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Guest Columnist

Ever since my early reading of the Leatherstocking Tales I have harbored a vast admiration for the trackers, the woodsmen who can go out and trail their game.

I think they are wonderful. I also think that by and large they rank with fishermen when it comes to not hiding their light under any bushel. To put it politely and avoid using the term liar, let's say that they are not modest when it comes to telling of their exploits.

I am one of those fellows who couldn't track a moose across a mud bar in good weather. An Assist from Morton

Perhaps this is why I admire those who can. Or profess that they can. It is also perhaps the reason that I keep a shakerful of Mr. Morton's product at hand when listening to their tales.

Not long ago I was a member of a hot stove and cracker barrel session at which a good many tales of hunting were bandied about. These tales were being spun by a band of mighty hunters who had plenty of time to tell big windies about themselves because the weather was too unpleasant to be out in.

It was while listening to these tales that I first realized the relationship between the ability to shoot and the ability to track game. It suddenly became obvious. Don't know why I hadn't noticed it before. But time after time it was brought out that the fellow who always shot his deer through the neck as it was running full tilt through heavy brush also the chap who then tracked it for five hours through dense brush and over bare rock flats.

I pointed out, in my innocence, that I had always thought perfect neck shots to be instantly fatal but this failed to draw more than a scornful glance from the raconteurs. I guess us greenhorns just don't stand a chance in a group like that.

Critical, Never!

If I am sounding faintly critical of these chaps please perish the thought. I wouldn't for the world imply that they couldn't do what they say they do. I am sort of in the same boat as the man who inspected the huge rainbow fisherman was showing him and said "the man who caught that fish is a liar."

I know a few men who can actually track down a deer and do a bang-up job of it. I know a few more that can follow a bear through certain portions of the woods. None of them are, of course, in the same class with the fabled hunters of Africa who can look at a track and tell you that it was made by a male lion weighing 437 pounds who ate a zebra last night at 11:30 and is, or was when the track was made 17 minutes ago, heading for a

tree located just southeast of a small seep of water two and a half miles from your present position.

Tracks Reveal

At least I have never heard one of the American counterparts look at a deer track and say that it was made by a 3-year-old buck with three points on one side and four on the other that was coming from his bed and on his way to water and that he would hog-dress 160 pounds.

But some of my hunting friends come almost that close. I think the point where I boggle is when they lose the tracks entirely but managed to track a wounded buck (it is always a monster) by an occasional drop of blood. Sometimes these drops are as much as a quarter of a mile apart. And always in heavy brush. An occasional scabbard flat, yes, but mostly heavy brush.

You could take the Winema Hotel's entire stock of bedsheets and spread them out over the same course as described by some of these nimrods and I wouldn't be able to follow the trail. (While I'm admitting to these shortcomings I might as well confess that if I followed a twisting and tortuous trail like some of these fellows do for seven or eight hours I probably wouldn't be able to find my way back to camp.)

Some Possess Power

However I think it is wonderful that some men still possess this power to track. I wish someone would pass along some of this priceless lore to me. I'm sure it must make hunting ever so much more fascinating.

And besides the value of the tracking I'd like to get into some of the country that these fellows apparently do. I know of so few places where you can travel all day without crossing a road or a fence. But these mighty trackers invariably do their best work in some howling wilderness where roads and fences are not known.

Miller Made It

All the same I do detect one flaw in at least some of these Natty Bumpos. When it comes their turn for the refreshments quite a few of them have one heck of a time tracking down their wallets.

But just the same I do admire their ability. I wish I could do it. And I'll bet some of them wish they could, too.

I am starting as of this year to keep a record of some of the mightier feats of tracking around these parts. When I have enough of them I'm going to put them into a complete book on the subject.

It should sell like hotcakes. After all, Joe Miller did all right.

Honkers Belt KU Wildcats

LAKEVIEW (Special)—The Lakeview Honkers picked up the Wildcats for the second night in a row, smashing the Klamath Union sophomore cagers 81-51 here Saturday night.

Friday night at KU the Honkers trimmed the Wildcats 51-33. The Saturday win was paced by Doug Maxwell who connected for 18 points, many from outside. Teammate Chuck Cossey potted 14 and KU's Rick Horn was in between with 18, all from the field.

Maxwell hit on 7 of 8 tries from the floor and 4-5 at the foul line. Some of the sting was taken out of the loss however by virtue of the fact that the KU freshmen romped out to their sixth straight victory by lacing the Honker JV's 45-28.

