

Is That So?

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The wolverine. Is he a mean, diabolical, powerful animal? Or is he an overpublicized, tail-between-the-legs softy? I wrote a piece taking the former point of view. I was called by an Oakland sourdough who said he had trapped many a wolverine in Alaska and that the animal was an out-



and-out coward. Today Armas Lampi of Billings, Mont., comes to my defense. He writes:

"I take very much interest in your column and have meant to write before—and this wolverine controversy finally roused me.

"What I am about to write I have not gleaned sitting in the roadhouses but from being out on the trapline and at the mercy of the elements.

"The wolverine being a scavenger has evolved to the point where he has a great potential for cunning and craftiness particularly inland in the far northland.

"Several things make it hard for a trapper to deal with a wolverine. They are constantly traveling; the weather conditions in the Arctic make it hard for a trapper to make a weatherproof set; the trapper seldom makes an out-and-out play for the wolverine but the animal has sized his line and ravaged it.

"First time out the young wolverine perhaps is naive. But after several lessons in toe-pinchings (if he is lucky enough not to get hooked the first time and runs into traps that are inefficient from being choked with snow or steps in the trap sideways, or runs into small martin line traps) the wolverine becomes smarter and smarter.

"After his cunning develops for several seasons and his luck holds, then the wolverine may convince the exasperated trapper that this animal is truly the 'reincarnation of the devil himself.'

Should Trail One

"Anyone doubting the wolverine's strength and endurance need only to trail one as I did. Everything seemed favorable to me—the trail through the fresh snow looked like a hog had wallowed through. The going, obviously, was tough for the wolverine. As for me, I was young, in wonderful condition, and my snowshoes were the best for that soft-snow condition. With the odds in my favor, we went all day with a full head of steam. When darkness came, he was still ahead of me. I might add, I spent a cold night under a spruce and never tried it again.

"Frankly, we didn't have many wolverines on our trap lines—but those few did a lot of damage. And of these, only one was on his way to becoming full 'educated' and showing signs of the diabolical way in which his mind worked. I hope I have contributed something."

P.S. You have, Mr. Lampi. My judges have already awarded you the weekly 30-volume set of the Encyclopedia Americana.

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Free: By special arrangement with the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana, my panel of judges will award each week to the reader who sends me the best true-life nature adventure, the best nature observation, or the best question on nature and wildlife, a complete 30-volume set of this world-famous reference work in a handsome Sealcraft binding. Each week new submissions will be considered. Sorry, I simply can't answer your many friendly letters. Please address your letter to: Is That So? c/o Medford Mail Tribune, Box 575, Sausalito, Calif.

New Date Given For FFA Dinner

Eagle Point — The date of the third annual Parent and Son banquet of the Eagle Point Future Farmers of America has been changed to Wednesday, April 23, due to a conflicting school meeting; it was announced Saturday.

Adin Hester, Canby, national FFA public speaking winner last year, will be main speaker.

The chapter will make special awards to students and adults during the evening. Nat Etzel, vocational agricultural instructor, is assisting the FFA students with the banquet and program.

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