



Outdoors by

Don Brooks

'Interested Reader' Suggests Checking History of Elk

The week's mail contained a card signed only "Interested Reader" and ordinarily your Dead Fish Editor would have promptly assigned it to the wastebasket. But it brought up an interesting aspect of the "state animal" business.

"Interested Reader" suggested that the DFE get some facts regarding the elk before popping off that it is not a representative animal of the state. He points out that the elk was a native of the state and suggests the DFE check with such as Dr. Steve Durrant at the University of Utah.

Well, Steve and the DFE just happen to be brothers-in-law and I have one of the first copies of his book, "Mammals of Utah." And I have known for these many years that there was at one time a true native elk. But, let's quote from "Mammals of Utah," Pages 454-455. It's interesting.

"That the wapiti was a member of the native fauna of Utah is attested by the report of Allen (1874) who stated it was common in the mountains bordering Salt Lake Valley.

Numerous Elk in Uintas

"According to Barnes (1922) Marcus Jones stated that in 1888 elk were so numerous at LaMotts Peak in the Uinta Mountains that they 'trampled down the grass in the subalpine basin.'

"In his reports on the mammals of Utah, Barnes (1922-27) stated that only seven indigenous animals remained in the state prior to 1912 and were in the Uinta Mountains, but that possibly another six indigenous animals were in Cache County.

"In the period 1912-16 a total of 181 animals were transplanted into the state from Jackson Hole and Yellowstone Park. Other transplants took place and finally in 1924 the last transplant of 200 animals was made.

"The success of these introductions is attested by the fact that by 1917 the herd had increased to 327 animals and to 1,564 by 1925 . . .

"As a result of these introductions of animals, the native wapiti, if different originally, has probably through interbreeding with the introduced animals, been swamped out, until at present all animals in Utah are the same as those from Yellowstone Park and Jackson Hole."

It is that last paragraph that is of interest. The elk we now have is not the true native Utah wapiti that existed back in 1888. In other words we are placing the Yellowstone elk along with the Colorado blue spruce and the California seagull as symbols of the state.

Wyoming Antelope Data

Here's the dope on Wyoming antelope permits (and I have had plenty of calls):

Absolutely no permits will be issued until after a meeting in May which will determine the total number to be harvested and areas from which they will be taken.

But you may write to Information Division, Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, Box 1589, Cheyenne, stating that you want an application. That will be sent to you AFTER the May meeting, but by writing early you will help the clerks get the applications in the mail as soon as possible.

AND, there are no nonresident Wyoming elk licenses left. The entire quota of 5,500 was gobbled up by Jan. 4. The information clerk at Cheyenne told me, "I can't tell you how many applications we received, but we were swamped."

Sez the Sourdough Kid: If the population growth continues we'll be sending in applications to hunt five years ahead!



Guyle Fielder
Nears 1,700 Career Points

Hunters Gain Wyoming Deer Data

Special to The Tribune

CHEYENNE — Nonresident hunters planning trips to Wyoming this year for deer hunting, Saturday were reminded that important changes have been made in license application procedures.

Limited Number

Nonresident deer hunting licenses, limited to no more than 50,000 by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission in December, were divided among six regions in a move to control hunting pressure throughout the state. The new procedures do not affect residents of Wyoming.

Nonresident deer hunting licenses issued in 1971 will be valid only in hunting areas within the region for which they are issued. Applications will be received beginning Feb. 1 and the quotas for the six regions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Region Maps

Maps showing the six application regions will be available as soon as they can be printed. A new application form will also be used which allows applicants to list up to six regions in order of preference.

The application regions and nonresident deer license quotas are as follows:
Shoshone Region — 6,500;
Big Horn Region — 12,000;
Black Hills-Rawhide Region — 14,500;
Jackson-Bridger Region — 6,000;
Wind River-Sweetwater Region — 2,500;
Medicine Bow Region — 8,500.

Nonresident hunters may write the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, Box 1589, Cheyenne, Wyo., 82001, for all necessary deer license materials.

