

Outdoor Roundup

By CASEY BOWN

Now it is official with the Governor's signature on the two bills which passed the legislature making the elk the state game animal and the rainbow trout the state fish.

There are some who claim that the elk we have in Utah now are not native to the state. Dr. Steve Durrant, a respected friend and authority on this subject, states that our elk today are the product of plants of elk from Yellowstone; that the numbers of these introduced elk were far greater than the native elk still on our ranges when these plants were made; that through interbreeding Utah's elk today are the product of this interbreeding and the same critters as those from the Yellowstone-Jackson Hole area.

To which we can only reply that an elk is an elk is an elk by any other name. At least elk were native to Utah in all recorded early history and, if only on a diluted basis, some of the blood of the indigenous elk our pioneers and the Indians knew is still coursing through the arteries of the elk we have here today.

Speaking of Indians reminds me of a letter from John Talmage in which he quotes from a journal his father kept. The quote becomes historical since it relates to a trip by his father to Fishlake in June of 1887. We should also say that Fishlake was THE place to go fishing in that long ago year.

"The Indians are camped about the lake in great numbers, and they catch trout by wholesale. They catch them in basket traps set in streams flowing out from the lake. This is the spawning season, and such extensive and reckless destruction must sooner or later produce a dearth of fish. Large heads and fish ova are seen outside the Indians' wickiups."

John adds, "Conservation problems obviously existed long before the days of trolling motors, pop gears, 'garbage baits,' and the White game hogs in countless numbers."

To which we reply that any conservation problem the Indians may have created at least allowed for perpetuation of the wildlife resources over the centuries before the invasion of the white man. And what would Grandpa Indian think of the environmental mess we have made of his lands in this day and age?

The litter left in Federal Parks, forests and other public lands will cost taxpayers \$22 million to clean it up during this year. This will be a 12 percent increase over last year and about \$4 million more than the entire budget of the U.S. Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife. — An estimated 400 hoofed game animals died in National recreation areas last year as a result of eating fish residue discarded by careless photographers. Another litter problem with even more serious consequences. — Non-residents who fished and/or hunted in Utah last year bought 21 percent of the total licenses sold. They also contributed 37 percent of the total license revenue due to the higher fee for the non-resident licenses. — Old ditty - if all the big fish you say you've caught my man, were stacked fish on fish they'd only fill a frying pan — and what is wrong with making them grow bigger after they leave the water?

Yours for fun,
Casey

Caldwell Scores 56 Points for Carolina

By United Press International

Joe Caldwell is some outpatient. The Carolina Cougar spent Friday in the hospital undergoing tests for an injured abdominal muscle and will return Saturday for more tests.

BYU Gains Gymnastics Victory

Brigham Young University gained a 134.30 to 126.60 gymnastics victory over the University of Utah Friday night in Salt Lake.

John Hughes of BYU won the floor exercise and horizontal bar events in addition to finishing second in rings and parallel bars to run away with the all-around title with a combined point score of 43.45.

This was the first compulsory match between the two schools although Utah has defeated BYU in two previous meetings. A compulsory match requires the contestants to follow set routines.

The results:
Floor Exercise — John Hughes, BYU, 8.2; Steve Halderman, Utah, 7.95; Brent Handeagle, BYU, 7.7.

Side Horse — Darryl Miller, BYU, 8.5; Wayne Larsen, BYU, 8.0; Jones, Utah, 8.5.

Rings — Rollie Wilson, BYU, 8.0; John Hughes, BYU, 8.0; Steve Halderman, Utah, 7.45.

Long Horse — Montgomery, Utah, 8.7; Bob Lander, BYU, 8.5; Luna, Utah, 8.35.

Parallel Bars — Halderman, Utah, 8.1; Hughes, BYU, 8.0; Wayne Young, BYU, 7.65.

Points for Carolina

But he was released Friday night and did some recuperating by pouring in 56 points as the Cougars routed the Kentucky Colonels, 156-139.

Caldwell, who jumped from Atlanta of National Basketball Association this season because the Hawks wouldn't meet his contract terms, smashed the Carolina scoring record by 11 points. The 156 points was also a team mark. Caldwell poured in 23 field goals and 10-of-15 free throws.

George Lehmann backed him up with 34 points and had 15 assists, also a team mark.

In the other American Basketball Association games, Virginia beat Pittsburgh, 122-119. Denver defeated the Floridians in overtime, 132-120, and Utah whipped Texas, 138-117.

Virginia connected on six consecutive free throws in the last two minutes to nip Pittsburgh. Mike Barrett and Charlie Scott paced the winners with 31 points each while Stew Johnson had 30 for the Condors.

Larry Cannon scored 14 points, including six during the overtime, to spark Denver's victory. Denver outscored the Floridians, 19-7, during the extra session with Ralph Simpson also scoring six points.

The victory snapped a four-game losing streak and left Denver in fourth place in its division.

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Wilt Outshines Lou; Lakers Win

By United Press International
Wilt Chamberlain showed Friday night that Lou Alcindor may still have a few things to learn.

Chamberlain played a strong defensive game and keyed a third-period Los Angeles rally that carried the Lakers to a 116-93 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Alcindor did manage to outscore Chamberlain, 27-14, but the Lakers center dominated just about every other department in the battle of the National Basketball Association's premier seven-footers.

