

Seattle Shooter Cracks 199 Of 200 Clay Pigeons

SPOKANE, W. — Arnold Reiger of Seattle cracked 199 of 200 clay pigeons Thursday to win the Class AA event of the Grand Pacific Trapshooting Tournament.

In the Class A event, Ray Roach of Victoria, B.C., racked up a perfect 200 to take first place, W.H. Hileman, Cottage Grove, Ore., was second, winning a shoot-off with Bob Hilt, Independence, Ore.

Dr. Lester S. Schilke of Aberdeen won the Class C event.

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EVER SNEAK-VIEWED the frolicsome play of wild animals? Watched cubs tumble, lambs gambol, foals frisk, others shoot-the-chute, chipmunks tag, fawns race, kittens stalk, rabbits somersault, kids butt, and pups chase tails?

Exuberant as this play may appear, underlying it is something of vast importance in the animal's life: much of their play perfects instincts as yet undeveloped.

The inquisitiveness of the puppy, sniffing his surroundings — as does the young of the fox — surely helps him perfect the faculty of following a scent, and to track prey. In chasing his tail 'round and 'round — as does the young of the wolf — he develops muscular co-ordination and learns to follow the evasive twistings of his victim. In tearing at the limb — as does the young of the lion — the pup develops his jaws and acquires skill in killing. In his growlings — as does the young of the tiger — he is developing a voice to intimidate his prey or summon the pack to pull down a large animal. His sham battles, tussles and wrestles with litter mates — as does the young of weasel, mink, bobcat, ocelot, badger and raccoon — trains his muscles for future fighting.

THE IMPORTANCE of this play-learning is attested by the close similarity of the games of all stalking, meat-eating animals. It consists largely of playing at the serious latter-life activities of stalking, leaping and killing.

As they mature, the play of these accomplished killers progresses. At first the young take bits of wood or sod, poking, tossing, stalking, and pouncing upon them. When they become somewhat adept at the handling of such make-believe prey — the mother may bring them a live mouse. Then their play-learning becomes more earnest, deadly. Regardless of their hunger, they pounce upon the live mouse, drop it, and pounce upon it, again and again, perfecting their timing, the distance of their leap. And not before this is all done, will they devour the victim.

As they become proficient in handling mice, the mother may then bring a live rat. Although larger and their jaws stronger, they still pounce upon it, drop it, stalk it, and then catch it by the neck and shake it, and in the shaking each time deepen the hold of their teeth until the rat is stunned.

SUCH ACTION, at first, may seem evidence of innate cruelty

or perverted dominance. But it is not that at all. It is learning through play the ways of their victims, how to waylay them, how to acquire stealth and accuracy of movement, the whole resulting in making themselves self-sufficient, capable hunters.

As they become older, the young accompany their mothers (with wolves, the indulgent father, assists). And in this field work, they acquire the faculty of seeking cover, making the final spring, and dispatching the victim without injury to themselves.

Mostly, this learning is not by imitation — imitation seems to play a very small role in animal life. Instead it is learning-by-doing when physically mature.

As success attends trial and error, the deadly seriousness of life begins for the maturing young and with it playfulness is less often observed. Yet with a few like the seal and the otter, play continues. A feeling of well-being seems to pervade them, particularly the otter, as evidenced by the whole family, young and old, tobogganing on their bellies in the snow or sliding pell-mell down a wet chute, kerplunk, into the water.

FOR MOST mammals, childhood means play-joy or play-learning — that is, for all those who are not haunted by the constant fear of predators, as is the mouse family. Pity the poor field mouse — in fact, pity all small rodents. For them, infancy is but a step from adulthood. Within 60 days of birth, they are parents. For them, life is unrelieved, without letup, without play, so that they can fulfill their function of providing progeny more than enough to match the rapacity of the weasel, ringtail, coyote and other efficient play-learning animals.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

TENNIS
WIMBLEDON, England — Unseeded Philippe Washer of Belgium eliminated Art Larson of San Leandro, Calif., 10-12, 7-5, 6-2, the all-England tournament.

SEATTLE — Defending champion Ham Richardson of Tulane knocked out Richard Doss of UCLA, 6-2, 6-1, in the quarter-finals of the NCAA championships.

GOLF
WETHERSFIELD, Conn. — Dr. Cary Middlecott of Memphis, Tenn., fired a 6-under par 65 to set a sizzling pace in the opening round of the 72-hole \$15,000 Insurance City Open Tournament.

