ss	4	0	1
S. Critcher, lf-p	3	0	1
Skinner, p-lf	3	0	1
Diem, 3b	3	0	0
R. Simpson, 2b	3	0	1
M. Simpson, c	3	0	1
H. Wynne, cf	3	0	1
J. Critcher, cf	3	0	1
Green, lb	3	0	0
M. Moore, rf	3	0	1

Totals 31 2 7

Baptists