

Seattle Versus Medford Studs Here This Saturday, Sunday

Success of the rival moundmen and the support they get from the fielders behind them could well prove the deciding issues Saturday and Sunday in the Cheney Stud versus Cheney Stud baseball series at the fairgrounds field here.

The skirmishes, which if they continue annually will take on a traditional status, match the Seattle and Medford semi-pro aggregations sponsored by the Cheney Lumber company. Tussles Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. mark the third annual series between the two squads.

Pitching is supposed to be the strong point of the Washington crew this year but statistics show that they have some good hitting, too. The Medford Studs in their competition in southern Oregon have shown some hefty walloping. That would indicate that ability of the Medford hurlers to match the Seattle hills-men may determine the outcome of the games.

A couple of veterans of the Seattle aggregation, but still young ball players, are expected to be its hurlers. They are Monte Geiger and George Kritsonis. Each has been a University of Washington tosser and Kritsonis also has played for Seattle university. Geiger in 1954 and Kritsonis in 1955 were named most valuable players in the north-west regional tournament of the American Amateur Baseball congress. And the Seattleites have some other talented throwers to help them out if need be.

Jerry Bartow, ex-Northern division all-star at Washington State college and a veteran of semi-pro ball, probably will pitch one of the games for the Medford Studs, likely Saturday, with the choice for the other lying among Duane Sides, Southern Oregon college and ex-Medford high, Jerry Droscher, with Oregon State college Rooks and Roseburg high experience, and Don Vannice, just out of Prospect high.

At last report Wayne Lanter, from University of Illinois, was leading the Washington team in hitting with .367. Other top batsmen are Ozzie Williams, ex-Seattle prepper, .347, Kris-326; Gene Leek, from University of Arizona, .323, and Jerry Lorek, from Illinois Institute of Technology, .302. Leek and Lorek are the long ball hitters. Tougher Opposition

The foregoing averages don't match those of a number of Medford nine but the Washington club, vying in the Seattle City league, the Seattle Tacoma league and a semi-pro Northwest league, in all probability have faced tougher opposition.

In compiling a 20-win 3-loss standing, the Washington Studs have hit 12 home runs, 14 triples and 45 doubles. Medford records through its first 11 contests showed 18 home runs, eight three-baggers and 23 two-bag hits.

Seattle will field an overall young team and the Medford nine will display a combination of young and veteran players. Top age on Manager Joe Budnick's squad out of Seattle is 24. He has one man that age, one 23, three 21, three of 20, three of 19, three of 18 and one of 16. Oldest is Don Gray, from Willamette university, of the pitching staff, and youngest is Jim Yurina, from Seattle's Cleveland high, a shortstop and second baseman.

The Seattle Studs are considered a stepping stone to pro careers and the club thereby attracts outstanding young baseballers.

Medford has its vets in Manager Frank Roelandt, John Ko-

venz and Jack Cooney, all of whom have played pro ball. Roelandt and Kovenz are high school coaches and Cooney is a past manager of the Studs. They form a nucleus which is surrounded by youth with players just out of college, in college and just out of high school.

Medford, undefeated in the Rogue Valley league so far this season, will try to gain back in some measure for past losses at the hands of Seattle. Medford has lost all of its past four games to the Washington team, although it was felt in retrospect that the



TO PITCH FOR SEATTLE—Monte Geiger, above, likely will have one of the pitching assignments for the Seattle Cheney Studs who tangle with the Medford Cheney Studs in a baseball "civil war" at the fairgrounds diamond here on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Geiger has appeared on the hill in two previous trips to Medford. He's from University of Washington and is ticketed for outfield service with the Washington nine when not chucking. In 1955 he beat the Medford Studs 9 to 2 on a three-hitter and last year he pitched seven-hit ball in a 6 to 2 Washington decision. Geiger in 1954 was named most valuable player in the northwest regional tournament of the American Amateur Baseball congress. He was on the 1955 Pan American games squad, and then was named to an AAU team which toured South Africa.

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Black Sox Clip Studs 4-2 in Tilt at Drain

Drain's Black Sox burst out for three runs in the eighth inning to turn back the Medford Cheney Studs 4 to 2 yesterday at Drain in another dandy non-league baseball scuffle between the longtime foes of the former Southwestern Oregon and Southern Oregon leagues.

