

Oregon Deer Season Opens— (With A Bang) — Saturday

It's a big day for some 250,000 Oregon nimrods come Saturday morning with the general statewide deer season slated to open. Guns will begin ringing through the forest and range lands one-half hour before sunrise as hunters pull down on fast moving mule deer and elusive blacktail targets.

The general deer season is scheduled to run through October 25 with an either-sex season for permit holders restricted to the last nine days. Only holders of permits may take either-sex deer, with each hunter restricted to the unit for which the permit was issued. General season tag holders may hunt for buck deer throughout the season.

Further restrictions are in order for the Silver Lake unit and the Wendling Basin within the McKenzie unit. These two areas are scheduled for either-sex deer hunting during the entire season, Oct. 3 through 25, but are open

to hunting only to those hunters holding permits for each respective area. Any hunter holding a Silver Lake permit may hunt in the Silver Lake unit, but only two McKenzie permit holders will be allowed in the Wendling Basin at one time. The two areas have been established as experimental units to determine the effects of either-sex deer hunting during the entire season.

Prospects for hunters look exceptionally good, and if weather cooperates and hunters can score, the final tally when the season is over should again be around 100,000 animals. If past success ratios are any indication, a little over one-half of the hunters will have venison in the freezer at the season's end.

The best hunting areas for west-side gunners will undoubtedly be along the fringe areas adjacent to the Willamette valley. Hunters

will do well to search out the brushy ridges adjacent to agricultural lands or the isolated brush and timber pockets on the valley floor. Often a half-dozen or more skulking blacktails will be found in these brush patches, miles away from mountain ridges or timberlands.

The Tillamook burn is not expected to be a hot spot this year although fair numbers of blacktails will be found throughout. Good producers, though, include the oak and conifer ridges of Polk county and the brush and brackery slopes of the Alsea drainage.

Best bets in the south Willamette include the tree farms adjacent to Springfield, Eugene, and Cottage Grove and the fringe areas around Fern Ridge reservoir, north to Marys Peak.

To the south, the Applegate should produce many blacktails as should the Green Springs country and the Butte Falls area. Again, the brushy bottom lands will pro-

duce bouncing blacktails for those hunters who give the fringe areas a try.

The interstate looks like a hot spot in south central Oregon, as counts this spring show the interstate mule deer herd up considerably from a year ago. The consistent Klamath country will also be a top-notch producer.

Popular mid-central Oregon should be about on a par with last year with the better locales around the Fort Rock area, the Maury mountains, Ochoco, and on north into Grizzly and Wheeler. Hunting pressure will undoubtedly be heavy in this popular hunting country, but individual hunter success will probably be lower than anywhere else in the state.

Sled Springs and the Chesnimus in northeastern Oregon should produce some excellent buck hunting, although Willowa county throughout should be one of the top producers. Farther to the south, the Keating, Baker, and Beulah areas

are expected to be good. This country and the Willows consistently produce the highest hunter success of anywhere in the state.

The high desert lands of the southeast include some of the best mule deer country in the state. The Malheur, Owyhee, Steens, and Whitehorse areas all have an abundance of mule deer with top buck hunting prospects in store for those who travel the high desert mesas. Hot spots in these areas include the Malheur drainage, the Mahogany mountains rimming the Owyhee reservoir, the Steens mountains both on the east and west sides, and the Pueblo, Trout Creek, and Whitehorse ranges within the Whitehorse unit.

It's a long jaunt into this country, but it will pay handsome dividends for those hunters who spend the time and effort in the rim-rocked desert canyons. Buck deer, big and bunched-legged, are the rule rather than the exception.

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STIFF ARM — Jim Cornett will start at one halfback spot when the Tigers entertain the Bend Lava Bears on the high school field. Bend stopped Baker 25-6 last weekend while the Tigers lost a 6-0 contest to Redmond. The Tigers will be out to even their Intermountain league record at 1-1 by defeating Bend. Cornett, a transfer to La Grande this year, is a senior. (Observer)

HOWELL TO ALL-STARS
NEW YORK (UPI) — Bailey Howell, 6-10 star of Mississippi State's 1958-59 basketball team, will play on the college all-star

MCCOY ACCEPTS INVITATION
PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Athletic director Ernest McCoy of Penn State University today accepted an invitation to serve on the executive council of the Liberty Bowl game, Dec. 19 Under NCAA regulations, executive councils for bowl games must include an athletic director from an active NCAA member.

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team that meets the New York Knicks in a benefit game at Madison Square Garden, Oct. 17. Howell is a rookie with the Detroit Pistons of the National Basketball Association.

