

Pete Kunis Pitches Martins Back Into First Division

Public Opinion By "BUFF"

For the first week this season, Chesty Sparr is not leading the Williamston Martins at the plate. According to official figures from Howe News Bureau which include games of Sunday, July 27, Sparr's average has dropped to .310, and Bill Shelton, who will be going to the Army this week has taken over the team's batting laurels with a mark of .311. However, Sparr still ranks about third in the Coastal Plain in runs batted in with 69 to his credit. Charlie "Donald Duck" Wilcox has improved his batting eye, now slugging at .305. Fred Hoyle is hitting .293. Skipper Rodgers' mark is .279. Johnny Byrum, .267. Slim Gardner, .264. Elmer Cone, .240. Babe Tuckey, .224. Ken Rymer, .214. Pete Kunis, .205. And Clyde Pettus, .163.

In the pitching division, veteran Pete Kunis holds the top position in the Martin set-up with 11 victories and five defeats. Slim Gardner is next with 9 wins and 7 losses. Pea Green is pitching 500 ball — 7 and 7. As is Dick Cherry — 1 and 1. Ken Rymer has won three and lost 5. While Harry Humphries has chalked up four decisions and 8 defeats.

Bill Shelton, aggressive and dependable second baseman of the Martins, left Sunday for Wilson and his home, where he spent a few days before entering Uncle Sam's Army for his training period. Bill was quite popular here, both with the fans and players, and his absence will be sorely missed. Johnny Byrum will leave for Edenton tomorrow where he will also be inducted into the

Shuts Out Bugs Here Last Evening 4 To 0

Elmer Cone Shines Both At Plate And Afield. Hits Homer

Kunis Fans Nine Bugs and Knocks Out Two-Run Circuit Clout; Wilcox Has Perfect Night At Bat

Giving his usual superb exhibition on the mound, Pete Kunis hurled six-hit ball last night to defeat the Goldsboro Bugs, 4-0, and "clunk" the Williamston Martins right back into the first division. Sparking his shut-out performance, Pete struck out nine Bug batters and issued only two walks.

Last night's victory shoved the locals back into the top bracket by the narrow margin of a half game. In a fifth place tie, Goldsboro and Rocky Mount are staging a merry chase, with the fourth team in the Coastal Plain play-offs still "just a matter of opinion."

Kunis also played a major role in scoring Williamston's runs last night. In the second inning, after Charlie "Duck" Wilcox had singled but was forced out by Babe Tuckey's drive, Pete smashed a home run over the left field barrier to drive in two runs.

In the sixth, Pete was given a free pass, sacrificed to second by Johnny Byrum, and knocked home on a long single by Elmer Cone into left field. Cone's circuit clout in the seventh frame accounted for the Martins' final tally.

Charlie Wilcox had another perfect night at bat for the locals, hitting safely three times, while Cone and Byrum each had two for three to follow close behind.

Shining in the Martins' defense was Babe Tuckey and Cone.

This is the second ball game for Kunis in as many starts that has been played in an hour and twenty-seven minutes, the other being with Rocky Mount. The likeable left fielder has done a good job for the locals during his first try at professional ball and everybody wishes both of them the best of luck in their new venture.

The Bluefield club is sending a rookie infielder named Pride in trade for Bert Stoffer, according to latest information from Skipper Frank Rodgers. Pride belongs to the Charleston, S. C. team, and will report here on option of that club.

Elmer Cone's folks from Pittsburgh were in the grandstand last night, and despite the fact that he was playing a strange position Cone gave a sparkling performance, both afield and at the plate. On returning to Pittsburgh, Cone's relatives will have plenty to tell about their boy down in the Coastal Plain.

SOFTBALL PLAY

The semi-finals of the City Softball League championship will get underway at the local ball park this afternoon at 6:30 o'clock when the Baptists and Episcopalians will battle it out in a doubleheader. If either team wins both games, it thereby goes to the finals. But if the twin bill is split, another game will be scheduled, possibly on Thursday or Friday.

