

# Martins Take Four Out Of Five From Rocky Mount Leafs

## Playing .500 Ball To Hold Fourth Position Semi-Finals Planned In Softball Circuit Next Week

### Pete Kunis Whiffs Nine Leafs To Win 5-1 Here Last Night

### Skipper Frank Rodgers Hits Inside-the-Park Homer With Two On Base

Williamston's jinx over Rocky Mount continues to hold good as the Martins conquered the Leafs 5-1 here last night to take both games of that series and four out of the last five during the past week.

The Martins are now situated in fourth place only a half game behind the New Bern Bears, with a two-game series with the Bears beginning here tonight. Goldsboro's Bugs are resting in fifth place, a game and a half behind the locals, while Rocky Mount, in sixth place, is a half game behind the Bugs.

In last night's battle, Pete Kunis was in fine form, limiting the Leafs to eight safeties, their only tally being unearned. Pete struck out nine batters and issued walks to only two for the victory.

The Martins started off strong, scoring three runs in the first inning when Bill Shelton doubled, Ches Sparr was given a walk, and Skipper Frank Rodgers drove a pitch to left field which the fielder lost in the grass, Rodgers continuing on for an inside-the-park home run.

In the eighth singles by Rodgers, Elmer Cone and Babe Tuckey produced another run, and three singles, a sacrifice and an error gave the locals their final tally in the final inning.

Skipper Rodgers batted in four of Williamston's runs, with three hits to lead the attack at the plate, with Cone next best, having two hits for four times at bat.

This game was the shortest played in the Coastal Plain League this season, lasting only an hour and 27 minutes.

The box:

Thursday, July 31.	
Rocky Mount	Ab R H PO A E
Kasper, 3b	4 0 1 2 5 0
Drews, ss	4 0 0 1 5 0
Kurst, lf	3 0 1 1 0 0
Sanford, 1b	4 0 1 13 0 0
Brittain, c	4 0 1 2 0 0
Kral, cf	3 1 1 1 0 0
Shee, rf	4 0 1 1 0 0
Ware, 2b	4 0 1 3 4 0
Matthews, p	4 0 1 0 2 1

Totals	
Williamston	Ab R H PO A E
Byrum, lf	3 0 0 2 0 1
Shelton, 2b	4 1 1 4 2 0
Hoyle, rf	3 1 1 0 0 0
Sparr, 1b	2 1 0 5 0 0
Rodgers, cf	4 1 3 2 0 0
Cone, 3b	4 1 2 1 0 0
Wilcox, c	4 0 1 11 0 1
Tuckey, ss	2 0 1 2 3 1
Kunis, p	3 0 0 0 1 0

Score by innings: R  
Rocky Mount 000 000 100-1  
Williamston 300 000 11x-5  
Runs batted in: Kasper, Rodgers, Kral, Kasper. Two base hits: Shelton, Kral, Sparr. Home run: Rodgers. Stolen base: Tuckey. Sacrifice: Sparr. Double plays: Drews, Ware and Sanford; Tuckey, Shelton and Sparr; Ware and Sanford; Shelton, Shelton, Tuckey and Sparr. Left on bases: Rocky Mount 8, Williamston 5. Bases on balls, off Matthews 4, Kunis 2. Struck out by Matthews 2, Kunis 9. Umpires: Daniels and Greene. Time: 1:27.

### STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Wilson	55	23	.705
Greenville	48	35	.578
New Bern	41	41	.500
Williamston	41	42	.494
Goldsboro	39	43	.476
Rocky Mount	39	44	.470
Tarboro	32	49	.395
Kinston	32	50	.390

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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 1**  
Kinston at Tarboro  
New Bern at Williamston  
Wilson at Rocky Mount  
Goldsboro at Greenville  
**SATURDAY, AUG. 2**  
Tarboro at Kinston  
Williamston at New Bern  
Rocky Mount at Wilson  
Greenville at Goldsboro  
**SUNDAY, AUG. 3**  
Rocky Mount at Tarboro  
Williamston at Goldsboro  
New Bern at Greenville  
Wilson at Kinston  
**MONDAY, AUG. 4**  
Tarboro at Rocky Mount  
Goldsboro at Williamston  
Greenville at New Bern  
Kinston at Wilson

### Ragged Fielding By Martins Brings 6 to 2 Defeat By Kinston

### Ken Rymer Hurls 7-Hit Ball And Strikes Out Eleven Batters

Despite the fine pitching performance turned in by Ken Rymer last Tuesday night, erratic fielding caused the Williamston Martins to drop a 6-2 decision to the lowly Kinston Eagles.

Ken hurled 7-hit ball, while striking out eleven batters, seven of which were fanned in the first three innings. Rymer's control was unusually good as he issued only two walks.

Kinston's big inning came in the third when three hits, three errors, and a passed ball and a walk accounted for five runs. The other Eagle run was scored in the eighth on two singles and a sacrifice.

In the sixth inning, Williamston counted twice when Bill Shelton and Fred Hoyle singled in succession, Skipper Frank Rodgers was given an intentional walk, and Elmer Cone sent a two-base drive to deep left field to send home Shelton and Hoyle.

