

Market - Gunning For Wildfowl In Mexico Is Target For Sportsmen

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (NEA) — Mass slaughter annually of between 2,000,000 and 4,000,000 wild ducks by smoothly-gearred Mexican market gunners skillfully using batteries has prompted sportsmen of two countries to organize against such sweeping destruction of game birds.

The system far transcends commercial shooting practices rampant in the United States 100 years ago. Market gunning within the United States, while still prevalent to some extent in certain areas, has been checked substantially by federal laws. Sales of game birds are made through black market channels to some restaurants and night clubs, where they are served at fancy prices.

The raising of wild ducks commercially within the United States is permitted under federal license or permit. The identification of commercially-raised fowl is easily made by aluminum leg bands placed under state law provisions.

Penalties are provided for violations in America. Abandoned butchery on such a wholesale scale below the Rio Grande cannot but nullify conservation programs.

To fight against the massacre, sportsmen have united under the banner of Ducks Unlimited, international restoration agency. A Mexican chapter, comprising 200 leading wildfowlers in that country, has been organized.

A long-range program of legislation and education will be promoted as a means of allowing more ducks to return north in the spring for seasonal nesting.

With that accomplished, more waterfowl will be returned in the fall for sport and recreational hunting. Most of the birds are bred in western Canada, and to a degree in the north central states.

The program now starting was suggested to federal authorities some years ago, but for some inexplicable reason was never developed.

Mexican gunners for years have disregarded a government law banning the commercial sale of wild ducks. Street vendors sell birds almost daily on Mexico City's fashionable Paseo de la Reforma. Wild duck dinners are served so cheaply in border towns that they are of especial attraction to many diners from areas to the north in the United States.

At least 15 different species are slaughtered by the Mexican market gunners, with pintails killed in the greatest numbers. Pintails predominate because more of that kind fly through Mexico en route to North America.

The Mexican season lasts from November 15 to March 15, a maximum allowance under the U. S.-Mexican Migratory Bird Treaty act, but veteran hunters say they seldom have seen a warden inspect a bag.

Several wardens have disappeared after having gone out to check on commercial shooting. A warden was reported to have

been stoned to death by members of an armada, the man, animal and gun combination used for ruthless killing of birds.

Armadas, according to Ducks Unlimited, are arranged in tiers of three individual batteries. The larger armadas operate with up to 600 fixed-gun barrels. A third of the total is set in the first and lowest tier, is aimed to hit vast rafts of sitting ducks. Another third, making up the second tier, is timed to fire a few feet above the marsh as the birds rise. The remainder of the charges comprising the third tier are elevated, timed to catch survivors of the first blasts in the air.

Weapons are made of iron tubes, or pipes, up to two inches in diameter. They are loaded through the muzzles with powder, paper or air charges of small scrap iron or nails, nuts and bolts. Breaches are wired to electric batteries, fired simultaneously by a spark from a dry battery set off by switches at one-second intervals from safe distances.

The slaughter is accomplished after the ducks have been cautiously driven into the range of the batteries from feeding areas.

This is done with between 30 and 45 Mexican Indians, who mostly operate the armadas, carefully using horses or cattle as screens between themselves and the ducks, as the birds are frightened only by the presence of humans.

From 1000 to 4000 ducks are killed in a single blast.

Even though the season does not open until November 15, market hunters launch their commercial butchery in mid-October, or as quickly as ducks begin arriving from the north, investigators have found. Close cooperation with Ducks Unlimited's Mexican group has been pledged by Mexico's federal game department. Already it has introduced a bill for legislative approval providing penalties of from \$2000 to \$5000 against individuals participating in the commercial slaughter.

The wholesale butchery of wild ducks in Mexico is shocking.

Briefs

Joe Kahut Still Has His Punch

SEATTLE, Feb. 11 (AP)—The pride of Woodburn, Ore.—Jolin' Joe Kahut—still has his punch.

Out of action for seven months because of a farm accident, Kahut came back last night to floor George Kochan of New York for the full 10-count in the sixth round of their scheduled 10-hat battle.

Only the Oregon farm boy's timing was affected by the layoff. Kahut stayed on top of his more experienced opponent throughout, opened a bloody eye cut in the second round, and banged away effectively until a sharp right out of a clinch started the New Yorker on the road down. Another right and a left provided the clincher.

Kahut at 185 was one pound lighter than Kochan.

