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Drought Makes Waterfowl Prospects Bleak, Reports D.U.

Chicago-While British Columbia and Alberta have experienced some relief from dry spring conditions, the prairie region in Saskatchewan and Manitoba continues to receive a devastating "drought drubbing" according to Ducks Unlimited, North America's largest waterfowl conservation organization. Officials say the bone-dry conditions make waterfowl production prospects for the Canadian Prairies look bleak.

"We are currently evaluating these circumstances," said DU Executive Vice President Dale E. Whitesell, "and this much we do know. The persistent, dry prairie conditions have frankly caused a number of birds to completely forego breeding efforts, which will likely mean an overall decline in Canada's 1979 fall flight. Brood sizes are generally smaller than normal, and hatching dates of the birds that did nest successfully have been strung out.

Though it has taken its toll with waterfowl broods, there are some positive aspects to

the present drought situation according to Whitesell. The dry, firm ground, he points out, has enabled DU's construction crews to make good progress in their programs of building the dams, dikes, and other water-control structures which will help prevent a continuation of this year's devastating dry conditions next spring.

Under the bone-dry circumstances, Whitesell said the Prairie Provinces will simply yield as many birds as possible, with good to excellent production expected from eastern Canada. "Even though the prairie conditions are currently disappointing," said Whitesell, "DU is working toward minimizing the effects of drought in years to come, and indeed hopes to work with the Canadian and U.S. governments in the future towards that end. In the meantime, the situation could have been a lot worse in critical areas had it not been for the moisture retained by DU water-control projects across the central part of Canada."

The Commercial Electric Turn-On women's softball team won the championship of the Eagle Lake League at the end of play last Thursday with a 6-1 record and received the first place trophy. Members of the team are shown above, front row, left to right: Della Powell, Patricia Banks, Ruby Spears, Rose Clayton, Joyce Clayton, and Melinda Fernandez (in front with the trophy is her boyfriend, Steve). Back row, left to right: Coach Arthur Gutierrez, Arlene Spears, Edna Spears, Rosalyn Foster, Sandra Flowers, Sandra Schaefer, Coach Michael Cardenas and Manager Carmen Gonzales.

Proposed Split Goose Season Would Open On November 1

Parks & Wildlife Dept. Welcomes Comments On Proposed Seasons

Hunting season framework dates for waterfowl in Texas are about the same as they were in the previous year.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission will take final action on the proposed seasons in its August meeting in Austin, to be held during the last week of that month.

Hunters still have the opportunity to comment on the proposed seasons and bag limits during the remainder of the season.

Written comments may be directed to Bill Brownlee, Migratory Game Program Director, Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744.

The seasons are set by the Parks and Wildlife Commission within frameworks established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The proposed split season for ducks and geese in 1980-81 for most of the state is Nov. 8 through Nov. 30, and Dec. 13, 1980 through Jan. 15, 1981, from one half hour before sunrise to sunset.

For the High Plains Mallard Management Unit in the Texas Panhandle area, the proposed season is Oct. 28, 1980, through Jan. 18, 1981, from one half hour before sunrise to sunset.

For goose hunting west of U.S. Highway 81, the proposed season is Oct. 28, 1980, through Jan. 18, 1981, for snow, blue and Ross geese; and Oct. 27 through Nov. 30, 1980, and Dec. 13, 1980, through Jan. 18, 1981, for Canada and white-fronted geese.

Duck bag limits are proposed to remain the same as last year, at one to 10 ducks in the aggregated based on a 100-point system. Each duck species and sex is assigned a point value, and the hunter must stop hunting when the last bird taken added to the total point value of all other birds taken reaches or exceeds 100 points. The possession limit is the maximum number of birds of species and sex

which could have been taken legally in two days. Proposed point values are the same as last year.

Brownlee also reminded hunters they will have time to comment on the proposed expansion of the non-toxic shot zones for the state in the 1980-81 and 1981-82 seasons.

The 1980-81 proposal calls for nontoxic (steel) shot to be used in all gauges of guns only on the J. D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area.

Sea Rim State Park and the Sea Rim and McFaddin Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, all in Jefferson County. Last year the requirement applied only to the Murphree area and Sea Rim State Park, and nontoxic shot was required only for 12-gauge guns.

