

# Cheney Studs Launch League Play Against Sox Saturday

Roy Helsler, veteran pitcher for the Portland Beavers, is expected to chuck one of the games for the Drain Black Sox when they oppose the Cheney Studs baseball club here Saturday and Sunday.

It was announced at Portland Thursday that Helsler had voluntarily "hung up his glove" and retired from the Beavers to enter an "attractive business venture at Drain." It had been reported earlier that he was seeking his release from Portland in order to join the Black Sox as manager. The unconditional release, reportedly has not been acted upon.

Helsler, who admits that he is nearing 41, was doing well pitching in home series at Portland. He was not hit hard and rivals' scores were low.

Word from Drain this morning was that Helsler will chuck in one game and Jerry Cade, ex-Drain high ace, in the other.

The Drain starting crew will be Bill Beard, catcher; Tom Myers, first base; Jack Fassett, second base; Ad Huischmann, shortstop; Harvey Storey, third base; and Ted Wilson, Wayne Johnson and Don Kimball, outfielders.

Semi-pro loop baseball officially starts in Medford at 8 p.m. Saturday when the Medford Cheney Studs open their Southwestern Oregon league campaign against the Drain Black Sox at the fairgrounds ball park.

The two clubs meet again here on Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Medford Studs are ready for league action after stiff workouts the past two evenings. Stud Manager Hoosier Hoffard is confident that his club can come out on top of the series with the Black Sox.

This week the Studs signed



**STUDS' HURLER** — Clarence Melby, above, will pitch for the Medford Cheney Studs in one of their two Southwestern Oregon Baseball league games with the strong Drain aggregation this week-end. The Studs and Black Sox collide at 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the fairgrounds here. Big Mel fills in at other posts when not pitching and helps the Cheney cause along with his batting.

Bill Selser, shortstop from Long Beach, Calif. Selser was here last Sunday for a look by Manager Hoffard. He showed real fielding class, is a speed merchant on the bases and should balance the Stud infield.

The rest of the Medford infield will be Clarence Melby or George Gitzen, first base; Marvin Cartwright, second base, and Alex McDonald, third base, with Jim Gilgoly, Spokane, Wash., a utility infielder.

In the outfield will be Snuffy Smith, Clyde "Moose" Blevins and Norm Lucich. Utility outfielders are Jack Gordon and Earl Hyder.

**Tacoman Inked**  
Hyder is from Tacoma, Wash., and will be here for a look by Manager Hoffard. He led the

**BASEBALL**  
**THURSDAY'S RESULTS**  
Coast League  
San Francisco 5, Seattle 4  
Sacramento 3, Oakland 2  
Los Angeles 5, San Diego 4  
Hollywood 6, Portland 4

**National League**  
Brooklyn 2, Pittsburgh 0 (night)  
Philadelphia 5, Cincinnati 1 (night)  
Chicago at New York (postponed, rain)  
St. Louis at Boston (night, postponed, rain)

**American League**  
Detroit 1, Washington 0  
Boston 1, Chicago 0  
Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 0 (night)  
New York at Cleveland (postponed, rain)

**Western International**  
Yakima 7, Lewiston 1  
Wenatchee 9, Spokane 5  
Vancouver 8, Salem 7  
Tri-City 8, Victoria 7

One of the odd reptiles of New Mexico is the glass snake, which is really not a snake at all but a legless lizard.

Tacoma City league in hitting last season. He also is a pitcher.

Starting pitchers for the Studs in the two game series will be Clarence Melby and Big Paul Gehrman. Manager Hoffard will not decide in what order he will pitch his hurlers until game time Saturday night. The catching duties will be handled by Frank Roelandt, Medford high school coach and former Pioneer league player.

The Studs have two pre-season wins and are set to hit their stride this week-end.

**Sox Strong**

The Black Sox have assembled a strong team and will be a definite threat all the way this season. Their pitching roster consists of Bill Hansauska, Wayne Johnson, Roy Helsler, Hal Turpin and Jerry Cade. The catchers are Bill Beard, ex-Western International and Pacific Coast player, and Chuck Safaro.

Infielders listed are Don Kirsh, University of Oregon varsity coach; Ad Rutschmann, great shortstop prospect; Harvey Storey, ex-Pacific Coast leaguer; Jack Fassett, Ron Phillips, Ray Cole and Howard Parks. In the outfield are listed Ted Wilson, Pat Wonders, Glenn Cox, "Tom Myers and Norval Richey.

## Western Open Titular Shoots Commence Here

The first rifle shoot of the Western Open championship (formerly Tri State) will be held at the Camp White range Sunday, May 14, at 8:30 a.m. (standard time) according to officers of the Medford Rifle club.

Anyone is invited to enter the competition which consists of three matches, one each in May, June and July.

Any rifle, just so it is safe, with any sights is permitted. The competitor can shoot through the course as many times as he desires. The best score and targets are sent to the headquarters in San Francisco.