The other two teams of the church loop, the Christians and Methodists, will play on Wednesday afternoon. Their doubleheader will begin promptly at 3:00 o'clock.

The semi-finals must be played before this week is gone, with the finals slated for next week.

Goldsboro Gains An Overtime Decision Over Martins, 4 to 3

Charlie "Donald Duck" Wilcox Only Martin To Get Two Hits

Playing a ten-inning battle with Goldsboro there last Sunday afternoon, the Williamston Martins dropped their third game in a row, also dropping to a fifth-place tie with Rocky Mount. The final score was 4-3.

Harry Humphries started his second game in as many days for the locals, holding the Goldbugs hitless for five innings. But in the sixth Humphries weakened, giving up three hits which were good for two runs and Pea Green then took over the mound duties. Goldsboro tied the score at 3-all in the eighth.

Bill Shelton hit a two-run homer in the fifth, and also got a two-base blow.

The Martins touched Julio Acosta for 12 hits, with Charlie Wilcox and Elmer Cone leading the attack, each having two for four.

The box:

Sunday, August 3.		Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Williamston		5	0	1	2	0	0
Byrum, lf		5	1	2	2	0	0
Shelton, 2b		5	1	2	2	0	0
Hoyle, rf		5	0	2	2	0	0
Sparr, 1b		3	0	1	4	2	0
Cone, 3b		4	1	2	4	0	0
Wilcox, c		4	0	2	8	0	0
Tuckey, ss		4	0	1	2	2	0
Rymer, cf		4	0	0	2	0	0
Humphries, p		2	1	2	0	0	0
Green, p		2	0	0	1	0	2
Totals		38	3	12	29	6	2
Goldsboro		5	0	2	1	0	0
Patton, cf		5	0	1	2	0	0
Fessler, ss		5	0	1	2	0	0
Clifton, rf		5	1	1	1	0	0
Peele, c		4	0	0	7	3	0
McHenry, lf		4	0	1	1	0	0
zFuller		0	0	0	0	0	0
Sturges, lf		1	0	1	0	0	0
Smith, 3b		3	0	0	2	1	0
Brinkley, 1b		3	1	0	12	0	0
Biershenk, 2b		3	1	1	4	0	0
Acosta, p		3	1	1	0	2	0
Totals		36	4	8	20	11	0

Score by innings: R
0 0 0 2 1 0 0—3
Goldsboro 000 002 010 1—4

Runs batted in: Shelton 2, Tuckey, Patton, Fessler 2, Sturges 2. Two base hits: Shelton, Cone. Home run: Shelton. Sacrifices: Acosta, Smith. Double plays: Peele and Brinkley; Fessler, Biershenk and Brinkley; Shelton and Sparr. Left on bases: Williamston here last Thursday night.

Williamston Drops Another To New Bern Saturday, 9-2

Babe Tuckey Features Afield And Leads Local Batting Attack

By bunching eight runs in the second inning the New Bern Bears were able to score a 9-2 decision over Williamston over there last Saturday night. Six of their 10 hits came in this frame.

Harry Humphries started on the hill for the Martins but was relieved in the fatal second by Slim Gardner who held the Bears well in hand during the remainder of the contest. Slim allowed six hits, struck out three and walked four.

Charlie "Donald Duck" Wilcox, with two for four, was the only Martin able to solve the offerings of Pitcher Taylor for more than one safety.