Mounties Drill On Fundamentals

Eastern Oregon College's Mountaineers went back to fundamentals Tuesday following their 35-6 loss to College of Idaho. EOC is preparing for their Oregon Collegiate Conference opener against Oregon College of Education Saturday.

"We stressed fundamentals Tuesday, things like blocking and tackling, after viewing the game-movies Monday," said Arch Dunsmoor, EOC's head mentor.

The Mountaineers worked on basic line blocking and offensive charge as Dunsmoor and his assistant, Don Campbell, hope to eliminate the problems that hurt them against the Coyotes.

Dunsmoor and Campbell are experimenting with personnel

changes in addition to the fundamental drills in an effort to improve the Mountaineers' offensive blocking. Part of the changes are being designed with the idea in mind to give Jim Neece and Butch Corey, the guards, a little rest and help. Neece has been playing with a bruised leg and Dunsmoor feels that rest will be the fastest cure.

Dunsmoor indicated that other changes will be made to bolster the line and to try and increase the weight up front.

George Aliverti, who sprained an ankle in the first weeks of practice, is still bothered by swelling and the inability to drive off the limb. Gene McKinney, a quarterback against the Coyotes, will be tried at the running back position. McKinney is a hard running, rugged back but isn't exceptionally fast.

The Mountaineers will go into the OCE game "blind." Dunsmoor has no scouting report on the Wolves but feels they are a strong outfit if past scores are any indication.

"They are always a tough, scrappy outfit. You can bet they are no pushover playing Humbolt to an 18-6 game," Dunsmoor stated.

The Mountaineers will try to sharpen their offensive passing attack for the after dark encounter in Monmouth. Dunsmoor pointed out that both Linfield and Humbolt passed over and through the Wolves defense for most of their yardage and scores.

Dunsmoor is optimistic about his club's chances for a win in their first OCE game of the season.

"We'll be back in our own element now and ready," Dunsmoor added.

Centennial Open Tees Off Today

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI) — Most of the touring professionals and a host of Pacific Northwest pros and amateurs teed off in nippy fall weather today in the \$20,000 Oregon Centennial Open over the lush Portland Golf Club layout.

U. S. Open champion Billy Casper of Apple Valley, Calif., and PGA champ Bob Rosburg of Palo Alto, Calif., shared the favorites' role with 25-year-old Mason Rudolph of Clarksville, Tenn.

Rudolph's Game Still Hot
Rudolph arrived here "walking on air" after winning the \$40,000 Golden Gate championship in San Francisco Sunday. He finished in the money in 12 out of 13 tournaments this summer, and his game still was hot in a practice round here Tuesday when he shot a 68.

Casper and Rosburg took it easy until Wednesday's \$3,000 amateur tournament. The money was put up by the 20 Portland business men sponsoring the Centennial Open.

A hot local favorite was Bob Dudeg of Portland's Rose City municipal course, who tied for 20th in the Golden Gate tourney and turned in a practice round of 67 Tuesday. Dudeg holds the Oregon and Northwest Open titles.

The field will be cut to the low 60 and ties plus the leading amateurs after 18-hole rounds today and Friday.

Young Lass Tops Rifle Club Jrs.

Karen Fitzgerald fired a 358 to pace the La Grande Rifle Club juniors in a meet Tuesday night.

Fitzgerald edged runnerup George Altenberg by three points as Altenberg scored 353 points. Carroll Bruce was third with 326.

Firing from a prone position, Miss Fitzgerald shot 99 to match Altenberg who also fired a 99. Altenberg went five points ahead in the sitting position when he fired a 97 to Fitzgerald's 92. Miss Fitzgerald wiped out the margin by firing an 89 in the kneeling position to Altenberg's 80 and picking up another point standing, 78-77.

Tom Long competing in only prone and sitting positions shot 97, 93 and Merf Karns 85, 91.

Eleven other juniors competed in prone position firing with Jim Haydock topping the list at 97. Other shooters with their scores were: David Anderson (83); Don Hall (83); Steve Masroe (81); Steve Reader (70); John McClay (59); Mike Monahan (57); Kerry Fitzgerald 55; Dennis Caldwell (52); Ted Vandenburg (51); Allen Strong (39).

BUTLER RETURNS
GREEN BAY (UPI) — A Paris court today hears a libel suit brought by international Olympic Committee President Avery Brundage against the French weekly "Sports Mirror." The suit was filed last Dec. 29 after the paper called the Olympic flag "a symbol of lies in sport." The article claimed the Olympic oath actually is taken by professional athletes and that Brundage "is closing his eyes in order not to see this flagrant scandal."

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