Preliminaries: Joe Trudeau, 173, Vancouver, B. C. and Sonny Orrock, 182, Spokane, drew, 6; Clarence (Skinny) Roberts, 143, Seattle, d. Dick Wolfe, 143, Klamath Falls, Ore., 4; Jerry Strutz, 129, Salem, Ore. and Jimmy Jackley, 129, Portland, drew, 4; Duane Emond, 125, Seattle, and Joe Edmonds, 126, Fort Lewis, drew, 4.

Split In Series

LA GRANDE, Ore., Feb. 11 (AP)—Southern Idaho College of Education carried home a split of its two-game series with Eastern Oregon college today. The Idaho quintet spurred to a 53-47 win last night with Stimson's 17 points high for the winners.

City Title In

TACOMA, Feb. 11 (AP)—College of Puget Sound defeated Pacific Lutheran college 51-35 last night to capture the city title. It was the third win of the season for CPS over its cross-town rival. Harry McLaughlin, the Lutes' leading Northwest scorer, was held to 11 points and bowed in that department to the victor's Bobby Angeline who hit 13.

Contracts Back

SEATTLE, Feb. 11 (AP)—Two more pitchers and an infielder returned signed contracts to the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast league yesterday. They are Maris Russo, south-paw pitcher obtained on a 30-day look basis from the New York Yankees; Jim Hedegcock, moundsman up from Vancouver of the Western International league, and Infielder Tony York, last season's second sacker.

Trap Scores Back To Par

Scores got back up to par Sunday at the Klamath Gun club's regular shoot, despite the adversity of the weather.

Clyde Fox, who is always right at the top of the list when the final check of scores is made, again led the parade with 42 hits in 50 targets and a score of 42 in handicap shooting. Bill Davis matched the handicap.

Name	16-yr.	Hdp.
Clyde Fox	48	42
J. M. Adams	46	41
C. J. Martin	45	40
Bill Davis	45	42
R. D. Branaman	45	41
Don Ratliff	45	—
Prent Puckett	44	32
Verne Moore	44	38
G. M. Grant	44	40
Nelson Reed	42	38
James Wisenback	42	39
Al Hatton	41	39
R. M. Smith	40	38
Robert Lapsley	39	—
William Cooley	39	29
Carl Olney	38	30
John Quigley	36	—
Art Quigley	36	—
L. Bureker	34	—
E. G. Geinger	34	—
Roy Billings	32	31
E. Stoll	32	—

Pitching Pair Signed By Club

First Players In Local Fold

Signing of the first two players for Klamath Falls' class D professional baseball team was announced yesterday by Mel Carpenter, business manager of Klamath Baseball, Inc. Both youngsters are pitchers and will report to Lodi, Calif., for spring training the first of April.

First signed was E. A. (Junior) Edelmair, a right-hander from San Leandro, Calif. Edelmair is 19 years old, 6-foot-3, and weighs 203 pounds. Since finishing school at San Leandro he has been in the marine corps in the Pacific and last summer won 13 games and lost three pitching for a marine team.

The other boy is John Lopenam, 19, also a righthanded pitcher. Lopenam is a San Francisco boy, six feet tall and slender, weighing 175 pounds.

Lopenam was also in the marine corps last year with Edelmair and had a record of 12 wins and 4 losses while doing mound duty for the service team.

Both boys are signed to Klamath Baseball Inc. contracts with option to the Philadelphia Phillies. If they make good in spring training they will come here for a season, then may be moved up by the Phils if they can be used elsewhere in the system.

If the Phils don't pick up the options, the players can be disposed of or retained for another season by the Klamath club.

Edelmair and Lopenam will report to Joe Gantenbein, who is manager of the local club, for workouts at Lodi, and by that time probably three dozen young players will be trying out for places on the Klamath squad.

Carpenter said he had several other contracts out to be signed and probably would have confirmation on more of them this week.

Meanwhile, the newly-admitted Pittsburg, Calif. club in the Far West league came up with something of a prize rookie, Pittsburg, which was voted into the league Monday, started a baseball school today—backed by the San Francisco Seals—and one of the first lads to turn out was named Vince DiMaggio.

He's a distant relative of the famed baseball brother, Joe, Dom and Vince DiMaggio.

