

Rams Return To First Place As Cubs Defeat Bear Grass

Everetts Increases Fourth Place Lead

Roosters Facing Tough Sledding In Playoff Quest

Robersonville Has Two Games With Oak City, One With Everetts

Robersonville returned to first place in Martin County League standings automatically, Tuesday night when the first place Bear Grass Bears lost to the Everetts Cubs.

Oak City's Roosters are still trying to make it into the fourth spot in league standings now held by the Everetts Cubs but even the most optimistic Rooster fan had to admit today that the road is a rugged one since Everetts decisively defeated the Bear Grass Bears in Williamston Tuesday night and took a two and a half game lead over the idle Roosters.

The Roosters have a chance to cut the margin back to two games tomorrow (Friday) night but they will have to beat the Robersonville Rams to do it. Should they lose to the Rams they will be put in a position where the very best they could hope for would be a tie and the Cubs would have to lose all their remaining games to enable them to get a tie.

Both teams have some difficult work cut out for them. Oak City has another game to play with the Rams in addition to the one Friday night while the Cubs are also short one game with Robersonville and must play Williamston next Sunday afternoon.

Should Oak City lose to Robersonville and Everetts win over the Martins Sunday the race would be over and Everetts would have fourth place cinched. In this event there is considerable doubt if any of the other postponed contests would be played and the semi-finals would start about the middle of the week.

Everetts 6, Bear Grass 0

The Everetts Cubs tightened their grip on fourth place by defeating Bear Grass 6 to 0 Tuesday night.

The Cubs gave Jimmie Hudson nearly perfect support and blasted out 11 hits off starter, Garland Wynne and reliever Dan Peele.

Hits by Spruill and Jr. Stalls produced one run in the first stanza to win the game for Everetts. With two away in the fourth three consecutive doubles by Conner, Hudson and Spruill tallied two more runs that iced the game. The Cubs added two more in the seventh and one in the eighth.

With one away in the 6th inning Perry and Harris singled for the Bears. Roberson was safe on an infield error thus loading the bases. This threat was quickly stopped when Terry drove a line drive to Jr. Stalls for a perfect double play.

The Bears loaded the bases again in the ninth with two out but Hudson forced Peaks to ground out second to first to end the game.

Spruill was best for the Cubs with 3 for 5 including a double.

Results

Tuesday, August 24
Everetts 6, Bear Grass 0.

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Early Football Practices Draw Many Prospects

About Three Dozen Report Tuesday And Thirty On Wednesday At School

First practice sessions of the 1948 season were held by the Williamston High School Green Wave football team Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons of this week. Coach Stuart Maynard had about three dozen candidates to put through their paces Tuesday afternoon and about thirty were on hand for the drills Wednesday afternoon it was reported unofficially.

While he had candidates aplenty it will take a report from the coach himself to tell whether he has any likely prospects among the group other than those mentioned before the season's practice sessions started. He is putting the boys through stiff drills in all the fundamentals, obviously determined to find out who among the group will be unable to take the hard work that goes with making a good football team.

Running, kicking, passing, punt returning and tackling and blocking were a part of the opening sessions. It is known that the coach is looking for good passing and punting material as the team last year was none too strong on these points and will be without the services of some of the men who made it one of the most colorful of high school teams from a spectator standpoint.

As soon as he has had a chance to look them over he will probably start lining up the men for various positions and for substitutes in those positions. No outstanding players are likely to be uncovered in the early practices although if the field of candidates remains large the coach may be able to find material for a team that will hold its own in this conference. While Williamston lost two good men, Rogerson and Andrews, by graduation and another because of physical handicaps, the other teams in the conference also lost some good men.

According to the schedule the Green Wave should have about 30 days of practice behind it when it toes the mark for the first competitive kick-off in late September.

One of the things adding more than a little interest to the football setup this year is the fact that the games can be played under the lights and many fans who

Totals	31	2	6	6
Score by innings:				
Everetts	106	102	03	—13
Hassel	000	002	00	—2



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TAKE ON TWO

The Bear Grass Bears, set back into second place by the Everetts Cubs last Tuesday night will take on two teams in a doubleheader here Saturday night. The first game is scheduled to start at 6:45 and will be Bear Grass vs. either Williamston or Hamilton. In the second game the Bears are to play whichever of these two that draws the second game assignment. Anyway, Bear Grass plays both the teams Saturday night in an effort to clean up its slate.

These two games will bring the Bear Grass total to 34 contests this season. It is not certain yet if the 35th game will be played.

Rawls had two singles in three tries for Bear Grass.

The box:					
Everetts	Ab	R	H	E	
Spruill, ss	5	2	3	1	
Wynne, R., 2b	5	0	0	0	
Barnhill, rf	4	1	2	0	
Cherry, cf	3	0	1	0	
Stalls, Jr., 3b	3	0	1	0	
Bailey, 1b	4	0	0	0	
Keel, C., lf	4	0	1	1	
Conner, c	4	2	1	0	
Hudson, p	4	1	2	0	

Totals

Bear Grass	Ab	R	H	E	
Rawls, c	3	0	2	0	
Smith, rf, 1b	5	0	1	1	
Peaks, 2b	5	0	1	0	
Roebuck, ss	4	0	1	1	
Harris, cf, rf	4	0	1	0	
Perry, 3b	4	0	1	0	
Roberson, lf	3	0	1	0	
Bowen, 1b	1	0	0	0	
Terry, cf, lf	3	0	0	0	
Wynne, G., p	2	0	0	0	
Peele, p	1	0	0	0	

Totals

Score by innings:	35	0	8	2
Bear Grass	000	000	000	—0
Everetts	100	200	21x	—6

Everetts 13, Hassell 2

The box for a game played last Friday night between Everetts and Hassell is printed below for the information of the players and fans.