The box:

Saturday, August 2.		Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
Williamston		2	0	0	1	0	0
Byrum, lf		4	0	1	0	1	0
Shelton, 2b		2	0	0	1	0	0
Hoyle, rf		4	0	0	12	0	1
Sparr, 1b		4	1	1	2	3	1
Cone, 3b		4	1	2	4	3	0
Wilcox, c		4	0	1	1	3	0
Tuckey, ss		4	0	0	3	0	0
Rymer, cf		0	0	0	0	0	0
Humphries, p		3	0	1	0	2	0
Gardner, p		3	0	1	0	2	0
Totals		31	2	6	24	12	2
New Bern		5	2	2	3	4	0
Gales, 3b		4	0	1	2	0	0
Swiggett, lf		2	1	0	12	2	0
Thompson, 1b		3	2	2	1	0	0
Averette, cf		3	1	2	2	0	0
Ferrell, c		3	0	0	4	1	0
Curley, ss		3	1	1	2	2	0
Hecklinger, rf		3	1	0	1	0	0
Taylor, p		4	1	2	1	1	0
Totals		30	9	10	27	12	0

Score by innings: R
0 10 0 0 0 2
Williamston 010 000 100—2
New Bern 080 000 100—9

Runs batted in: Tuckey 2, Hecklinger, Taylor 2, Gales 3, Walton 2, Thompson. Two base hits: Averette, Wilcox, Shelton. Home run: Gales. Stolen bases: Walton, Thompson. Sacrifice: Ferrell. Double play: Wilcox and Sparr. Left on bases: Williamston 8, New Bern 5. Bases on balls, off Humphries 2, Gardner 4, Taylor 4. Struck out, by Gardner 3, Taylor 2. Hits, off Humphries 4 in 1-3; Gardner 6 in 6-2-3. Wild pitch: Gardner. Passed balls: Wilcox 2, Ferrell. Losing pitcher: Humphries. Umpires: Greene and Daniels. Time of game: 1:55.

UTILITY STAR - - - - By Jack Sords

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Costly Miscues By Martins Give Bears 7-6 Victory Friday

Bill Shelton Celebrates Departure With Two-Run Homer

Costly errors at critical times gave the New Bern Bears a 7-6 verdict over Williamston's Martins here last Friday night.

The locals started strong, scoring three runs in the first stanza when Ches Sparr homered after Bill Shelton had doubled and Fred Hoyle knocked out a single. But the Bears came back strong in the second to combine five hits and a walk for four runs and send Slim Gardner to the showers.

Williamston, however, took the lead once more in the second when Babe Tuckey walked, Dick Cherry sacrificed, Johnny Byrum walked and Shelton hit his second double to drive in Tuckey. Byrum came home on a balk by Pitcher Hamilton. Another tally was added by the Martins in the third off Elmer Cone's double and Tuckey's single.

A walk, sacrifice and two hits gave New Bern two runs in the sixth to knot the count at 6-all. The deciding run in the ninth resulted from two hits, a stolen base and an error.

Dick Cherry hurled good ball during his 8-inning relief role, allowing eight hits, walking two and fanning five.

Tuckey was the Martins' batting star with two for three, while he and Bill Shelton featured afield.

Six of the Martins' ten hits were for extra bases.

The box:

Friday, August 1.		Ab	R	H	PO	A	E
New Bern		4	0	1	0	3	0
Gales, 3b		5	0	3	2	0	0
Swiggett, lf		5	0	2	11	0	0
Thompson, 1b		5	0	2	11	0	0
Averette, cf		3	1	1	2	0	0
Walton, 2b		4	0	1	1	1	1
Ferrell, c		5	1	1	7	0	0
Curley, ss		3	2	1	2	3	0
Hecklinger, rf		1	1	1	0	0	0
Clower, rf		2	1	0	2	0	0
Taylor, p		0	1	0	1	0	0
Hamilton, p		3	0	1	0	3	0
Totals		35	7	12	27	11	1
Williamston		5	6	10	0	0	0
Byrum, lf		4	1	0	1	0	0
Shelton, 2b		5	1	2	7	2	0
Hoyle, rf		5	1	2	3	1	0
Sparr, 1b		5	1	1	7	1	0
Rodgers, cf		1	0	0	1	0	0
Rymer, cf		3	0	1	0	0	0
Cone, 3b		4	1	2	1	2	1
Wilcox, c		4	0	0	5	1	1
Tuckey, ss		3	1	2	3	7	0
Gardner, p		0	0	0	0	0	0
Cherry, p		2	0	0	0	3	1
Totals		36	6	10	27	18	3