The varsity Honkers sped off to a 25-12 first quarter lead and then depended strongly on the reserves to finish the job.

The halftime count was 29-21 for Lakeview and at the close of the third they led 56-33.

The scoring summary: Lakeview (81)—G. Peters 9, Cossey 14, McCoy 11, Polaris 3, Conn 5, Maxwell 18, Berry 3, L. Peters 8, Tooke 4, Reynolds 7. KU Wildcats (51)—Taylor 2, Pleser 4, Chamberlain 3, Walters 4, Horn 14, Southard 3, Vincio 8, Pyles 4, Phelps 2.

Willamette Gets Away

SALEM (AP)—Willamette University beat back a second half rally and edged Eastern Washington 61-58 in Saturday's basketball game.

Willamette dominated the first half and held a 39-29 lead as the period ended. Eastern Washington came back in the second half, led by Gary Roberts, and cut Willamette's lead to two points, 50-48. After that it was nip and tuck. Fidel Gaviola of Willamette was high for the game with 17 points. Roberts led Eastern Washington with 14.

Pels Sweep Big Series With Lava Bears

Parsons Claim Second Straight Over Owls

KUHS 72-52 Saturday Winner

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A tremendous 21 point fourth quarter surge gave the Klamath Union Pelicans a hard-earned 72 to 52 victory over the visiting Bend Lava Bears Saturday night on Pelican Court.

It was the second straight triumph for the Pels over the Bears and marked their fifth victory in six starts in pre-conference play.

Glen Kinney's Bears were in the battle until the final period opened. They took the lead for the last time at 48 to 47 with 45 seconds left in the third quarter only to have field goals by Bruce Bricker and Fred Biehn give the Pelicans a 51 to 48 third-quarter margin.

Ray Taylor converted two free throws; Wally Palmberg, the game's biggest scorer, tallied a two-point and Gary Patzke added another from the field as Coach Dean White's charges moved out into a 56 to 48 lead.

Rex Chambers counted a two pointer for Bend at 56 to 50, and then the Pelicans ran the count to 65 to 50 as Taylor scored two gift shots, Bricker dropped in two field goals, Patzke one, and Palmberg a free throw.

Bend could score only four points in the final stanza. KU stepped out to a first quarter 18 to 10 lead and appeared to

be moving away when the Lava Bears, sparked by Joe Lentz, battled back into a 20 to 19 lead. The lead changed hands four

for game honors, with teammates Bricker adding 18 and Taylor 13. Top point getters for the invaders were Chuck Defful with 13 and Bob Petrie 10.

Pel control of the backboards was reflected in the rebound totals, with Klamath pulling down 42 and Bend 27.

From the field, Klamath scored 29 of 70 attempts for a 41.4 shooting percentage, and Bend 20 of 52 for 38.4.

Next outing for Klamath Falls, their first conference game, will be Friday, Dec. 30, when they entertain Central Point.

The box score:

Team	FG	FT	Reb	Pt
KUHS (72)	29-70	13-22	42	72
Bend (52)	20-52	10-22	27	52

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Palmberg 10-17 2-4 11 22
Bricker 8-15 2-4 10 18
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Biehn 4-8 2-4 6 10
Chambers 3-6 2-4 5 9
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UW Coach Anxious To Start Workouts

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Coach Jim Owens, apparently anxious to get down to business, met the 63-person Washington Huskies at his University of Washington football squad arrived at Long Beach Saturday afternoon to be greeted by more than 700 well-wishers.

Earlier in the day the national champion Minnesota team had arrived for its Rose Bowl appearance against the Huskies.

Owens promptly canceled a welcome party that had been scheduled for Saturday night, explaining he wanted the Huskies in bed at the LaFayette Hotel by 10 p.m. or so. He showed a trace of impatience at the welcoming rites and said he was eager to get practice drills started. He called the first workout for the Sunday afternoon.

"We've blown next Monday for practice because it's picture day and we have to visit Disneyland in the afternoon," he grumbled.

Asked how he felt the Husky prospects are against the nation's No. 1 team, Owens said:

"Take a look at the record. Washington has beaten Minnesota five times in 14 meetings. I think we have our work cut out for us."