The recommendation for the 1981-82 seasons would expand the zone to include all the area south and east of Interstate Highway 10 from the Louisiana state line to Houston, thence south on Interstate Highway 65 to its junction with the Brazos River, thence east along the east shore of the Brazos River to the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico, thence southeast to the three marine league limit.

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Brenham Wins Dist. L.L. Title

The Brenham Little League defeated Columbus 7 to 0 in Columbus last Friday night to win the District 13 title and the right to advance to the competition level.

Columbus had won the Area III tournament and Brenham the Area IV crown.

Hot Weather Tough On Pond Fish, Too

Soaring temperatures over Texas are making life miserable for both humans and animals and that includes fish.

The problem is that hot, summer weather takes oxygen out of water, causing fish to suffocate, points out Doc Steinbach, fisheries specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Fish as well as aquatic plants draw on the oxygen reservoir in water, which is generally low to start with in the summer.

Hot, dry conditions cause water levels to drop, making the situation worse.

How can pond owners deal with the matter?

One of the first things to do is to cut back on stop fish feeding, says Steinbach. Fish feeding causes heavy nutrient levels which promote excess algae growth. Overstocking contributes to the algae problem as does improper fertilization.

Steinbach suggests that pond owners check closely for plant and fish die-off, particularly in the morning since this is usually the time when the oxygen level of water is the lowest.

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1st and 2nd Place Tourney Trophies Presented



The Eagle Lake Women's Softball League held its post-season tournament during the past weekend at the Little League Field. The team winning first place in the regular season and the American Hydro-Grass and Rice Aero Dusters winning first and second place trophies to Sandra Flowers, representing the Turn-ons.

shows presenting the first place trophy to Cynthia Sunderman, accepting the award on behalf of the Dusters. League president Elizabeth Reynolds (left) is presenting the second place trophy to Sandra Flowers, representing the Turn-ons.

Comm. Elec. Wins League; Dusters Take Tourney Crown

The Eagle Lake Women's Softball League concluded its play during the past week with the Commercial Electric Turn-ons winning first place in the regular season and the American Hydro-Grass and Rice Aero Dusters winning first place in the post season tournament.

The Dusters also won the league's pre-season practice tournament held June 25 and 26 and were featured in the Highlight at that time. The Turn-ons finished second in that pre-season event.

Commercial Electric finished league action with the best record, an impressive 6-1 mark. Miller's Grocery came in second at 5-2 and Uptown's Angels were third, also boasting a 5-2 record. Though the two teams were tied, Miller's Grocery was awarded second place since they defeated the Angels in their only matchup during the season.

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Sports

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Raider Gridders Get Football Shoes Wed.

Two-Day Workout To Begin Aug. 11th

The Rice High School athletic department will begin equipment next Wednesday, August 6th, between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. to all boys interested in playing football at Rice this fall.

Head coach Clifton Darden will begin on August 11th and all prospects, including those having played in the past and those wishing to play for the first time, are urged to report next Wednesday. Anyone unable to report at that time should contact Coach Darden or any other coach prior to that date.

Prospects are reminded that a \$10 fee for football insurance is required and should be paid on Wednesday. According to the coach, insurance, a physical and parental approval are required before athletes will be allowed to work out.

As has been a tradition at Rice for the past few years, the "Raider Mile" will be run at the first practice session held on Monday, August 11th at 7:00 a.m. Coach Darden says it is a must that athletes show up for the first practice session and urges that all be prepared to run the mile.

Besides the 7:00 a.m. workouts, the Raiders will also be practicing at 6:00 p.m. during the two-day session. Raider fans are welcome at any or all of the practices, says the coaches.

16 Teams In Ladies' S'ball Tour. Fri.-Sun.

Proceeds To Go For New Little League Concession Stand

The Eagle Lake Little League Association will hold a Women's Softball Tournament at the Little League Field on August 1, 2, and 3 with all proceeds from the event to go toward building a new concession stand and restroom facility at the Little League Field.

Sixteen of the top women's teams from Eagle Lake and surrounding areas will compete in the double elimination tournament with all games at the Little League Field.

At the conclusion of the tournament Sunday, trophies will be awarded to the top teams and players. Trophies include first through fifth place team trophies; 15 individual trophies for first and second place players; sportsmanship trophy; most valuable player; golden glove; infielder and outfielder; and 15 all-tournament trophies.

Any team interested in competing in this benefit tournament should contact tournament director Arthur A. Gutierrez, 1111 S. Draper Stephens in Eagle Lake before July 30th. In case of rain the event will be held the following weekend.

