

Winter Claims Huge Deer Toll In Washington

SEATTLE — From 40-50,000 deer will die in five central Washington counties this year from the effects of the bitter winter cold and snow.

John A. Briggs, state director of game, makes the estimate and says the loss is a certainty in spite of the department's all-out efforts to save the deer.

The total is around half the 80-90,000 killed by hunters in the entire state in the record season of 1955. It is far greater than the kill by hunters in any year prior to 1948, when the state began permitting limited shooting of does as well as antlered bucks.

Bucks Only Next Year
"No doubt we will have to go back to the buck-only regulations in the hard-hit counties," Briggs says. These are Chelan, Okanogan, Kittitas, Yakima and Ferry.

Hunters killed some 23,000 deer in the Okanogan-Chelan district last year and the total probably will be eclipsed there by the toll of winter.

Pushed down from the hills by the snows, the deer browse on the fruit tree twigs. Worried orchardists, knowing their trees were hard hit also by winter damage and mice, "have in the most part been extremely tolerant and helpful," says the director.

Orchardist Kills Many
One orchardist has killed 111

deer, says Briggs, under the state law which permits the protection of property against marauding wildlife. But generally there has been very little of such killing, the director reports.

"The deer have had no place to go," he continues. "There was 30 inches of snow near the town of Twisp, for example. Only the tops of the fruit trees were showing. We feel as many deer as we can and hope they will pull through."

But the feeding does not take the place of the deer's natural food — the "browse" of the hills. Many of the deer will survive the worst of the winter, only to succumb once spring returns and turns the hillsides green.

Deer Health Weakened
"They come out of the winter in an extremely weakened condition and seem unable to regain their health," says Briggs.

Seventy feeding stations have been operating in the two most critically affected counties, Chelan and Okanogan. Game department crews in night-long vigils herd deer away from some 65 orchards toward the stations. There the deer are fed hay and a newly developed—and extremely expensive—nutritional pellet.

"Our costs easily will be \$100,000 above that of an ordinary winter," the director says, "without including damage claims which may be filed against the state later by orchardists."

While the deer have suffered, the state's elk have enjoyed the winter. Feeding stations in the Yakima Valley, Briggs says, are host to more than 4,000 hay-loving elk. Ring-necked pheasants also have wintered well, but the chukar partridge and quail coveys have suffered heavily.

Hockey Invitation To Russia Doused
SEATTLE — President Al

Leader of the Western Hockey League doused cold water quickly Monday on a move by the Seattle Americans to host Russia's Olympians to a 3-game exhibition series here in April.

Shortly after the Americans dispatched a telegram to Soviet Premier Bulganin tendering an invitation to the Russian hockey squad, Leader said the Seattle team was out of order.

The Seattle hockey club, Leader said, couldn't get into any foreign entanglements without prior approval from him, the other clubs in the WHL and from the International Hockey Assn.

Leader's Americanized version of Russia's "nyet" came before the Seattle hockey club got an answer from Bulganin, who refused only recently to let the Russian team play in Canada.

The Seattle Americans, incidentally, neglected to mention in their telegram to Bulganin, that they currently are riding deep in the cellar of the coast division of the WHL.

3 NAIA Entries Named To Basketball Meeting
PORTLAND — Three of the four entries in the Oregon district NAIA basketball playoffs were named Monday.

They are Portland University, an at-large team; Portland State College, the Oregon Collegiate Conference champion; and Pacific University of the Northwest Conference.

The fourth entry will be chosen Thursday by the NAIA district committee. In line are Linfield and Lewis and Clark of the Northwest Conference and Eastern Oregon of the OCC.

The playoffs will be held Monday and Tuesday at Milwaukie.

Eugene Western Oregon AAU Basketball Champ
PORTLAND — An 85-67 victory over Longview Monday night gave Eugene the Western Oregon AAU basketball championship and a berth in the forthcoming state tournament.

Eugene led 37-28 at the half and was never in trouble. Salem beat Lebanon, 72-69, in a consolation game.

Eugene will face Myrtle Point in the first round of the state tourney at Albany. Condon will meet Albany in the second game.

Tourney Pairings Made For Class B Preppers
PORTLAND — Pairings for the class B state high school basketball tournament at Baker March 8-10 were drawn Monday by the Oregon School Activities Assn.

In the first round it will be district 2 vs. district 8, district 3 vs. 6, district 1 vs. 4 and district 7 vs. 5.

District representatives will be determined in tournaments within the next 10 days.

High School Skiers Set For Giant Slalom Race
SEATTLE — Twenty of the Pacific Northwest's top ski teams will be on hand for the rescheduled Beta Cup giant slalom, April 8 at Stevens Pass, Wash.