Late Cage Scores

HIGH SCHOOL
Eugene 29, St. Marys (Eugene) 27
Astoria 55, Seaside 24
Dallas 43, Sandy 24
Silverton 43, Molalla 42
Vernonia 39, Banks 26
Parkrose 43, Central Catholic 28
LaPayette 46, Falls City 23
Gresham 38, Oregon City 36
Milwaukie 50, Rainier 49
Woodburn 38, Estacada 36
Newport 42, Waldport 27
Newberg 48, Tillamook 36
Hillsboro 36, Beaverton 22
Tigard 39, Forest Grove 37
Jefferson 36, Franklin 29
Washington 41, Commerce 34
Grant 51, Benson 30
Lincoln 31, Roosevelt 45

COLLEGIATE

Washington State 38, Idaho 35
Southern Idaho 53, Eastern Oregon 47
Puguet Sound 51, Pacific Lutheran 35
Montana 69, Gonzaga 53
Montana State 72, Seattle College 46
Pacific 58, Linfield 43
Portland 81, Lewis & Clark 49
Everett J. C. 60, Mount Vernon J. C. 32
Lower Columbia J. C. 39, Clark J. C. 28
Seattle Pacific 48, St. Martin's 47
Alabama 37, Mississippi 36
Duke 47, Wake Forest 45
Holy Cross 71, Temple 44
Salem 59, Albany 38

Stojack Is Expert Of Plane Spin

Frankie Stojack, present champ of the Pacific Coast in Junior heavyweight wrestling and main eventer on Friday night's armory card, is a former Washington State college football guard, played in the 1935 East-West game and was a professional footballer for Brooklyn for three years.

The 33-year-old Stojack now has a sporting goods store in Tacoma and does scrapping as a sideline. His opponent in a five-round bout here will be Georges Dusette, the French Canadian strongman.

During his collegiate career he was a national wrestling champion, never losing a match, and after his stint of pro football hooked on as assistant football and wrestling coach at Washington State.

Stojack's strong point in professional grappling, which he has been doing at odd times since he finished college, is the airplane spin and he is said to have developed that whirl to its sharpest edge. Once in Portland, so the legend goes, Stojack whirled an opponent 97 times for something of an all-time record.

Meissner Looks For Partner On Ski Trip

PORTLAND, Feb. 11—Jack Meissner, 28-year-old Cascade Summit woodsman who plans to challenge the 300-mile Skyline trail, is looking for a partner to share his adventures.

Meissner proposes to travel on skis from Government camp at Mount Hood to Crater lake, following the backbone of the Cascades. He intends to leave Friday, February 13.

But the U. S. forest service has frowned on the solo trip, pointing out that if he gets lost—and such a thing is entirely possible, even to an expert woodsman—it will be up to the forest service to undertake any rescue.

The forest service can not stop him from making the trip, Meissner said, but has advanced the idea that he ought not to be alone, that he should have a partner in case anything goes wrong.

The Eugene civil air patrol is supposed to keep in some sort of contact with Meissner from the air, follow his red coat as much as possible. But there are stretches of many miles where a man in a plane would not be able to spot a man on the ground, in the trees, regardless of how clear the weather was.

Meissner's plans call for a 30-day trip and he would carry concentrated and dehydrated foods in a pack for his meals. Most nights he believes he can reach a forest shelter, but some would have to be spent in a sleeping bag and cut-down army tent he will carry on his back also.

Hornets Set Down Antlers In Loop Tilt

Last night at Henley the Hornets turned back the Bonanza Antlers 50 to 33 in a make-up county high school league basketball game to slide into a tie with the Chiloquin Panthers for second place in the league standings.

Both Henley and Chiloquin have won five games and lost one this season, and the schedule happens to put the Hornets against the Panthers at Chiloquin Friday night for the league finale.

After that game second place will no longer be in dispute.

The Gilchrist Grizzlies play Sacred Heart Trojans Friday at Gilchrist, a March of Dimes benefit as well as a regular county conference tilt. The Grizzlies are in first place, undefeated, and will be favored to finish the season that way over the Academy.

League standings at the end of the season go to regulate seedings in the all-county tournament which will be played here in Klamath Falls February 20-21. George Elliott, Henley, and Ray Oehlerich, Gilchrist, are making arrangements for the tourney which will develop the county champ.

Top Squads See Action

The basketball games of the season in both city and county Basin league divisions will be played tonight, one at Altamont gym and the other at Keno.

At Altamont the two teams who have consistently been in the lead of the city circuit, undefeated (in conference play) Rickys Jewelers and likewise defeated (in conference play) Oregon Woolen tangle for first place.

That game starts at 8:30. A preliminary will feature Link River Motors against the rising Oregon Vocational school quintet.

In the county, Dorris Townies and Glenger's Store of Chiloquin, both in a tie for second place, meet at Keno to decide that issue. The Tulelake Associated Flyers have already clinched the top spot in the county and go into the four-team city-county playoff. Either Dorris or Glenger's—whichever wins tonight—probably will have the second county playoff spot.