Beauties of the Tournament of

Lucas Leads Buckeyes

WICHITA, Kan. (AP)—All America Jerry Lucas plunked in 27 points and captured 21 rebounds in leading the undefeated Ohio State Buckeyes to a 93-82 non-conference basketball victory over Wichita Saturday night.

Bradley Braves Race

PEORIA, Ill. (AP)—Undeclared Bradley, ranked second nationally, humbled Wisconsin 88-66 Saturday night for its sixth straight basketball triumph.

The speedy Braves raced to a 47-21 halftime lead and were never in trouble as three players scored 20 or more points.

Pioneers Triumph

PORTLAND (AP)—Lewis and Clark College, paced by Bill Maurer and Mike Vermillion, defeated College of Puget Sound 85-

Hornets Nip Husky Quint In Squeaker

Hornet Bob Chapman bucketed a 15-foot jumper as the horn sounded to give Henley a 49-47 win over the battling Merrill Huskies Saturday night at Henley.

Merrill knotted the score at 47-47 with only one minute left in the game, rallying after blowing a 33-30 third quarter lead, but couldn't hold Chapman with their full-court press.

Coach Jerry Johnson's cagers held the Merrill five scoreless in the first quarter of play while they scored eight counters and dominated play. However, Merrill roared back to close the gap to a slim 18-16 halftime margin.

Husky back Wilson gathered in 22 points, and Bert Allbritton paced the Hornets with 14.

In the prelude, the Henley Jayvees rolled over the Merrill juniors by a 47 to 22 score.

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Basketball Results

Steel Bowl Championship
Duquesne 80, Pitt 66
(Consolation)
Colgate 76, Tennessee 73

Birmingham Classic
(Consolation)
VPI 81, Baylor 54

Clark College JVs 59, Lewis and Clark JVs 56
Air Force 75, Arizona 67
Oregon State 67, Seattle U. 53
Memphis State 77, Montana State 50

Oregon 71, Arizona State U. 55
Indiana 80, Nevada 52
Purdue 74, Wash State 46
St. Bonaventure 106, Morehead (Ky) 88

Iowa State 60, Washington 50
Ohio State 93, Wichita 82
Temple 66, Kentucky 58
West Virginia 104, Virginia 85
No Car State 82, Ga Tech 76
Detroit 71, Nebraska 62

Kansas State 104, Mich State 82
Iowa 78, Wyoming 67
Toledo 60, Idaho 54
Clemson 78, Citadel 68
Army 82, Boston U. 52
Connecticut 74, Fordham 71
St. Mary's (Calif) 54, Minnesota 52

Bradley 88, Wisconsin 66
Drake 73, Dayton 62
Marquette 96, Illinois 87
Southern Methodist 83, Tulane 67
Vanderbilt 70, Rice 44
UCLA 73, Butler 61
Colorado 76, Creighton 63
North Carolina 78, Kansas 70

National Basketball Association
Boston 140, Los Angeles 112
St. Louis 116, New York 103

Jayvees Nab Double Wins

Coach Al Keck's Klamath Union JVs swept the second of a twin bill from the Bend Jayvees by a 74-41 margin on Pelican Court Saturday night after handing the Bear junior a 76-48 loss Friday night on the Bend mapleboards.

Kent Husaker poured in 21 points Friday and another 21 Saturday night to nab high point honors for both squads while teammate Dana Ash followed up with a total of 24.

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Techmen Push Towering Foe

SALT LAKE CITY (Special)—The impressive Westminster College Parsons ran their victory string to six straight against no defeats when they overpowered the scrappy Oregon Tech Owls 80-59 here Saturday night.

Friday night the big Parsons bombed the Techmen 90-51, but in the second meeting things weren't quite so easy.

Coach Howard Richardson, who freely admits, "I've got 'em this year," floors a quartet that averages 6-5 or better and when he hits the bench things don't get much worse.

Saturday night the Owls were down only three points at the halftime whistle, 34-31, and they hung right with the Westminster five until there were only about five minutes left.

Trading 55-51 with 4:45 left, the Owls slapped on the press and this turned out to be their undoing as the huge Parsons completely dominated the backboards, something they had done all night, and swept off to the win.

Owl boss Wally Palmberg, in spite of the consecutive beatings dealt his club, was still happy with the performance of his club.

"They did a good job, all the way. But this club is much, much bigger than Lewis and Clark and I thought they had some pretty good size. If we can compete with teams like this we are going to

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