Around the Hockey Rink

Logan Fan Argues 'Hat Trick' Usage

By Don Brooks
Tribune Sports Writer

Mike Patchen of Utah State University has taken this writer and colleagues to task for what he claims is a "common error" regarding the hat trick.

Three Straight

"A true hat trick as defined by American Heritage Dictionary is three consecutive goals, wins or hits in any sport. The key word is 'consecutive.' Joe Robertson scored a true hat trick on Jan. 23 against Portland," Mike writes.

Sorry, Mike, but hockey people say no. Robertson scored a "perfect" hat trick with three consecutive goals. Now if you'll check these references:

Webster's Third New International Dictionary: "The scoring of three goals in one game by a hockey player."

Random House Dictionary: "Ice hockey, soccer — three goals or points scored by one player in one game."

She Helped

Place high on the list of those trying to save the Denver Spurs from financial oblivion the name of Billye Telling.

Billye, long-time secretary of the club, asked to be taken off the payroll with the promise she would work on a voluntary basis.

And the Spur players volunteered to play Friday's game against Salt Lake without pay. And in addition General Manager Coach Rudy Pilous

Solunar Periods For Eight Days

The schedule of solunar periods has been taken from Mrs. Richard Alden Knight's Solunar Tables. Plan your days so that you will be fishing in good territory or hunting in good cover during these times. If you wish to find the best sport that each day has to offer.

The major periods are shown in bold-face type. These begin at the times shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter. The minor periods, shown in regular type, are of somewhat shorter duration.

Date	Day	Major	Minor
Jan. 31	Sun.	8:35-9:50	9:00-3:15
Feb. 1	Mon.	8:35-9:50	9:00-3:15
2	Tues.	10:20-4:40	10:50-5:10
3	Wed.	11:25-5:25	11:25-4:30
4	Thurs.	4:35-12:10	4:30-5:30
5	Fri.	12:45-2:15	1:05-2:45
6	Sat.	1:25-8:10	2:00-8:35
7	Sun.	2:20-9:00	2:50-9:25

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requested that his salary be reduced.

Former Eagle Danny Schock had a short stay with the Philadelphia Flyers of the National Hockey League. The left winger has been sent to the Quebec Aces after one week with the Flyers who acquired him from the Boston Bruins. The Flyers want him to get back in shape after a long period of inactivity at Boston.

Bert Fizzell of the Des Moines team is certainly no "lizzle." The other night he scored the hat trick and set up the fourth goal as Des Moines tied Toledo, 4-4.

The Western Hockey League record for goals by one player in a season is 57, established by Lou Jankowski in '60-61 with Calgary. Dave Courcy of San Diego has a chance to beat that record. Through Thursday he had 35 and was one ahead of Jankowski's pace after 45 games.

Phoenix Star

It smells of robbery to this writer, but the Eagles' Robertson failed to gain player of the week honors for his perfect hat trick against Portland. Instead, the honor went to Larry Lund, Phoenix center. Robertson gained an honorable mention.

Lund won, according to WHL headquarters, because he was high in points with seven for the week on a goal and six assists.

Rick Charron, Eagle goalie, also gained honorable mention for the 7-0 Portland shutout.

Golden Geyse Fielder, who leads the WHL in just about everything, is going to have a big celebration in the not too distant future . . . and this writer hopes the event occurs at the Salt Palace.

Guyle through Thursday had 1,686 career points and needs only 14 more to reach a milestone of 1,700. Can you imagine how the Briny Barn will jump if Fielder scores than big one during a game on home ice?

To give you an idea of Guyle's production ability, the

second place player in career points is Art Jones of Portland. Art had 1,229 points through Thursday.

It was a hectic week for the scribes who cover the WHL. The word out of Denver was that the Spurs would fold any moment. The league board of governors met Wednesday and Thursday in San Francisco. But there was nothing official. As the hours and days passed Denver was still "in" but that was all.