HOUSTON — Eddie Merrins of Louisiana State defeated Bob Moncrief of the University of Houston 1-up to reach the quarter-finals of the NCAA Tournament.

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Nancy Reed of Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., upset medalist Marlene Gesell of Minnesota 6 and 5 in the quarter-final round of the women's National Collegiate Tournament.

SAILING
HAMILTON, Bermuda — Malay, a 41-foot yawl owned by D. D. Strohmeyer of South Dartmouth, Mass., won the 635-mile Newport to Bermuda yacht race on the basis of corrected time.

RACING
INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Mix Clementine (\$2.70) captured the \$26,900 Hollywood Oaks at Hollywood.

DANCE TONIGHT

The Green Peewee benefit dance is scheduled tonight at Lindy's Sportsman's Center to insure sufficient funds to continue the baseball program for Green youngsters.

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Kurz Leads Local Race Drivers

Louis Kurz was leading the hard-race drivers in the battle for the June point-making trophy, according to the official listing released Thursday night.

Kurz had 89 points to boast for his three weeks of racing. Close behind him, however, was Jack Beavers with 85 points. Following in order among the top 10 point-makers were: Don Ireland 59, Gene Godfrey 58, Sam Gasso and Jim Standley tied with 48, Chuck Ridenour 45, Don Bourassa 39, Bud Donelan 37 and Whitey Dage 36.

Points are earned in the trophy dashes, time trials "A" main event and "B" main event. The top five times in the time trials earn five through one points in the order of their times. The same point system is used in giving titles to the drivers in the order they place in the trophy dash.

Most points, however, can be

earned in the "A" main, where the winner gains 29 points. Points drop to 15, e.g. second gets 28, third 27, etc. In the "B" main, the winner gains 13 points and the other placers get points down to one.

A trophy is given to the top point winner each month and the driver with the highest aggregate points at the end of the season gets a massive season's trophy.

Drain To Play At Grants Pass

The scourge of the Southern Oregon League, Drain's Black Sox, invaded last-place Grants Pass Saturday night for a two-game series which should add another pair of notches to the Drain pistol.

Drain will go into the Saturday night game with four wins without a loss. Grants Pass is on the short end of a 1-5 record. Needless to say, Roy Helser's clan is expected to win both the Saturday night and Sunday afternoon games.

The other SOL game sends Brookings to Medford.

Here in the county, the Evergreen League continues hot and heavy with a four-game slate.

Roseburg (0-3) will go searching for its first win against fourth-place Cottage Grove (1-2). Oakland (1-3) will invade Glide (1-2) in hopes of shaving that half game edge the Glidesters have in fifth place. Fifth place Yoncalla will make an effort to do what no other team has done, beat Sutherlin, when it moves there for a game. The Sutherlin squad plays a make-up game tonight at 8 with Cottage Grove at Sutherlin.

A big share of interest hinges on game when Winston (3-1) invades Myrtle Creek (3-1). Both are tied for second place.

FAVORITES STILL IN

All but one of the favorites survived the first round of women's play at the Oregon Golf Assn. tournament at Medford Thursday. The lone upset was the 3 and 2 victory of Mrs. Ray Scott, Portland, over Mrs. Lloyd Burgess, Astoria.

Carol Jo Kabler of Sutherlin is among the favorites.

THURSDAY'S FIGHTS

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Rudy Greer, 145, Oakland, Calif., stopped Chuck Adkins, 139, Gary, Ind., 8.

BROOKLYN (Ert Hamilton) — Danny Giovannelli, 149, Brooklyn, and Mike Colucci, 148, New York drew, 8.

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Minor Leagues

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INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Havana 3, Ottawa 2 (13 innings)
Buffalo 4, Toronto 3
Montreal 3, Syracuse 2
Rochester 5, Richmond 1
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Toledo 4-7, Indianapolis 3-12
Columbus 3, Minneapolis 2

St. Paul 8, Charleston 4
Kansas City 12, Louisville 1
TEXAS LEAGUE
Tulsa 4-10, Beaumont 3-0
Fort Worth 7, Houston 2
Dallas 3, San Antonio 2
Shreveport 7, Oklahoma City 3
PIONEER LEAGUE
Pocatello 13, Salt Lake City 6
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Magic Valley 12, Billings 11 (11 innings)
Boise 8, Great Falls 6

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