Ron Bowen, who hit for the circuit for important blows in two previous games with Medford, homered with one man on the bases in the eighth to account for the tie-breaking runs. The Sox entered the frame lagging 1 to 2. Dan Luby singled and Jerry Gregg sacrificed. Manager Ray Stratton doubled to knot the score and Bowen followed with his four-base clout.

Drain's decision came on the heels of losses last week end to

locals should have at least split their two series with the other Cheney nine.

Possible starters for Seattle are Lanter or Ron Dodge, catcher; Norman Hill, first base; Yurina, second base; Leek, third base; Mike White, shortstop, and Lorek, Gary Pennington and Kritsonis or Geiger, outfielders. For Medford it should be Roelandt, catcher; Cooney, first; Larry Perkins, second; Frank Rector, third; Ron Owings, short, and Ed Reinking, Kovenz and Droscher or Eldon Francis, outfielders.

Pete Proctor, Grants Pass, and Dick Wooton, Camp White, lead all batters with 10 or more official trips to the plate and Frank Roelandt and Ron Owings, both of Medford, head hitters who have had the more frequent turns at bat in the Rogue Valley Baseball league through June 30.

Duane Sides is the No. 1 pitcher with four victories against no setbacks in the circuit.

Statistics compiled by League President Harry Chipman show Proctor with six hits in 10 times up for a .600 average. Wooton has hit nine for 16 for .563. Ro-

ROGUE VALLEY LEAGUE BATTING (Through June 30)									
	AB	R	H	RBI	Pct.				
Pete Proctor, GP	10	4	6	4	.600				
Dick Wooton, CW	16	6	9	4	.563				
Jim McAbee, Tal.	13	3	7	5	.538				
Ron Maurer, CJ	19	11	10	12	.526				
Dick Nix, CW	14	7	7	2	.500				
Jack Cooney, Med.	19	10	9	7	.474				
Frank Roelandt, Med.	32	17	15	13	.469				
Ron Owings, Med.	20	12	14	11	.462				
Bob Stolz, Gl.	13	5	6	2	.444				
Jerry Droscher, Med.	18	9	8	6	.433				
Ed Friend, GP	23	8	10	8	.433				
Bruce Brickell, GP	23	8	9	4	.391				
Frank Rector, Med.	23	10	9	6	.379				
John Kovenz, Med.	29	13	11	12	.379				
Wayne Berg, Gl.	16	1	6	2	.375				
Tony Prestanni, Gl.	19	5	7	5	.368				
Ray Munson, Gl.	23	3	8	5	.348				
Larry Perkins, Med.	20	10	10	2	.333				
Clyde Smith, Tal.	12	3	4	0	.333				
Pat Conley, BF	12	2	4	1	.333				
Walton, Gl.	19	3	5	0	.318				
C. Campbell, CJ	19	3	6	0	.318				
Larry Maurer, CJ	19	4	6	0	.318				
Wayne Saffer, CP	16	6	5	4	.313				
Jim Snellings, Gl.	15	2	4	3	.308				
D. Campbell, CJ	20	5	6	3	.300				

STANDINGS									
	W	L	Pct.	TEAM BATTING	AB	H	R	RBI	Pct.
Medford	6	0	1.000	Medford	200	61	350	61	.350
Cave Junction	4	1	.800	Cave Junction	184	51	288	51	.288
Talent	2	2	.500	Grants Pass	190	51	268	45	.268
Glendale	2	2	.500	Glendale	173	45	250	39	.260
Camp White	1	3	.250	Talent	137	35	255	33	.255
Grants Pass	1	4	.200	Camp White	144	33	234	33	.234
Butte Falls	1	4	.200	Butte Falls	156	22	141	22	.141

LEFT ON BASES									
	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	BB	SO	WP
Grants Pass	49	47	.511	302 2/3	28	16	18	29	0
Cave Junction	38	37	.507	182 2/3	5	3	1	13	0
Butte Falls	32	32	.500	101 1/3	17	13	12	26	3
Talent	32	32	.500	101 1/3	17	13	12	26	3
Medford	30	30	.500	101 1/3	17	13	12	26	3
Glendale	2	2	.500	101 1/3	17	13	12	26	3
Camp White	1	1	.500	101 1/3	17	13	12	26	3
Grants Pass	1	1	.500	101 1/3	17	13	12	26	3
Butte Falls	1	1	.500	101 1/3	17	13	12	26	3
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