

Oregon Deer Season Opens Saturday; Marks Expected

PORTLAND (AP)—A new record deer kill probably will be made by Oregon hunters this year to set another national mark.

The statewide buck deer season opens next Saturday and the State Game Commission says possibly 225,000 hunters will be fanning out over the countryside. That would be an increase of 10,000 over the number last year who brought home 112,000 deer for the highest kill in the nation.

The buck deer season for mule, blacktail and whitetail deer extends through Oct. 14. Next day an either sex season opens and runs through the 21st in Eastern and Western Oregon areas. This year, for the first time, an either sex season is scheduled in the Metolus River area, Oct. 18-21 inclusive.

The Tillamook archery area season coincides with the regular buck season.

By far the biggest kill each year is of mule deer, the most popular of the three Oregon species with hunters. It lives in the pine forests and sagebrush deserts east of the Cascade Mountains. Increasing numbers have made possible large annual harvests and have helped to make Oregon hunters among the most successful in the nation.

A big kill is permitted because some ranges can't support more deer and must be protected against over-use. The chief browse for the mule deer is the bitterbrush and its consumption as feed is heavy in the winter.

The nimble-footed blacktail deer, found only on the Pacific slope, lives in cut-over and burned areas of Western Oregon where feed is abundant. While difficult to hunt in its favorite brushy habitat, the blacktail is a preferred meat animal to many hunters.

DELICIOUS

The blacktail is often in trouble with farmers of the Willamette Valley, where agricultural crops provide a delicious meal.

The easily identified whitetail deer, best known to Eastern hunters, is seldom bagged by the average Oregon hunter. It is most numerous in the Roseburg area where, until a year ago, a refuge was located. The refuge, like all others for big game in the state, was abolished by the last Legislature.

Besides its white tail, forward-curving antlers with points raising from the main beam distinguish it from other deer.

Its favorite haunts are scrub oak thickets and brushy lowlands of Western Oregon, though occasional animals are seen on the east slopes of Mt. Hood and in other parts east of the Cascade Summit.

Closely following the deer season is the one for elk, opening Oct. 29. In Northeastern Oregon the season continues through Nov. 23 for a kill of one bull elk with antlers. The same dates apply to the season in Southeastern Oregon, but there an elk of either sex may be taken.

SCHEDULED

Similar dates are scheduled for the Cascade area for killing a bull elk with three points or more on one antler. The coastal area season runs from Oct. 29 through Nov.

13 for a kill the same as that in the Cascade region.

Oregon has two species of elk, the Rocky Mountain, which inhabit the Blue and Willowa mountains of Northeastern Oregon, and the Roosevelt, which prefer open burned-over and logged-off areas of Western Oregon.

Lodgepole pine thickets and mountain meadows provide shelter and food during the summer for the Rocky Mountain elk. When deep snow forces them down, they seek canyons and hillsides at lower elevations.

Rocky Mountain elk generally are smaller and lighter colored than Roosevelt elk. Antlers of the bulls usually have a greater spread but are less massive. They are considered a prize trophy by the hunter, who must use great skill in bagging Rocky Mountain elk.

Roosevelt elk, sometimes called Olympic, are most numerous in the Coast range, but some transplants have been made to the Cascades where they have mixed with the Rocky Mountain species.

Already completed is the season for pronghorn antelope which are found in several large herds in the sagebrush sections of Malheur, Harney and parts of Lake, Crook and Deschutes counties.

SAGEBRUSH

They feed on sagebrush, which is plentiful, and are famous for their speed, frequently choosing to

race automobiles on highways crossing the range.

The antelope is distinctively marked with a cinnamon-buff body, contrasting black and white markings on the head and a large white rump patch. The buck has longer and heavier horns than the female and both sexes shed their horns each year.

Oregon has no open season on its few bighorn sheep and Rocky Mountain goats, but the Game Commission says it hopes to some day build up big enough herds to permit hunting them.

A herd of about 35 California bighorn sheep live in a national refuge on the west slope of Hart Mountain in Lake County. Trapped in British Columbia in 1934, the California bighorn is similar in appearance to the Rocky Mountain sheep, though the horns are less massive. Game commissioners plan to build observation points in the refuge so visitors may watch the bighorns.

Five Rocky Mountain goats, never native to Oregon, were transplanted in 1960 from Washington state to the Willowa mountains in Northeastern Oregon. The three males and two females headed for high places and have since been seen only a few times by mountain climbers and high lake fishermen. Game agents report that at least one young goat is now with the band.

Cardinals Hire Lane, Give Walker Release

NEW YORK (AP)—Frank Lane is in as general manager of the St. Louis Cardinals and Harry Walker is out as field manager of the Redbirds.

Eddie Stanky, who Walker succeeded as St. Louis manager last May, may be back in baseball as manager of the Minneapolis Millers, farm club of the New York Giants in the American Assn.

These choice items were learned last night as the baseball folks gathered at World Series headquarters on the eve of the opening game at Yankee Stadium.

At least one proposed deal fell through. Paul Richards' plan to step down as manager of the Baltimore Orioles and name George Kell of the Chicago White Sox as his successor was vetoed by the Baltimore board of directors. The

board insisted that Richards live up to his three-year contract calling for the dual role as field and general manager.

Lane, who resigned as White Sox general manager last week, already has conferred with Dick Meyer, executive vice president of the Cardinals. They were to meet again either today or tomorrow when the signing is to take place and an official announcement will be made. Lane's salary is to be \$50,000 a year for three years with the understanding that he is to have a free hand in running the club.

The informant said that Lane already has a successor to Walker in mind but would not identify him other than to say that he is "class guy."

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOLYOKE, Mass.—Willie Pep, 129½, Hartford, outpointed Henry (Pappy) Gault, 124, Spartanburg, S.C., 10.

DETROIT—Rudy Gwinn, 146½, Cleveland, outpointed Lester Felton, 146, Detroit, 6.

RICHMOND, Calif.—Eddie Machen, 186, Redding, Calif., stopped Howard King, 184, Reno, 10.

TRENTON, N. J.—Johnny Gorman, 124, Brooklyn, outpointed Tony Sansone, 138½, New York, 8.

Leo Durocher Accepts TV Post

NEW YORK (AP)—Television, long accused of stealing baseball's cash customers, now has lured away Leo Durocher.

The Lip revealed yesterday just why he had turned in his uniform as manager of the New York Giants, erstwhile world champions. It's TV—and a \$30,000-a-year job with the National Broadcasting Co.

Durocher, "terribly excited and elated," will take over his new duties in Hollywood upon returning to his California home after the World Series.

Robert W. Sarnoff, executive vice president of NBC, explained that Leo's "great executive ability," as evidenced in his role as manager in the major leagues since 1938, and his wide acquaintances

in the entertainment field would greatly benefit the organization. Sarnoff said that Durocher would deal primarily with "talent relations," but also would be put into service as a sports commentator and a guest star on other productions.

Durocher, who ended 30 years in baseball when he checked out as Giant manager after Sunday's final 1955 game, didn't completely

bar the way for a return to the sport, however. "I reserve a woman's prerogative to change my mind," said he, "but right now I'm definitely through with baseball."

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