Score by innings: R
Runs batted in: Hecklinger, Gales 2, Swiggett 2, Hamilton, Walton, Sparr 3, Shelton, Tuckey. Two base hits: Shelton 2, Cone 2, Curley, Swiggett. Three base hit: Rymer. Home run: Sparr. Stolen bases: Averette, Walton. Sacrifices: Cherry 2, Walton, Clower. Double play: Shelton, Tuckey and Sparr. Left on base: New Bern 8, Williamston 7. Bases on balls, off Taylor 2, Gardner 3, Cherry 2. Struck out, by Taylor 2, Hamilton 5, Cherry 5. Hits, off Taylor 5 in 1-3; Hamilton 5 in 7-2-3; Cherry 8 in 8. Balk: Hamilton. Winning pitcher: Hamilton. Losing pitcher: Cherry. Umpires: Greene and Daniels. Time of game: 2:10.

Seabright Winner



Bobby Riggs poses with his wife and the victor's cup after defeating Ted Schroeder 6-4, 6-4, 6-0 to win the Seabright, N. J., tennis tournament and become first player to win the Seabright title four times.

Who's Where

TUESDAY, AUG. 5
Williamston at Greenville
Wilson at Tarboro
Rocky Mount at Kinston
New Bern at Goldsboro

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6
Greenville at Williamston
Tarboro at Wilson
Kinston at Rocky Mount
Goldsboro at New Bern

THURSDAY, AUG. 7
Wilson at Goldsboro
Rocky Mount at Greenville
New Bern at Tarboro
Williamston at Kinston

FRIDAY, AUG. 8
Goldsboro at Wilson
Greenville at Rocky Mount
Tarboro at New Bern
Kinston at Williamston

Ways Of 'Stretching' Mileage Of Tires

When the OPM announced its rubber rationing plan a few weeks ago, we listed several rules for "stretching" tire miles, a thing that it now is patriotic, as well as thrifty, to do. The reason correct air pressure is important is that each pound of under-inflation increases tread wear by one-eighth, besides adding to gas consumption. A tire only slightly out of line is dragged sideways many feet per mile—that could cut its total life-span in half. At 70 miles an hour, tread wear is twice as rapid as at 45. Watch the thermometer for tread wear is five times as fast at 100 degrees as at 40—and you should allow for excess pavement heat, for even when the air is cool, road surfaces are often 20 or 30 degrees hotter (it takes 130 degrees to make tar melt).

Williamston 6, Goldsboro 8. Bases on balls, off Humphries 1, Green 2, Acosta 1. Struck out, by Humphries 3, Green 3, Acosta 6. Hits, off Humphries 3 in 5-1-3; Green 5 in 4-2-3. Losing pitcher: Green. Umpires: Bagby and Neuman. Time: 2:12.

RESULTS

Friday, August 1.

New Bern 7, Williamston 6
Goldsboro 4, Greenville 2
Rocky Mount 10, Wilson 6
Tarboro 12, Kinston 5

Saturday, August 2.

Wilson 6, Rocky Mount 4
New Bern 9, Williamston 2
Greenville 8, Goldsboro 5
Tarboro-Kinston, wet grounds

Sunday, August 3.

Goldsboro 4, Williamston 3
New Bern 1, Greenville 0
Wilson 5-3, Kinston 2-2
Rocky Mount 7, Tarboro 2

Monday, August 4.

Williamston 4, Goldsboro 0
Wilson 17, Kinston 0
Tarboro-Rocky Mount, rain

STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Wilson	59	24	.711
Greenville	49	37	.570
New Bern	44	41	.518
Williamston	42	45	.483
Rocky Mount	41	45	.477
Goldsboro	41	45	.477
Tarboro	33	50	.398
Kinston	32	54	.372

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