Tuesday, July 29.

Kinston	
Ab	R H PO A E
Croon, cf	5 1 1 1 0 0
Carr, lf	5 1 0 0 0 0
Slakis, ss	4 1 1 2 3 1
Upchurch, 3b	4 1 2 1 3 0
DeMasi, 2b	2 0 1 6 4 0
McGarity, c	4 0 1 7 1 0
Nicoli, 1b	4 0 0 9 1 0
Boos, rf	3 1 1 0 0 0
Koy, p	3 1 0 1 2 0

Totals

Williamston	Ab R H PO A E
Byrum, lf	5 0 1 1 0 0
Shelton, 2b	4 1 2 1 2 0
Hoyle, rf	4 1 1 2 0 0
Sparr, 1b	4 0 0 8 0 1
Rodgers, cf	2 0 1 1 0 0
Cone, 3b	4 0 1 0 1 0
Wilcox, c	4 0 1 10 2 0
Tuckey, ss	4 0 0 4 4 3
Rymer, p	3 0 0 0 2 0
Kunis, p	1 0 0 0 0 0

Totals 35 2 7 27 11 4  
zHit for Rymer in 9th.  
Score by innings: R  
Kinston 005 000 010-6  
Williamston 000 002 000-2  
Runs batted in: Slakis, Upchurch, 2, McGarity, Cone 2. Two base hits: Slakis, Cone. Stolen base: Upchurch. Sacrifice: DeMasi, Shelton, Tuckey and Sparr. Left on bases: Kinston 5, Williamston 8. Bases on balls off Koy 2, Rymer 2. Struck out by Koy 7, Rymer 11. Hit by pitcher, by Rymer (DeMasi). Passed ball: Wilcox. Umpires: Daniels and Green. Time of game 1:47.

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## Great Performance By P. Green in Relief Role

### Features Win With A Single In Fifth Wednesday Night

### Martins Pound Two Pitchers To Run Hit Count Up To Thirteen

After being delayed forty minutes on account of rain, the Martins went on to defeat Rocky Mount there last Wednesday night by the score of 6-5 with Pea Green turning in a great performance in the relief role for the locals.

Green relieved Harry Humphries in the third inning and allowed only two hits during the remainder of the contest. His single in the fifth inning accounted for the winning run.

The locals started off with a bang holding a 3-0 advantage until the third when the Leafs staged a four-run rally which featured a two-run homer by Taylor Sanford. Tommy Kurst accounted for the other Leaf run with a home run in the sixth.

Skipper Rodgers had a perfect night—two for two—to lead the Martin attack, while Ken Rymer, who replaced Rodgers in centerfield, was next with two for three.

Babe Tuckey featured afield, handling 11 chances without a miscue.

Wednesday, July 30.

Williamston	
Ab	R H PO A E
Byrum, lf	5 0 2 0 0 0
Shelton, 2b	3 0 1 4 6 1
Hoyle, rf	4 1 0 1 0 0
Sparr, 1b	4 1 2 12 0 1
Rodgers, cf	2 1 2 0 0 0
Rymer, cf	3 1 2 0 0 0
Cone, 3b	5 1 2 4 0 0
Wilcox, c	4 0 1 3 0 0
Tuckey, ss	2 1 0 3 8 0
Humphries, p	1 0 0 0 2 0
Green, p	2 0 1 0 1 0

Totals

Rocky Mount	Ab R H PO A E
Kasper, 3b	5 0 2 0 4 0
Drews, ss	5 0 0 3 4 1
Kurst, lf	2 2 2 2 0 0
Sanford, 1b	5 1 1 10 1 0
Brittain, c	5 1 3 7 0 0
Kral, cf	3 0 0 1 0 0
Shee, rf	3 1 0 1 0 0
Ware, 2b	2 0 0 3 0 0
Weeks, p	2 0 0 0 4 0
Gautreaux, p	2 0 0 0 1 0

Totals 34 5 8 27 14 1  
Score by innings: R  
Williamston 021 120 000-6  
Rocky Mount 004 001 000-5  
Runs batted in: Rodgers 2, Wilcox, Hoyle, Cone, Green, Sanford 2, Weeks, Kurst. Two base hits: Sparr, Rymer. Home runs: Sanford, Kurst. Stolen base: Sanford. Sacrifices: Tuckey, Kral, Green, Wilcox. Double play: Tuckey, Shelton and Sparr. Left on bases: Williamston 9, Rocky Mount 12. Base on balls, off Humphries 3, Green 6, Weeks 1, Gautreaux 1. Struck out, by Humphries 2, Weeks 1, Gautreaux 6, Green 1, Hits, off Humphries 6 in 2 1-3 innings; Green 2 in 6 2-3; Weeks 10 in 4 2-3; Gautreaux 3 in 4 1-3. Hit by pitcher, by Weeks (Shelton). Wild pitch: Humphries. Winning pitcher:

### Episcopalians Meet Baptists In A Double Header On Tuesday

### Methoterians and Christians To Enter Semi-finals the Following Day

#### STANDING

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

#### RESULTS

Wednesday, July 30.

