

Rams And Martins Meet Tonight In Opener Of Final Series

Everetts Is Drawing With Bears For 3rd

Lack Of Pitching Handicap To The Losers Wednesday

Second Game Will Be Played Saturday Night and a Possible 3rd Sunday

The Robersonville Rams and Williamston Martins will meet at 8:00 o'clock tonight in the Williamston park in the first game of the final best two-of-three series to decide the winner of the district semi-pro tournament being held here this week under the sponsorship of the Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce. The second game will be played on Saturday night and a third one, if necessary, will be played at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Williamston park.

Originally scheduled to meet tonight to decide the winner of the third spot in the tournament, the Everetts Cubs and Bear Grass Bears declared last night that a shortage of pitchers would make the game a farce and decided to draw for third position and divide the prize money for third and

PLAY TONIGHT

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fourth place on a fifty-fifty basis.

The Martins advanced to the finals last night by defeating Bear Grass in seven innings, 11 to 2, as some of their top hitters returned to last season form and Billy Peele hurled a steady game. The Martins have won both their appearances in the tournament without difficulty.

The Rams, winners of the tournament last year, moved up to the finals with a 10-inning, 6-4 decision over Hamilton Tuesday night and an 8-0 victory over the Everetts Cubs in the semi-finals last night.

After both teams had scored two runs in the first inning, the Martins on successive doubles by C. B. Whitehurst and Joe Davenport, a single by George Wynne, a walk to S. Perry and a sacrifice by H. Wynne and the Bears on two errors, and two hits, the Martins put the game away with three runs in the 6th on four hits and a base on balls. In the 7th the Martins batted around as they scored six runs on six hits and three errors to halt play at the end of the inning because of a ruling that play is to stop if either team is leading by 7 or more runs.

Although the Rams took a one-run lead in the second inning and added single runs in the third and seventh, the Rams contest with Everetts' Cubs was still really a close ball game until the eighth. In that inning the Rams scored 5 runs on doubles by G. Warren and Tom Brown, a single by Earl Forbes and a home run by James Hudson who had hit a triple in the sixth frame. Three successive walks also helped the scoring. In this inning Darrell Taylor who had just come in to relieve James Stalls was put out of game for protesting too vigorously to the umpire and then William Cherry, the catcher, quit in disgust. The game was called at the end of the eighth.

Opening play in the tournament on Monday night, Williamston had little difficulty in defeating East Side, 19 to 4 and Bear Grass easily took the Ahsokie team, 13 to 2, both games being called at the end of seven innings because of a ruling halting play at that point if one team has a lead of seven or more runs.

Garland Wynne started and was the winning pitcher for Williamston while Billie Peele came in to pitch the last two innings. H. Rogerson started for East Side and was charged with the loss. J. Roberson came in to work the last 3-1-3 innings. Rogerson walked 10 while striking out 6 and Roberson walked five while fanning two. Wynne walked three and struck out nine. Peele issued no walks while fanning two.

C. B. Whitehurst and Bobby Rogers starred at bat for Williamston. Whitehurst having two doubles and a single in four trips up and Rogers three singles in four tries.

Manning got two for three to lead East Side.

Bear Grass wasted no time in disposing of Ahsokie, the Hertford County boys complaining that the lights bothered them as they had been playing in daylight only. In the first inning Bear Grass pushed across three runs and added a like number in the second to take a commanding lead.

Ahsokie got one run in the second inning and one in the seventh.

Tuesday night Oak City and Everetts fought a see-saw battle with the edge finally going to the Cubs on a four-run rally in the first half of the ninth. The Cubs took an early lead by scoring a run on one hit and four Rooster errors in the first inning. Oak City tied the count with a tally in the second on two hits and a fielder's choice and took the lead on two runs in the third. The Cubs got back on even terms with two in the fourth but Oak City went ahead again with three runs in the fifth. Again the Cubs game from behind, this time with five runs in the 6th. In the last half of the inning the Roosters counted two runs to make it 8-4 and went ahead, 10-8 with two tallies in the 7th. However, Bill Williford held them scoreless after that and the Cubs used three hits, a balk, a base on balls and an error to tally four runs in the first of the ninth and take the ball game.

P. C. Edmondson started for the Roosters but was relieved by Geo. Clark in the 6th with none out. Clark was charged with the loss. George Keel started for Everetts, gave way to Johnny Mack Stalls in the fifth. James Stalls came in in the 6th and Bill Williford came in in the seventh and was the winning pitcher as a result of his team's last inning uprising.

James Stalls got a double for the Cubs in the 6th and Murray

RESULTS

WEDNESDAY, June 22
First Game
 Williamston 11, Bear Grass 2. (7 innings.)
Second Game
 Robersonville 8, Everetts 0. (8 innings.)

Liverman hit one for Oak City in the second. Francis Keel hit a triple in the 5th for Oak City.

Oak City got its 10 runs off 11 hits while the Cubs used a dozen safeties for their 12 runs.

In the second game Tuesday evening, Robersonville grabbed a one-run lead in the first inning and scored another in the third but Hamilton tied it up with two runs in their half of the third. The Cubs got two runs in the fifth as they chased Johnny Ross to gain the lead for the first time. Earl Forbes came in to pitch and held them scoreless the rest of the way and the Rams tied the count in the eighth. The game went into extra innings. It was broken up in the top of the ninth when Cobb singled, Smith singled and stole second and Earl Forbes made himself the winning pitcher with a

STANDINGS

Martin County League		
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Bear Grass	10	4
Robersonville	10	4
Bethel	10	5
Everetts	7	7
Farm Life	6	8
Williamston	4	7
Oak City	4	8
Hamilton	3	11

SCHEDULE

JUNE 20-27

District Semi-pro tournament.

There is real danger that Tar Heel broiler producers will over-expand their production in the next few months, says C. F. Parrish, extension poultryman at State College. He advises broiler producers to go slow.

Miller went all the way for Hamilton, allowing 12 hits over the 10-inning route and striking out 10 batsmen. He walked two and hit one. Ross walked three, struck out three and hit three. E. Forbes walked none and struck out three. He hit one.

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