The first 16 teams to play the \$60 entry fee will be accepted. Trophies will be awarded at the conclusion of play on Sunday evening to the top teams and players.

To enter, contact Mrs. Bill Reynolds or Arthur Gutierrez in Eagle Lake.

Elizabeth Reynolds picked up the win on the mound for the Angels with a 6-1 record. Angela Flowers and Joyce Clayton each had three, Ruby Spears and pitcher Melinda Fernandez each had two, and Edna Spears and Renee Clayton each had one. For Shindler, Karen Konechek had two and Colleen Melton and Shirley Keith each had one.

In the second game it was the Angels showing little mercy in a 33 to 0 win over TLC. Elizabeth Reynolds pitched a no-hitter in the game for the Angels and also had one hit. Gloria Foster led hitting with 5. Angela McGrew had four, Wanda Henry and Darlene Holden each had two and Mary Samora, Paty Johnson and Kathy Matus each had one. Donna Newman did the pitching for TLC.

In the season finale on Thursday night, Miller's Grocery wrapped up second place with a 9 to 2 win over the A's. Donna Webb and Helen Supak each had two hits for Miller's with Loretta Neaka, Shariene Prassak, Carol Supak and Debbie Jones each getting one. Elizabeth Miller was the winning pitcher and also collected two hits. Shariene Prassak, Carol Supak, Viki Eberhart and Helen Supak each had one. For the Angels, Elizabeth Reynolds, Darlene Holden, Wanda Henry, Trudi Ovenshaw, Paty Johnson and Kathy Matus each had one hit.

There, July 24, in the battle of electrical shine on Thursday night, it was Commercial Electric at Shindler 25 to 4, wrapping up the league championship for the Turn-Ons. Patricia

Tillman each had two hits with Lynn Matus and Linda Matus each getting one.

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Rice Raiders Picked Fifth In New District 22AAA; Waller Is Favorite

Rice High School's Raiders football team will be playing in a new district, District 22AAA, with five old and two new district foes, and will have a new coach when the 1980 football season opens on September 5th of this year.

The Raiders, Waller, Bellville, Columbus, Sealy and Hempstead were moved for the 1980 football season from District 20AA to District 22AAA under the University Interscholastic League reclassification system, which takes effect with the opening of the 1980-81 year and will remain in effect through 1981-82.

Clifton Darden was elevated to the position of head football coach, under a two-year contract, to succeed Mike Rice as head coach. Rice resigned to go to Mount Pleasant.

In addition to the seven District 22AAA games, the Raiders will face three non-conference foes, La Grange at Rice Stadium for the season opener on Sept. 5, Hallettsville there on Sept. 12th; and Needville at home on Sept. 19th. There will be an open date on Sept. 26th.

The district 22AAA schedule includes: Oct. 3 Waller, there; Oct. 10 Hempstead, home; Oct. 17 Sealy, there; Oct. 24 Bellville, home; Oct. 31 Brazos Consolidated (Orchard-Waller), there; Nov. 7 Columbus, home; and the finale Nov. 14 in East Bernard.

The East Bernard Brahmas, 1977 state Class A champions, and the Brazos Consolidated Cougars are new district foes. La Grange and Needville were added this year as non-district foes.

Dave Campbell's Texas Football picks the Waller Bulldogs, 1979 state quarterfinalists in Class AA, to win the title in the new District 22AAA. The magazine lists Bellville to finish second, Columbus third, Sealy fourth, Rice in fifth, East Bernard sixth, Hempstead seventh, and Brazos Consolidated eighth.

Waller has 3 offensive and 5 defensive holdovers from a 9-2-2 year and a lot of help is expected. Bellville returns 7 offensive and 8 defensive starters from a team that won five games. Columbus Cardinals shared the District 20AA title with an 8-1 record but dropped out of competition because of a loss to Waller, and the Cards have only 3 offensive and 2 defensive starters returning. Sealy had a 6-4 record and lost 8 offensive and 3 defensive starters returning.

"RICE CONSOLIDATED should harvest a winner from such plus factors as passing, good overall size and quickness found among 5 offensive and 7 defensive returnees from a 3-7 team," reported Hallettsville fifth.

Hallettsville has 11 lettermen from a 11-1 year and is picked to take all the marbles in District 29-AAA. Elgin is picked