The prep racers were set to go in the event Feb. 12, but snow slides on the west side of the pass forced the postponement.

Teams entered are, from Seattle, Franklin, Garfield, Ballard, Lincoln, West Seattle, Highline, Seattle Prep, Roosevelt, Queen Anne, Lakeside, Bellevue, Marquette of Yakima, Beaverton, Ore., Leavenworth, Wenatchee, Sandusky, Ore., Lake Oswego, Ore., Yakima, and Bellingham. Trail and Rossland, B.C., teams also are expected to compete.

Bellevue is the defender in the meet.

Mississippi Coach Seen Successor To Ousted Cherberg At Washington

SEATTLE — The University of Washington has tagged Darrell Royal, head football coach at Mississippi State in 1954-55, to replace the fired Johnny Cherberg, The Post-Intelligencer reported Tuesday.

The newspaper said George Briggs, Washington's new athletic director, is expected to make an early announcement—possibly Tuesday—of the appointment of the new coach.

Briggs declined comment on the report. But the P-I said it had learned from other sources the athletic director flew east over the weekend for a huddle with Royal

and reported back Monday to the Washington Faculty Athletic Committee.

"Since Briggs had said previously he would meet with the committee when he had his plans regarding his own operation and a coach set, it is logical to believe that he gave them the name of the coach and the new coach's terms," The Post-Intelligencer said.

Royal, 31, a split-T quarterback for Bud Wilkinson's Oklahoma Sooners in 1949, entered the coaching field as an assistant at Tulsa in 1950. He moved to Mississippi State in 1952 to install the split-T

for Murray Warmath, and in 1953 signed as coach at Edmonton in the Canadian professional football league. Royal introduced the split-T to Canadian football in his year at Edmonton. He won two exhibitions, 12 of 16 in the regular schedule, but lost the best-of-three Western finals, 2-1, to Winnipeg.

In 1954, he became head coach at Mississippi State replacing Warmath, who moved to Minnesota. He had identical 6-4 records in two years at Mississippi State.

If signed by Washington, Royal would succeed Cherberg, who was fired Jan. 27 after a lengthy controversy that followed a "rebell-

ion" last fall by some players who protested what they said were Cherberg's "tyrannical" coaching methods.

Harvey Cassill resigned as athletic director after handing Cherberg his walking papers and was replaced early this month by Briggs, who had been assistant athletic director at California.

Sports

Oregon Prep Basketball
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Corvallis 46, Albany 44
Pacific U. Frosh 72, Tillamook 52
Helix 67, Stanfield 63

Tue. Feb. 28, 1956—The News-Review, Roseburg, Ore. 7

Vancouver Pigskin Pro Quits For Coaching Job

SPOKANE — Laurie Niemi, husky bulwark of the Washington Redskins and the Vancouver Lions football teams, said Monday he was going to give up professional football and turn to coaching.

"I feel this is as fine a starting chance as I'll have," Niemi said. Niemi was offered a 1956 contract by Clem Crowe, coach of the Vancouver Lions, but he turned it down.

Niemi, former All-American from Washington State, said at his home in Clarkston, Wash., that he had received "a very fine offer" to go into coaching.

He declined to give the name of the school he will report to, and said he felt the announcement would come from the "other end."

"I'm not as young as I used to be," Niemi said. He added that the coaching offer was "too good to turn down."

Pro Basketball

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
New York 113, St. Louis 109
Syracuse 98, Fort Wayne 95 (over-time)

UCLA's Ronnie Knox received credit for an 82-yard punt against the College of the Pacific last season.

Stopping UCLA Left Up To Cal

LOS ANGELES — If anybody is going to stop the UCLA Bruins' dash to the Pacific Coast Conference basketball title, California will have to do it this week in nearby Venice.

Coach Johnny Wooden of the Bruins told the Southern California Basketball Writers Assn. Monday: "This is California's chance; it's up to them to stop us."

Coach Forrest Twogood of Southern California sent word through publicist H. D. Thoreau that he doesn't believe California can do it.

He said the Bears are vastly improved but he doesn't think they are equal to stopping the Bruins here.

Wooden said he had heard of protests against playing the game on the 84-foot Venice High School floor on the ground it's too small.

"If there is any official protest, we'll move the games right back to our home court in Westwood," he said. "There's nothing I'd like better, because we don't fancy the Venice floor, either."

UCLA was pushed out of its own gymnasium by the state fire marshal's office but can use it for games if no more than 1,050 persons attend.

Wooden thinks California will give his boys lots of competition, and said he was surprised the Bears took two from Washington last week.

Twogood says he believes his Trojans can beat Washington in Seattle Friday and Saturday if they get their share of rebounds and continue their 40 per cent shooting.

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