

Formidable Drain, Harried Roseburg Nearing Deadline for SOL Openers

The Drain Black Sox and Roseburg Chiefs open their Southern Oregon League seasons this week-end, the Sox meeting Grants Pass at home and the Chiefs traveling to Medford.

Following is a state-of-the-lineup report on the two county entries.

Drain

A major 1955 difference in a lineup returning almost intact from last year's title-winning season for Drain's Black Sox will be a complete new corps of pitchers. Manager Roy Helser, after three successive championship teams at Drain, has signed up much of the Black Sox team for the coming season. It begins with Drain hosting Grants Pass this weekend.

Helser says that he is still trying to line up a couple more players but isn't yet sure who they will be. Some of the crop already signed won't be available for the first or

second series of the season. The team will take the field Saturday and Sunday with virtually no pre-season practice, due to school and other commitments.

Scheduled to handle the pitching chores for the Black Sox this season are three hurlers. They are Bob Diller, Jerry Bartow and Dick Weaver.

Diller pitched for the Grants Pass semipro team last year and had a 2-0 record for Helser's Linfield College team this spring. Bartow is a lefthander junior from Washington State College who won't be available until the Coquille series, June 11-12. Weaver is a righthander like Diller. He comes to the Black Sox after pitching for the Eugene Casey's last year and once defeating the Coos Bay-North Bend Lumberjacks.

The only other newcomer to the Drain lineup will be Jerry Bettendorf, a junior on this year's Oregon State College team who hails from Parkrose. Bettendorf is a third baseman.

The rest of Helser's lineup is composed of returnees.

Returning infielders are first basemen, Don Porter and Vern Marshall, second baseman Ad Ruttschman, shortstop Bobby Buob and third baseman Bobby Cellars. Cellars, a home-town product from Drain, has been playing with the Oregon Frosh and won't be available for the first series of the season.

Buob has been playing for OSC this spring and Ruttschman has been coaching at Hillsboro High School.

Returning outfielders are veterans Pat Wohlers and Ted Wilson.

Roseburg

A makeshift lineup, composed of some local and some outside ball players, will probably take the field for Roseburg's reorganized Chiefs when they open against Medford Saturday and Sunday on the latter's field.

Like most other Southern Ore-

gon pilots, Manager Hal Zurecher of the Chiefs has been faced with problems of organizing talent this spring.

But for the present, Zurecher is convinced that he can field a respectable ball club made up largely of local talent. When some of the college ball players that have been contacted are available, he says, then positions will be wide open again.

"The local players realize that they may just be filling in," Zurecher observes, "and we are going to go along with them until some of our other contacts develop, which may not be until the third week of the season."

Presently, the infield situation stacks up this way. Help is expected from Bill Harper, George Sanders, Les Winders and Harvey Witten. The three first named are ex-Chiefs, and Winders has been slated to take over as manager of the Roseburg Eagles Evergreen League team.

Witten is a former College of Idaho player who resides in Sutherlin now.

Dan Luby, son of Salem Senators manager Hugh Luby, is expected to handle catching duties for the Roseburg team. He is a senior at South Salem High School.

Another newcomer is Don White, and ex-OSC pitching ace who has been hired to coach baseball teams at Roseburg High beginning next year. White is a lefthander. He performed at one time for Coos Bay-North Bend semipro teams.

Zurecher says that another prospect is Roy Childress, who recently moved to Roseburg after being discharged from the service. He played high school ball in San Francisco and is currently working here.

To round out a starting team three local high school ball players, as yet unnamed, may make the trip to Medford for the opening series.

The Roseburg manager says that he has "a line" on at least one ex-pro player and several pitching prospects.



Finally the season terminated last Friday night.

A season of tight competition and generally fine sportsmanship, so characteristic of our great game. Several of the league championships have already been resolved and the secretary has already ordered trophies for them.

Among the surprising upsets, Sun Studs copped the City League crown, and the Roseburg Alley quartet edged into the Classic leadership the narrow margin of 12 points. Roseburg Book Store was strong enough to look good all the way in the Industrial, while the same was true of Moose Lodge in the Junior Classic.

CHAMPIONSHIP playoffs are scheduled for the remaining leagues this week, several being played the same night as the pay-off-sweepstakes.

Wednesday night, Metropolitan at 7 and Industrial at 9; Thursday night, Merchants first, at 7 and Commercial, the late squad; Friday, of course, the Classic all by itself, at 7:30.

All captains should positively be there to divvy up the loot with their loyal teammates and any body who has played in any of the leagues is also eligible to play in the sweepstakes. Full handicaps allowed.

For the benefit of several newer bowlers, "sweepstakes" means a "singles" or individual series, played across three pairs of alleys, just like the big tournaments. A small prize fee in addition to bowling fees to be divided, with a prize for about each three or four entries. Be sure to be there ahead of time to get signed up for the sweeps, 7 and 9 o'clock.

