



Deer Population On Decline?

By Don Macalady

With the passing of Thanksgiving, the thoughts of most hunters turn from small game to deer and bear. Bear hunters have all of this week to do their searching. Deer hunting season opens (for buck only) Dec. 4 and continues through Dec. 16. Antlerless deer may be taken Dec. 18 only.

The term system has at least one advantage for deer hunting enthusiasts. It gives an opportunity for a full week of hunting, with classes and bluebooks temporarily of no concern.

For those who can plan to hunt for a few hours during the choice first few days of buck season, the State College area is full of good deer-hunting spots.

Mount Nittany, Tussey Mountain near Pine Grove Mills, the famous 'Barrens', Filmose Mountain—all are local areas where your chances of seeing a buck are as good as anywhere in the county.

So if finals aren't haunting you, it may be profitable to take a few hours from your study time Monday or Tuesday and try your luck at Centre County deer hunting.

Many sportsmen and hunters in Centre County are expressing concern of late over the declining deer population in this area.

This fact, and most game wardens, hunters, and outdoor enthusiasts in the area seem to agree that it is a fact, is alarming. It's alarming because if the trend continues, the recreation of thousands of sportsmen is in jeopardy.

Many explanations can be rendered for this unfortunate situation. A bad winter last year probably took the lives of many deer. Increasing numbers have been killed by poachers and wild dogs and on our highways by automobiles.

These reasons, though, are all somewhat subordinate to one major factor — the archery season for deer.

Now, don't mistake my intentions. I'm very much in favor of an archery season for hunting deer. The fault in Pennsylvania, however, is the timing of the season.

The archery season for deer this year was Oct. 2 to Oct. 27, or right in the midst of the deer's rutting period.

This timing gives rise to a situation in which many deer are killed before they have had a chance to mate.

One buck whitetail deer may breed with as many as 25 does. And, obviously, most archery hunters prefer to shoot a buck to a doe. Thus for every buck killed, as many as 25 fawns are lost. In addition, archery seasons result in many wounded animals which are also lost for mating purposes.

The fact remains, however, that there is extreme difficulty in finding a suitable time for the archery season. Late winter is unsuitable, as the deer have no antlers. Spring, too, is a poor time because trout fishermen usually occupy the banks of mountain streams.

Most archery hunters would complain that an any-weapon season is completely undesirable. And they're somewhat justified in their position. Hunting deer with a bow and arrow while other hunters in the same woods used rifles and shotguns would be practically impossible.

Nevertheless, I feel that almost any time of year would be a better time for an archery deer hunting season than the time now used.

I also feel that the selection of this time for the archery season indicates an uninformed position on the part of the Game Commission. If our state is to continue as the fine deer hunting state it has been in the past several years, this and other factors which reduce the deer herds will have to be checked.

First Negro to Win Award

Davis Heisman Recipient

NEW YORK (AP)—Ernie Davis, Syracuse senior halfback, yesterday became the first Negro in the 27 years of the Heisman Trophy to be named college football's player of the year.

A brilliant 212-pounder, Davis has worn former Orange great Jimmy Brown's old No. 44 while trampling underfoot his predecessors' records.

The third Eastern halfback to be honored in the past four seasons, Davis will receive the award Dec. 6. Davis succeeds Navy's Joe Bellino, Pete Dawkins of Army was Heisman winner in 1958.

In a 1-2-3 ballot by 820 electors around the country, Davis, who led Syracuse to a Liberty Bowl berth, polled 824 points to 771 for runner-up Bob Ferguson, the high-gear fullback from Ohio State. Texas sprinter Jimmy Saxton edged Minnesota quarterback Sandy Stephens for third spot.

Other vote-getters included Alabama quarterback Pat Trammell, Colorado guard Joe Romig, Kansas quarterback-halfback John Hadl, Maryland end Gary Collins, North Carolina State quarterback Roman Gabriel, Utah State tackle

Merlin Olsen, Rutgers center Alex Kroll, Navy end Greg Mather, Iowa State tailback Dave Hoppmann and Arkansas halfback Lance Alworth.

Davis, called the Syracuse athletic office to be notified of his selection, said: "winning the Heisman Trophy is something you just dream about. You never think it could happen to you."

Davis, nicknamed the Elmira Express for his upstate New York hometown, is a quiet, soft-spoken business administration major whose blazing speed has made him as dangerous on the business end of a pass or kick as from scrimmage.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

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Hall, Schwab, Phils Obtain Sievers Kochman Top For Smith, Buzhardt Lion Attack

Roger Kochman brought his team-leading rushing total to 666 yards, Galen Hall topped the 1,000 yard mark in total offense and Jim Schwab finished as Penn State's leading pass receiver off-standout performances in the 47-26 victory over Pitt Saturday.

Kochman, who gained 47 yards in 11 attempts against the Panthers, closed out regular season competition with an average of 5.2 yards per carry.

He also emerged as State's top scorer this year. Kochman had 56 points on 9 touchdowns and 2 extra points to runnerup Don Jonas' 47 points on 2 touchdowns, 17 extra points and 6 field goals.

Hall, who passed for 256 yards against Pitt, accounted for 951 yards through the air and 83 overland to give him a total of 1,054 yards gained in State's 10 games. For his performance against the Panthers, Hall was named to the Eastern College Athletic Conference's All-East football team.

Schwab's three receptions Saturday gave him a total of 16 for the season, one more than runnerup Junior Powell.

Texas Expects to Face Ole Miss in Dallas

NEW YORK (AP) — Darrell Royal, youthful University of Texas football coach, said yesterday he would be greatly surprised if Mississippi is not picked as the Longhorns' Cotton Bowl football opponent.

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Downtown Between the Movies

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Roy Sievers of the Chicago White Sox and Frank Thomas of Milwaukee, a pair of well-traveled home run hitters, were traded to new clubs yesterday.

Sievers went to the Philadelphia Phillies in exchange for third baseman Charley Smith and right-handed pitcher John Buzhardt in the Chicago team's second inter-league deal in two days.

Thomas was purchased by the New York Mets, who begin operations in the National League next spring, for a player to be named later and cash.

The Sox-Phillies deal was an indirect result of Monday night's trade in which the Chicagoans acquired Joe Cunningham from the St. Louis Cardinals for veteran outfielder Minnie Minoso. The acquisition of Cunningham,

for first base, left the Sox free to trade Sievers.

The National League champion Cincinnati Reds also were active in the trade mart, buying relief pitcher Dave Sisler, a 30-year-old right-hander with a 2-8 record, from Washington for an announced \$75,000. Sisler, son of Hall of Famer George Sisler and brother of Dick, who is one of the Reds' coaches, took the place on the Reds' roster vacated by the sale of pitcher Orlando Pena to Toronto.

The White Sox-Phillies deal had been discussed for over two months with many changes in personnel before general managers John Quinn of the Phils and Eddie Short of the Sox finally reached an agreement.

Manager Gene Mauch of the Phils said he would play Sievers at first base and would return Don Demeter to his normal post in the outfield, probably center.



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