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In 1932, Paley showed that there are infinitely many quadratic characters $\chi \bmod q$ whose character sums get as large as $\sqrt{q} \log \log q$. This lower bound is optimal, in view of an upper bound of the same order proved by Montgomery and Vaughan under the assumption of the Generalized Riemann Hypothesis GRH. In this talk, I will show how to obtain omega results for odd order character sums which are best possible, unconditionally. Previously, such bounds were only known under the assumption of the GRH. This is a joint work with Leo Goldmakher. (Received September 20, 2011)