Chamberlain's defense and rebounding sparked a 15-2 tear in the third period that broke open the game and turned it into a rout.

Happy Hairston had 24 points for the Lakers while Jerry West and Gail Goodrich had 23 each. Oscar Robertson had 16 for the Bucks to move to within 11 points of second place on the all-time list behind leader Chamberlain and Elgin Baylor.

Other Activity
Elsewhere in a full schedule of NBA activity, Portland beat San Francisco, 123-117. Detroit stopped New York 108-89, Chicago downed Philadelphia, 114-102, Boston edged Cincinnati, 114-110, Atlanta nipped Seattle, 121-120 in overtime, Baltimore beat Buffalo, 98-90, and San Diego defeated Cleveland, 118-106.

Goff Petrie scored 25 points as Portland beat San Francisco and became the first expansion team to win 20 games this season.

San Francisco center Nate Thurmond missed half the game with a cold and flu.

Deane Bing and Jimmy Walker teamed for 52 points as Detroit downed the Knicks. Bing hit 31 and Walker 21 as the Pistons moved out to a big lead early in the game and then held off a New York rally.

Willis Reed's 36 points and Walt Frazier's 28 were high for the Knicks.

Bob Love hit for 37 points and Chet Walker tossed in 29 to lead the Bulls, who ran their winning streak to five games. Archie Clark's 30 points were high for Philadelphia.

White Scores 26

Jo Jo White scored 20 of his 26 points in the second half and contributed eight of the last 12 Boston points as the Celtics beat Cincinnati. Don Nelson's jump shot with 12 seconds remaining put the game out of reach after the Royals had moved to within two points.



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by ED GIVAN
Here's a basketball oddity... The man who's played in more National Basketball Association games than any other player in history, was never supposed to play pro basketball at all. . . He is Dolph Schayes who holds the all-time NBA record for most games played, 1,059 — but before he started his career, Schayes was advised he wouldn't make it as a pro because he wasn't strong enough!

One of the real oddities of the recent pro foot-ball season was that George Blanda won the Most Valuable Player Award — and yet he was not even a regular! . . . Blanda played second-string behind Daryle Lamonica all year. . . That may be the first time in sports history that a man who couldn't make the first team all season won the Most Valuable Player Award.

Did you know that basketball star Pete Maravich used to practice so much as a youngster that he would take over 1,000 shots at the basket a day, EVERY DAY. Maravich estimates that in his lifetime he's taken over 1-million practice shots. . . It's possible that Pete has shot more baskets than any man who ever lived.

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McClendon Gets \$31,500 Salary

BATON ROUGE, La. (UPI)—Louisiana State head football Coach Charles McClendon was given a new five year contract Friday which includes a \$4,000 annual raise and exclusive rights to telecast use of Tiger game films.

The contract, approved without objection by the LSU Board of Supervisors, raises McClendon's annual salary from \$27,500 to \$31,500.

Ten of McClendon's assistant coaches also got raises Friday, ranging from \$1,200 a year to \$2,000 a year. Athletic Director Carl Maddox also got a new five-year contract raising him from \$36,000 to \$38,500 a year.

McClendon, who still had four years to go on his old contract, guided the Tigers to a 9-2 record last year and the No. 6 ranking in the final UPI poll.

Beatty Hurt as Stars Win

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI)—Playing without Zemo Beatty who was injured in the first minute of play, the Utah Stars, led by Glen Combs, ran past the Texas Chaparrals Friday night 138-117 for their sixth straight victory.

The win boosted Utah's lead in the Western Division to 1-4 games over Indiana. The Pacers were idle. Beatty re-injured his left knee taking down a rebound and sat out the rest of the game. Stars' officials said the 6-foot-9 center will undergo corrective surgery probably Monday. Beatty is expected to be out about a week.

Despite Beatty's absence, the Stars shot 53.9 per cent from the field, including six three-point baskets. Utah broke away from a 60-56 halftime lead, and ran away from the Chaparrals from then on.

Combs scored 40 points which

equaled his career high to offset a 34-point performance by the Chap's Donnie Freeman. Combs and Ron Boone came to Utah for Freeman and Wayne Hightower in a trade Jan. 7. Hightower was injured and did not play against his former teammates. Combs, George Stone and Boone hit consecutive three-point baskets midway through the final period to give the Stars their biggest lead of the game at 129-104.

Box:
Texas (117)
J. Beasley
Bedell
Moore
Hamilton
Freeman
Tart
C. Beasley
Jones
Croft
Totals
48 20-27 117

Utah (153)
Wise
Robbins
Beatty
Combs
Jackson
Boone
Butler
Stone
Nemeika
McDonald
Totals
Texas
24 32 26 35-117
Utah
29 31 38 40-138

Three-point goals: Tart; Combs 2, Boone, Butler, Stone, McDonald.
Personal fouls: J. Beasley, 1, Bedell 3, Moore 3, Hamilton 3, 8 1-2 17 Freeman 3, Tart 3, C. Beasley 1, Jones 3, Croft 4; Wise 5, 13 8-334 Robbins 2, Combs 2, Jackson 4, 2 0-0 5 Boone 5, Stone 4, Nemeika 1, 2 2-2 6 McDonald 2, 4 3-3 11 Total fouls: Texas 25, Utah 48 4-5 12 25
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