SEALS ACQUIRE TULSA PLAYER
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11 (AP)—Purchase of Infielder Jack Tobin from Tulsa of the Texas Baseball league was announced today by the San Francisco Seals. Terms were not disclosed.

News Item -- Klamath Club Signs Two Players



SAMPSON IN MAIN GO OF NEXT RING CARD

A professional boxing card, first in over three months, is scheduled for the Klamath Falls armory next Tuesday night, February 17. Promoter Mack Lillard announced this morning. The card will feature a double main event, two 10-round bouts, plus the preliminaries.

Phil Sampson, the little Reno Mexican-Indian who is now four

Klamath Falls his home, has the top 10-rounder and his opponent will be Kenny Sanderson of Crescent City.

Sanderson has made one showing here in an overweight bout with Monte Montgomery last October 7. He knocked Montgomery out in four heats.

Both Sampson and Sanderson are full-fledged welterweights and will tip the scales at about 145 pounds each. Both are walk-in fighters who don't know the meaning of the word "back-track" so the fight should be a vicious one with a knockout, one way or the other, as the conclusion.

Sampson can hit very hard with either hand and Sanderson is a terrific right-hand puncher.

Phil Sampson is already in training at the Salvation Army gymnasium and Sanderson is expected to come here later this week to finish his training.

Promoter Lillard said that reserved seat tickets for the Tuesday match probably will go on sale Friday at Matt Finnigan's sporting goods store.

Gonzales Vetoes Mexican Offer

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11 (AP)—Tennis player Richard (Pancho) Gonzales says he has turned down an offer to represent Mexico in the Davis cup challenge round play next summer.

The 20-year-old Gonzales said last night: "When a representative of the Bank of Mexico made the offer I didn't realize that if I accepted I would lose my American citizenship. I prize my citizenship above all the benefits and after discussing the problem with my parents, I made up my mind to stay right here."

He plans to campaign in the East next summer.

Zags' Control Game Fathomed

SPOKANE, Feb. 11 (AP)—Montana's Grizzlies countered Gonzaga's control game last night with a fast break and walked off the floor with an easy 69-53 victory and a split in their two-game series.

Held in check the night before—one point in 10 minutes of the second half—the Montanans were never threatened last night as they ran to a 35-19 halftime margin and coasted out.

Gonzaga's Frank Walter hit 23 points, two more than Montana's Bob Cope.

Blank Pipe Is Oil Loss Cause
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11 (AP)—Tenants of a West Philadelphia apartment building smelled fumes and telephoned firemen. The firemen found 200 gallons of hard-to-get fuel oil flooding the basement last night. A new oil tank had been installed in the basement and someone neglected to tell the fuel truck man that it was not yet connected with the fuel intake pipe.

Murray's Purse Being Held Up

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—Heavyweight Johnny Haynes of Los Angeles scored a fast technical knockout Monday night over Lee C. Murray of Norwalk, Conn., in the first of ten scheduled rounds.

Referee Harry Volkman stopped the fight after Murray had been dropped for the third time. Murray's purse was held up by District of Columbia boxing commissioners pending an investigation this afternoon.

Oaks Seek York

OAKLAND, Feb. 11 (AP)—First Baseman Rudy York, made a free agent by the Chicago White Sox, has another tentative offer to play in the Pacific Coast Baseball league. It's from the Oakland Oaks. York has not indicated whether he is interested. Earlier, the Seattle Rainiers contacted the long-ball hitter to determine if he was interested in coming West.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

LOS ANGELES — Buddy Jacklich, 130, San Francisco, TKO Pabela Chavez, 131, Los Angeles, 9.
SEATTLE — John Kahut, 185, Portland, Ore., knocked out George Kochan, 186, New York, 6.

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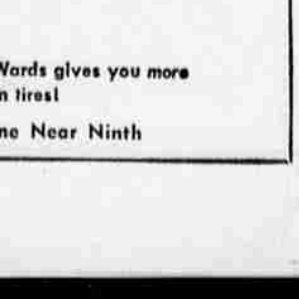
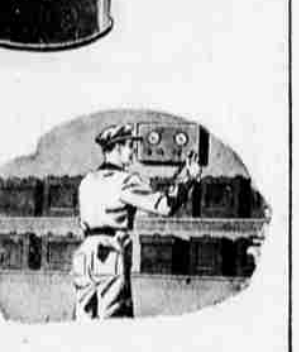
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