Then the Denver fans came

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through with cash contributions and the day was saved, for a time anyhow.

But the question persists: How long can it last?

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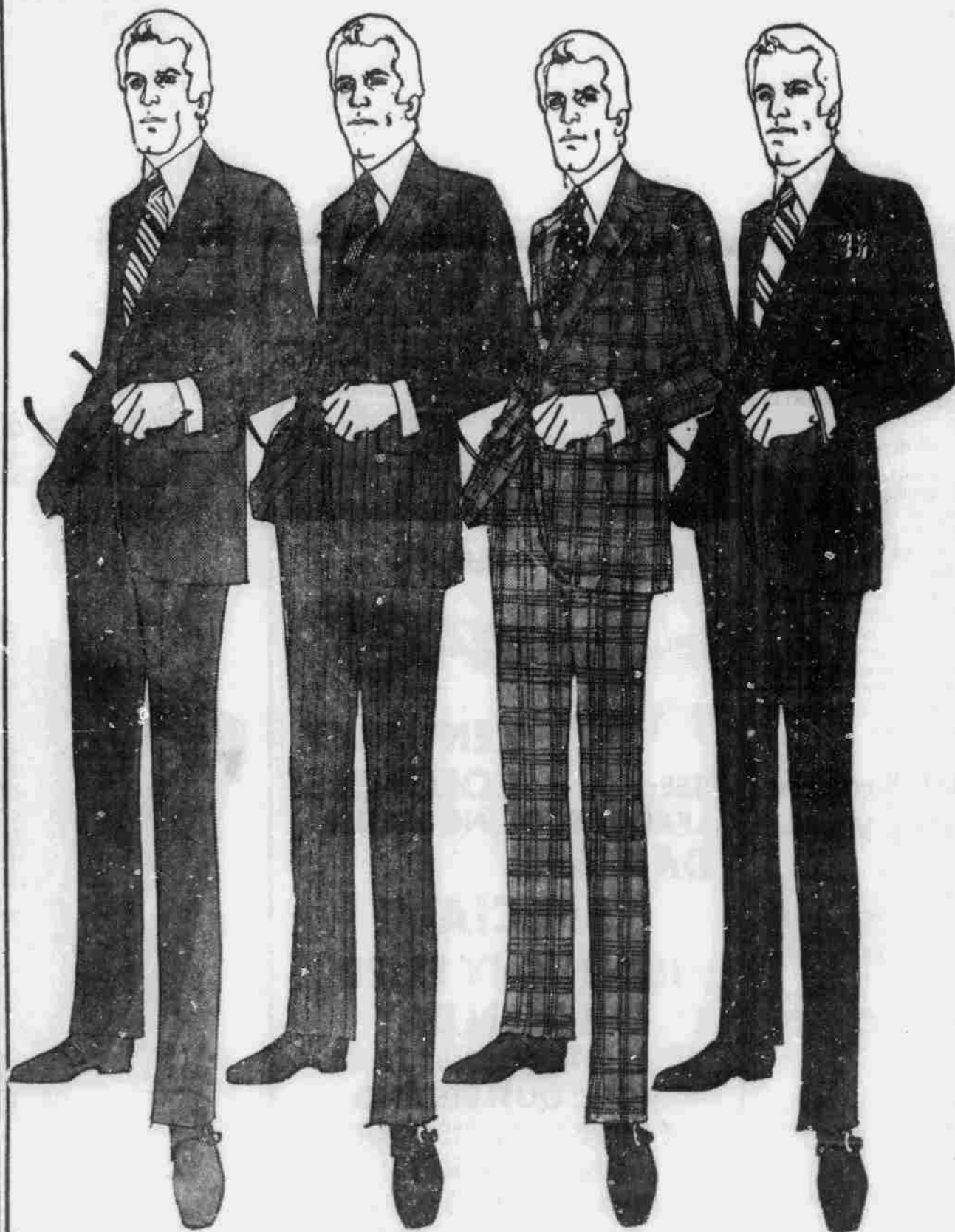
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