Everetts	Ab	R	H	E	
Spruill, ss	3	3	2	0	
Wynne, R., 2b	3	0	1	0	
Barnhill, rf	4	3	1	0	
Cherry, cf	2	3	1	0	
Stalls, Jr., 3b	4	2	2	0	
Stalls, J. M., lf	4	1	1	0	
Mallory, 1b	3	0	1	0	
Conner, c	3	0	1	1	
Hudson, p	3	1	1	1	

Totals

Hassel	Ab	R	H	E	
Fleming, R., cf	4	1	0	1	
McClaren, 3b	2	1	0	0	
Haislip, c	4	0	2	3	
Keel, 1b	3	0	1	0	
Price, 2b	4	0	2	2	
Warren, rf	4	0	0	0	
Fleming, B., lf	3	0	0	0	
Hinson, ss	4	0	1	0	

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League Standings Martin County League (Games through August 23)

W.	L.	Pct.
Robersonville	20	7 .741
Bear Grass	23	9 .719
Williamston	21	12 .636
Everetts	19	12 .613
Oak City	17	15 .563
Cross Roads	11	21 .344
Hamilton	3	24 .250
Hassell	6	24 .200

Bear Grass 7, Robersonville 6

The Bear Grass Bears edged the Robersonville Rams 7 to 6 last Wednesday night, August 18, to take over first place in the Martin County League. It was the first time this season the Rams have been out of first place.

Virgil Wobbleton pitched the victory for the Bears, but needed help from Dan Peele in the eighth. Wobbleton was touched for eight safeties; five singles, two doubles, and a home run. It was Tom Browns towering drive that sent Wobbleton for cover in the eighth. Dan Peele relieved Wobbleton with one out in the eighth and allowed one run and two singles.

Reid Bullock started for the Rams, but gave way to Ross in the seventh with two out. Ross pitched to six men and allowed one hit. Reid Bullock took back over in the eighth with two away and completed the game.

J. C. Rawls led the Bears at bat with 4 singles for five trips. Smith and Roebuck each had two singles for four trips.

Reid Bullock had two singles for three trips to lead the Rams. Earl Forbes had a double and single in 5 trips while Johnnie Ross had two singles for 5 trips. Tom Brown had the longest blow of the game, a home run that went out of the park. It was the second pitch of the game he could not see before coming out for the contests this year.

Large numbers of fans attended out of town games last year that were played at night, especially the one against Ahoskie at Ahoskie at which the Green Wave band made its appearance in a drill. It is expected that the band will attend virtually all the home games this fall and at least one of those out of town.

A list of the candidates for the football team will be published in Tuesday's paper.

the season off Wobbleton that Brown had bounced off the gym in left field for home runs.

Shorty Warren was the fielding star of the game as he executed nine assists at the shortstop post.

The box:

Bear Grass	Ab	R	H	E	
J. C. Rawls, c	5	1	4	0	
H. D. Smith, rf	4	1	2	0	
V. Roebuck, ss	4	2	2	1	
J. Peaks, 2b	5	1	1	0	
E. Harris, cf	5	0	1	0	
Perry, 3b	5	0	1	0	
E. Roberson, lf	4	1	1	0	
D. Bowen, 1b	2	0	0	0	
V. Wobbleton, p	3	1	0	0	
D. Peele p (8)	0	0	0	0	

Totals

Robersonville	Ab	R	H	E	
E. Forbes, rf	5	1	2	0	
S. Warren, ss	5	0	0	0	
R. Ross, cf, p	5	0	2	1	
B. Johnson, lf	5	1	1	0	

Totals

Score by innings:	37	6	10	3
Bear Grass	001	002	310	—7
Robersonville	002	000	130	—6
2-base hits: E. Forbes and C. Warren.				
Home run: T. Brown.				
Stolen bases: Roberson and Ross.				

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E. Forbes, rf	5	1	2	0
S. Warren, ss	5	0	0	0
R. Ross, cf, p	5	0	2	1
B. Johnson, lf	5	1	1	0

Totals

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T. Brown, 1b	5	1	1	0	Double play: S. Warren and C. Warren.
Geo. Wynne, c	4	1	1	0	Sacrifices: R. Bullock
C. Warren, 3b	3	1	1	0	Smith and Bowen. Left on bases
D. Everett, 2b	1	0	1	0	Bear Grass, 8; Robersonville, 8
L. Crockett, 2b (8)	0	0	0	0	Struckout: Wobbleton 3, Bullock
R. Bullock, p, cf	3	0	2	1	2, Ross 1. Bases on balls: Wobbleton 3, Bullock 2.
xJ. Bullock	1	0	0	0	Earned runs: Bear Grass 3, Robersonville 6
Totals	37	6	10	3	Winning pitcher: Wobbleton.

xBatted for Everett in 8th.

Score by innings:
Bear Grass 001 002 310—7
Robersonville 002 000 130—6
2-base hits: E. Forbes and C. Warren. Home run: T. Brown.
Stolen bases: Roberson and Ross.

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Thursday, August 26
Cross Roads vs. Hamilton.
Friday, August 27
Robersonville vs. Oak City.
Saturday, August 28
Hamilton vs. Bear Grass.
Sunday, August 29
Robersonville at Cross Roads.
Everetts at Williamston.
Oak City at Hassell.

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