

Moose Hunt Ratio - cont'd

Total 255 - 100%

Age Data

A bull taken by a local resident in the Killala Lake area, was aged at 15½ years. This was our oldest recorded age for 1973.

41.5% of the animals taken were in the 1½ to 3½ years age class. This figure is indicative of a young and healthy herd. The most vulnerable animal is the 1½ year old; 14.9% of the kill was of this age class. Having recently been left by the parent cow, very curious and unafraid, the animal does not elect to run as do cows with calf and most older animals. Once beyond the 1½ year age, moose become progressively harder to hunt successfully.

Many moose hunters will be contacted by our Moose Management Section in Toronto within the next few weeks. They will be asked to fill in a questionnaire as to their 1973 moose hunt. This material is needed, along with the data collected by the District, to assist the Ministry in its Moose Management Programme.

L.J. Haas, District Manager.

SPORTS SLANTS

- By Ray Shank

I admit to being a lousy predictor. But I know of at least a dozen prognosticators of 1973 who were just as bad as I was and all of them are more closely associated with sports than myself.

Following are some of the forecasts made in 1973 that turned out false:

Back on January 13, 1973, Alex Delvecchio of Detroit Red Wings came up with this quote: "I would like to stay in hockey, but I would-

n't want to coach. What with the travel and all, it would be the same as playing." (Delvecchio quit playing to take over the Red Wings' coaching reins Nov. 10.)

U.S. figure skating champion Janet Lynn made this remark last January: "I don't really plan to turn professional." (Four months later she turned pro.)

And in that memorable world heavyweight championship match last January 22 between Joe Frazier and challenger George Foreman, champion Frazier said to Foreman: "I'm gonna set you down. You ready?" (Foreman took the championship away from Frazier, knocking him down six times in the four minutes and 35 seconds the fight lasted.)

Last February, these were the words of Gordie Howe: "Had I quit after a good year, it would have bugged me, but now when you quit after a bad one. I'm getting lazy now. I don't miss playing." (He's now playing for Houston Aeros of the WHA, along with sons Mark and Marty.)

Boston Red Sox manager Eddie Kasko: "I don't go out on a limb very often, but we're going to win the American league east division this summer." (He wound up eight games behind first place Baltimore Orioles and was fired.)

Last April: "Because we are going to re-view Johnny Wilson's position, that doesn't mean he has been fired. And we have not talked to Ted Garvin about the job." (The comment was made by Red Wings GM Ned Harkness about coach John Wilson. Ten days after the comment Wilson was fired and 11 days later, Garvin was hired.)

At his first press conference, later in April, Ted Garvin made the following statement: "I'm no stranger to the organization and I feel I can work here. I've always made the playoffs and I intend to make the playoffs here. In fact, I think we can finish in first place" (Garvin was fired after only 12 games, of which the Wings only won two.)

Chicago Black Hawks coach Billy Reay had this choice comment to make prior to last year's Stanley Cup finals between the Hawks and Montreal Canadiens: "The two goalies (Ken Dryden of Canadiens and Tony Esposito of Chicago) should be the key men in the finals." (The so-called key men played like sieves, giving up a record 56 goals as Montreal won in six games).

And remember this one? "I am granting permission for the Yankees to talk to Dick Williams about managing their club." (The words were spoken by Charlie O. Finley, owner of Oakland Athletics, after the A's had won the

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