## Standings

COAST LEAGUE				
W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
San Diego	28	16	.636	
Oakland	24	17	.585	2 1/2
Hollywood	24	19	.558	3 1/2
Los Angeles	21	21	.500	6
San Francisco	20	23	.465	7 1/2
Portland	18	22	.450	8
Seattle	18	24	.429	9
Sacramento	16	27	.372	11 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
New York	17	7	.708	
Brooklyn	16	7	.692	1 1/2
Chicago	14	11	.560	4 1/2
Cincinnati	14	12	.538	5
St. Louis	12	14	.462	7
Philadelphia	11	13	.458	7
Boston	10	14	.417	8
Pittsburgh	5	23	.179	15

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	18	9	.667	
Washington	14	10	.583	2 1/2
Boston	15	11	.577	2 1/2
St. Louis	13	14	.481	5
New York	12	12	.500	4 1/2
Chicago	13	14	.481	5
Philadelphia	10	14	.417	6 1/2
Detroit	7	18	.280	10

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL				
W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
Victoria	14	7	.667	
Spokane	15	8	.652	
Vancouver	10	8	.556	2 1/2
Wenatchee	10	12	.455	4 1/2
Salem	10	13	.435	5
Yakima	10	12	.455	5
Tri-City	10	14	.416	5 1/2
Lewiston	9	13	.409	5 1/2

# MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

## TORNADO BASEBALLERS MIX IN PLAY-OFF ON SATURDAY

Medford high school's baseball crew will tussle Saturday in at least one game of the two-out-of-three play-off for a berth in the state tournament but the Black Tornado's play-off opponent will not be known until this evening.

The Tornado, champion of District No. 6 A-1, will battle the victor in District No. 6 A-2 starting at 1:15 p.m. at the Medford senior high field. Champ of the A-2 district

was being decided today at Myrtle Creek where the Vikings were hosts to Crater high of Central Point. The two clubs went into the struggle knotted with five wins and two losses. The DJJ league disem was also at stake. Double Bill Possible

If Crater is victor today, the Comets will play a Saturday double bill with Medford. Both games will be five innings. If Myrtle Creek is the Medford foe, only a single game will be played here Saturday with the other game or games of the series scheduled for Monday.

Medford will be favored Saturday, no matter which team wins. Both clubs have been beaten twice this season by the Tornado. Crater, nevertheless, has improved considerably since its Medford tussles.

Coch Alex McDonald said that Derald Wootton is scheduled to pitch one game for Medford while Terry Maddox will hurl in the other contest.

## Snead Nabs Links Lead

New Rochelle, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Sammy Snead, who posted a plus 22 score for the greatest opening day in the 15-year history of the \$15,000 Palm Beach Round-Robin golf championship, set out to press his advantage in the second round of the event today.

Snead, the tourney favorite, fired a five-under par 34-33-67 yesterday to take a six-point lead over Claude Harmon of Mamaroneck, N. Y., who shot a 33-35-68 for a plus 16 total in his forenoon.

Cary Middlecoff, the lanky Memphis dentist, was in third place with a plus eight total on his 36-34-70 while Clayton Haefner of Charlotte, N. C., was in fourth place with a plus six and Doug Ford of Harrison, N. Y., was fifth with plus four.

## Kiner Has Back Injury

New York — (U.P.) — Ralph Kiner, the home run king of the major leagues, revealed Friday that he has a back injury and will go to Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore for treatment and a possible operation Monday.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

## Shove To Minors Irks Stirrweiss

Cleveland, O. — (U.P.) — George (Snuffy) Stirrweiss, veteran utility second baseman sold by the Cleveland Indians to Indianapolis, said he would "do something" to keep from playing in the minors but was uncertain just what it would be.

Stirrweiss objected to being sent to Indianapolis on 24-hour recall and the Tribe instead sold him outright Thursday for the waiver price of \$10,000. Cleveland obtained the utility man in a deal with St. Louis last year.

Stirrweiss said he was surprised that no other major league team picked him up on waivers after he refused to go willingly to the American Association club.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds to afternoon Saturdays

## Morris Fastest In Low Hurdles

Frank Morris, ex-Medford high track star now at University of Washington, has posted the best time in the low hurdles in the Northern division of the Pacific Coast conference, according to PCC statistics.

His time is :23.8. He is second best in the high barriers with a 14.9 mark.

Morris is a freshman at Washington.

## MAYS IN DAZE

New York — (U.P.) — The Giants' Willie Mays is in a daze over his draft status. The young center fielder originally was scheduled to report for induction into the Army Friday but has not received his orders. Some reports said Willie would not be called for a month.

## GARDEN CARD RESUMES

New York — (U.P.) — As boxing returns to Madison Square Garden tonight, Middleweight Rocky Castellani will pick up where he left off in the Garden's last fight. He will try to lick another top-flight welterweight, Billy Graham. Castellani of Luzerne, Pa., out-pointed Ex-Welterweight Champion Johnny Bratton at the Garden, March 28.

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