AFTER the sweepstakes and pay-off jamborees this week, we'll get started off on summer leagues, mixed doubles and men's doubles for those of us who don't play golf or go fishing. Let the secretary know of any neat suggestions for the summer season. Shall it be leagues or just each evening a separate pot game? How's about a four-man team league? Or a mixed 4-man - woman team league? Could be lots of fun. Let's talk about it.

On the honor roll for last week, Jim Hennebeck came closest to a 300, when he starts off with eight-in-a-row. Pressure built up, and he had to settle for a 240, after a pair of sluffs in the final two chapters. Tough luck, Jim! But he gets a steak dinner at Sutherland's Town Tavern.

Jack, (Curly) Siekman had one of those wonderful nights Monday, when he hit a pair of 500's. (Doc Wellman hasn't even had one in two years). For Sun Studs, he hit 234-173-201 to total 608, then followed it up with 190-212-211-613 for Lem's Music Renair. He sure helped the Studs take over first spot in the City. They needed four points to get into the playoff. They got the four, and went on to beat Harmony House in the clutch by a 30-pin total to grab the hardware.

ANOTHER handsome series included a big 245 game by Norris Montiel, which, with 183-203, gave Monty his only 600 set for the season, a hefty 637. Genial Joe Coe also hit the jackpot with - 637, including a 265 line. Ed Willis held his breath, thinking of losing that belt buckle for the season's high game. But Ed sweated it out, and will get the buckle.

One more happy lad is a new bowler, Ralph Swinton. Ralph had a very fine 230 game, which included one of those "domino strikes" in which you start with a six-pin hit, and the maples just start falling till they make the round. But it still looks good on the scoresheet. Myrtle Creek Shell Oil tried for the high handicap series (that big

3220 of Lem's Music) which has stood up all season. It had to settle for 3,136, on lines of 1,059-1,010-1,037. Dairy Queen made a bid to knock off high team game from West Coast. But its 1,134 was short by 16 sticks.

Some tough spares included a 4-7-9-10 by Will Thompson and 6-7-10's by Marv Pope and Royd Bruton. And anything you think those are not tough, try them yourself.

In the oddity department, Bob Edwards came as close as one can, with 188-188-187, and American Lineup Supply had games of 909-901-900. Near misses: Royd Bruton 1115, Hank Shirliff 1585, Jim Hennebeck 1705, Bob Nesbitt 1455, Art Mills 1925, Don Shepherd 1685, Walt Roser 1785, Bill Hash 1345, Ed Davis 1435, Lem Bitner 1875 and Cliff Bice 1465. No triplicates!

Player Breaks Leg In Twilight League

An outfield collision between two flycatchers in Monday night's Twilight League game at the VA Field, dazed both players and sent one to Douglas Community Hospital with a broken leg.

Richard Dale Buswell, 31, Methodist Church centerfielder, was the most seriously hurt. He suffered a fracture of the right leg below the knee after he and leftfielder, Roy Fent of the Methodist team, ran into each other, chasing a fly ball in the bottom of the second inning.

Both men hit the ground. When Buswell was unable to arise, the injury was discovered. Buswell, who resides on Hickory Street and is employed by Industrial Electric, was removed by ambulance to the hospital.

The game was discontinued at that point and postponed until an undetermined date.

HUNTING SEASON SET

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Tentative dates for Montana's 1955 deer and elk hunting seasons have been set for Oct. 15-Nov. 15.

No buffalo permits will be issued as in past years. Dates for special permit seasons fall between Sept. 10 and Nov. 30 for Rocky Mountain big horn sheep, moose, Rocky Mountain goats and antelope.

SAME MARKS

NEW YORK (AP) — Foster Castelman, infielder for the New York Giants, posted identical marks his first two years in pro baseball. He drove in 75 runs in his first year playing for Fort Smith of the Western Assn. in 1949 and did the same in 1950 for Knoxville of the Tri-State League.

Sports

11th Inning Homer Ends Chiefs' Skein

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

	WL	Pct.	GB
Wenatchee	20	6	769
Yakima	13	10	565 5 1/2
Salem	13	11	542 6
Eugene	9	8	529 6 1/2
Tri-City	12	11	522 6 1/2
Lewiston	8	15	348 10 1/2
Spokane	5	20	200 14 1/2

Monday's Results

Yakima 13, Wenatchee 11 (11 innings)

Lewiston 7, Tri-City 6 (10 innings)

Eugene at Spokane, postponed, rain

Tuesday's Schedule

Yakima at Wenatchee

Tri-City at Lewiston

Eugene at Spokane

Yakima's Herm Lewis lifted the first ball served him in the top of the 11th inning out of the park Monday night and ended Wenatchee's Northwest Baseball League winning streak at eight straight.