Cobbmen 10, Skinnermen 6.  
Spiveymen 3, Conemen 2.

With interest in local softball dropping to such a low ebb that even the players of the four church teams would not turn out in forces large enough to make teams, the final scheduled games of the current season last Wednesday night were cancelled. However, two five-inning exhibitions were played with a "mixed" squad.

In the first game Bill Spivey's lads rallied in the fifth to defeat Howard

In the play-off for the championship of the City Softball Circuit, the Baptists will engage the Episcopalians next Tuesday afternoon at 6:30 p. m. in a doubleheader. On Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. the Christians and Methoterians will battle it out in a twin bill.

In the semi-finals play, the team entering the final play must win two out of three, and if neither team takes both games on next Tuesday or Wednesday, a third meeting will be arranged possibly on Thursday or Friday. The two victorious teams will meet in the finals week after next.

Cone's aggregation, 3-2, the deciding run coming when Charles Manning was walked, stole second and crossed the plate on C. T. Roberson's single.

C. T. Roberson limited the Conemen to three bingles, while Tom Skinner headed a 7-hit attack by the Spiveymen with two for two.

The Cobbmen were victorious over the Skinnermen in the nightcap by a score of 10-6. Both teams got 11 hits, but costly errors by Tom Skinner's players proved the margin of victory.

With the score knotted at 6-6 going into the last half of the fourth, the Cobbmen rallied to score four runs on five hits, a walk and an error.

B. Harrison, of the Skinnermen, and Wheeler Manning, of the Cobbs, led their respective teams at the plate, with a perfect night—two for two.

The box:

Wednesday, July 30.

First Game.	
Conemen	Ab R H
Miller, 2b	2 1 1 0
F. Peel, rf	1 0 0 0
Cone, ss	2 1 1 1
A. Anderson, lf	2 0 0 0
F. Taylor, 3b	2 0 0 0
Fitzgerald, 1b	1 0 0 0
R. Critcher, p	2 0 1 1
M. Cobb, cf	2 0 0 0
S. Critcher, sf	1 0 0 0
G. Cunningham, c	1 0 0 0

Totals

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

Totals

Conemen	Ab R H
Spiveymen	20 3 7
Score by innings:	R
Conemen	200 00-2
Spiveymen	100 11-3

Second Game.

Skinnermen	Ab R H
S. Critcher, ss	2 1 1 1
Skinner, sf	3 0 2 2
Bunting, 3b	3 0 0 0
Miller, c	3 0 0 0
T. Critcher, rf	3 1 1 1
C. T. Roberson, p	3 1 2 2
F. Peel, lf	3 2 2 2
C. Manning, lf	2 0 1 1
B. Harrison, 1b	2 1 1 2
R. Simpson, 2b	2 0 0 0

Totals

Cobbmen	Ab R H
Clayton, 1b	2 1 0 0
Fitzgerald, 2b	2 2 1 1
P. Barnhill, ss	1 1 1 1
Piephoff, ss-3b	2 1 1 1
R. Critcher, 3b-p	3 2 2 2
J. Sullivan, sf	2 0 0 1
H. Hardison, c	0 0 0 0
M. Cobb, lf	3 0 0 0
Wise, cf-sf	3 0 1 1
W. Everett, rf	3 0 1 1
G. Cunnin'm, c-sf	2 1 1 1
W. Manning, p	2 2 2 2
Whitley, cf	0 0 0 0

Totals 25 10 11  
Score by innings: R  
Skinnermen 020 40-6  
Cobbmen 105 4x-10  
C. T. Roberson, Chr'n 0 1 .000  
S. Critcher, Episcopal 0 1 .000  
Hardy, Episcopal 0 1 .000  
Beard, Metho 0 1 .000

### How They Hit In The Softball Loop

Ernest "Matuza" Mears ended the current season of the City Softball loop with a batting mark of .500 to lead the circuit in that division. He hit safely 18 times in 36 trips to the plate. Jack Sullivan, of the Christians, is close behind with a .474 mark while Arthur Anderson, Baptist slugger, is third with a .471 average. John Hardy leads the Episcopalians pack at the plate at .407.

The averages of all players who have had at least 16 official times at bat during the season, are as follows:

	Ab	H	Pct.
Mears, Metho	36	18	.500
Sullivan, Christian	38	18	.474
A. Anderson, Baptist	17	8	.471
Goff, Christian	45	19	.422
Hardy, Episcopal	27	11	.407
Fitzgerald, Metho	45	18	.400
Wallace, Christian	41	16	.390
Jojo Thigpen, Metho	27	10	.370
O. Anderson, Baptist	19	7	.368
H. Wynne, Episcopal	30	11	.367
C. T. Roberson, Chr'n	44	16	.364
Jack Manning, Chr'n	33	12	.364
T. Malone, Episcopal	28	10	.357
Diem, Episcopal	42	15	.357
R. Critcher, Metho	28	2	.072

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