Lewis' homer, with Des Charouhas aboard, gave the Bears a 13-11 decision and undisputed possession of second place, 5 1/2 games back of the front-running Chiefs.

Lewiston and Tri-City also played in overtime, with Lewiston pulling out with a 7-6 verdict in 10 innings.

Eugene and Spokane were rained out at Spokane. The schedule gave Salem the night off.

Although absorbing their sixth felling in 26 outings, the Wenatchee Chiefs demonstrated again they have power to spare. Six runs down in the bottom of the ninth with two out, the Chiefs caught fire and before the final putout tied the score. The big blow was Phil Marviere's 3-run homer.

Yakima loaded the bases in the 10th but veteran Bob Roberts, who came in in relief in the ninth, succeeded in retiring the side.

But in the 11th, Roberts walked Charouhas, then Lewis came to bat.

It was Lewis' second 2-run homer of the game. His first was in the third and he also picked up two triples and a single in seven trips.

Dennis Luby homered for Yakima in the fourth.

BIG FLEET

NEW YORK (AP) — Thirty college crews, forming the largest fleet since 1950, will be out on Onondaga Lake at Syracuse, N. Y., June 18 for the 53rd Intercollegiate Rowing Assn. regatta.

In the draw for lanes Monday, the association announced 12 colleges will compete in the 3-mile varsity race and nine each in the junior varsity and freshman races. The field is the largest since 32 crews competed at Marietta, Ohio, five years ago.

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1959, 1960 Football Slates Listed For PCC Grid Wars

PORTLAND (AP) — The 1959 Pacific Coast Conference football schedule will open Sept. 19 with California at Washington State. Stanford at Oregon, and Southern California at Oregon State.

The schedules for 1959 and 1960 were announced Monday by PCC commissioner Victor A. Schmidt. Schmidt said the announcement was being made now so the schools could arrange inter-sectional games.

Northern Division schedules for 1959 (home games unless specified):

Washington State — Sept. 19, California; Oct. 3, Oregon; Oct. 17, at Stanford; Oct. 24, Idaho; Oct. 31, at Oregon State; Nov. 7, at Southern Cal; Nov. 14, UCLA; Nov. 21, at Washington.

Washington — Oct. 19, Stanford; Oct. 17, Southern Cal; Oct. 24, at Oregon; Oct. 31, at UCLA; Nov. 7, Oregon State; Nov. 14, at California; Nov. 21, Washington State.

Oregon — Sept. 19, at Stanford; Oct. 3, at Washington State; Oct. 10, UCLA; Oct. 24, Washington; Oct. 31, at Idaho; Nov. 7, California; Nov. 14, at Southern Cal; Nov. 21, Oregon State.

Oregon State — Sept. 19, Southern Cal; Sept. 26, at UCLA; Oct. 17, Idaho; Oct. 24, at California; Oct. 31, Washington State; Nov. 7, at Washington; Nov. 14, Stanford; Nov. 21, at Oregon.

Idaho — Oct. 17, at Oregon State; Oct. 24, at Washington State; Oct. 31, Oregon.

The 1960 schedule:

Washington — Oct. 3, at Stanford; Oct. 15, UCLA; Oct. 22, at Oregon State; Oct. 29, Oregon; Nov. 5, at Southern Cal; Nov. 12, California; Nov. 19, at Washington State.

Washington State — Sept. 17, Stanford; Oct. 8, at California; Oct. 15, at Oregon; Oct. 22, Southern Cal; Oct. 29, at UCLA; Nov. 5, Oregon State; Nov. 12, Idaho; Nov. 19, Washington.

Oregon — Sept. 17, Idaho; Oct. 8, Southern Cal; Oct. 15, Washington State; Oct. 22, at California; Oct. 29, at Washington; Nov. 5,

Williams Pounds Homer In Exhibition Ball Tilt

BOSTON (AP) — Ted Williams, aging but still as determined as a rookie, served notice on American League pitchers Monday he has lost none of the tremendous power which places him among baseball's all-time hitting greats.

The 36-year-old Boston slugger, making his first competitive appearance of the season, belted a 355-foot home run deep into the right field seats Monday as the Red Sox defeated the New York Giants 4-3 in an exhibition game called at the end of 6 1/2 innings.



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TIGERS LIKE BUSES

DETROIT (AP) — Traveling by plane is No Novelty for major baseball teams. But the Tigers prefer a slower mode of travel when en route to Cleveland. They go by bus.

Manager Bucky Harris likes the bus ride because the club is not forced to meet a rigid schedule as with the airlines. The bus trip to Cleveland takes four hours.

Abilene Christian College is now a member of the Gulf Coast Conference. Trinity, Midwestern and North Texas are the other colleges in the loop.

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