



Nothing Else Matters

by Kim Brady

Kim Brady downed this outstanding southern Saskatchewan whitetail on the first day of 2024 rifle season. Having discovered it on an early season countryside tour, he was able to keep fairly good track of the buck's whereabouts until it took off on a pre-rut reconnaissance of the local deer herd. Kim was lucky enough to spot the buck again opening day, when it was bedded down in an open field with a doe.

When Kim had the buck on the ground November 15th, it would likely have gross-scored over 260 inches! After the drying period for official scoring, this incredible whitetail still grosses a whopping 258 6/8 inches. Let that roll around in the cerebrum for a minute....

Follow along as Kim shares the experience of taking one of the largest whitetails ever!



As an avid upland bird hunter, I always look forward to the start of the farming harvest season. By the second week of August, in 2024, the combines were already rolling in our area. It was time for my annual early season tours of the local countryside. We'd had a mild winter, which was great for the local wildlife, and I was eager to see how the upland bird hatch had turned out this year.

Most mornings, I'd pour myself a cup of coffee and head out for a drive, hoping to spot some bird activity. On one such morning, following my usual route and soaking in the beauty of the sunrise, I turned south toward a recently harvested pea field. That's when I noticed a group of deer in a low spot. At first glance, I assumed they were mule deer; but then I realized they were whitetails.

One buck in particular caught my eye. Wow! At first, I noticed a drop-tine on his left beam. Then the group turned and started to run. I quickly grabbed my binoculars, and that's when I saw that the buck had drop-tines on both beams! And there were points going in every direction. He was unlike any of the typical whitetail bucks we usually see around my area.

When I got home, my wife, Andria, was still getting ready for work. I wasn't even sure how to begin describing what I had just witnessed. It had seemed almost unbelievable.

A couple of evenings later, I asked if she'd be interested in going for a drive to see if we could spot the huge buck again. She agreed. We drove down a trail not far from where I'd first seen the buck. Suddenly, he stood up in a cattail slough just 75 yards away, and Andria managed to snap a few photos on her phone. From that moment on, I made it my mission to keep track of the special



This trail cam image was taken at Kim's friend's place, five miles from where Kim had first discovered the buck.

whitetail's whereabouts. I only told my son, my brother, and one close friend about the deer.

When October rolled around and pheasant season opened, my son came out to hunt the first Saturday. Just as the sun was coming up, I said, "Let's swing by where that buck has been staying, maybe we'll catch a glimpse."

Sure enough, there he was, walking back into the same slough where he seemed to bed every day. My son looked at him and said, "Dad, that's the biggest deer in the province! Nothing else matters... You have to put everything you have into harvesting that buck!"

I didn't have access to the land where the buck was staying, but I also knew he wouldn't remain there once the rut kicked in. I had to be patient, stay quiet, and keep track of the whitetail's patterns.



This trail cam image was taken at Kim's friend's place, five miles from where Kim had first discovered the buck.



Kim's wife managed to snap a quick photo with her phone when the giant buck popped out of a slough.

I never saw anyone else watching that area as I was out every morning and evening, doing my best to monitor the incredible buck's movements.

The routine continued until the third week of October; and then the buck vanished. The pre-rut had begun, and the bucks were starting to roam. I searched in every direction; north, south, east, west... Nothing. I could not turn up any sign of where the giant non-typical had gone.

Then came November 15th, the opening day of rifle season in southern Saskatchewan.

I don't usually hunt whitetails with a rifle anymore, preferring the challenge of bowhunting. But for this buck, I was willing to make an exception!

I hunted that morning, but never laid eyes on the buck I was after. I had a 1 pm curling match in the local farmer's league that afternoon, but after that, I decided to try again. On my way home, I took a slightly different route, just a couple of miles from our place. That's when I finally spotted the buck once again. He was lying in a field with a doe, and I had permission to hunt that land! I rushed home to exchange curling gear for hunting gear.



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My luck held. When I returned, the pair of deer were still there. Now I needed a plan.

There was a trail that allowed me to approach from a direction where I wouldn't be seen. I stepped out of the truck and quietly moved into position. As I was settling in, the deer noticed my movement and got up to escape. After a couple of quick running shots, the buck went down. Just like flushing a big pheasant rooster, things happened fast!

As I approached the fallen whitetail, I was struck with how massive his rack truly was. Up close and personal, the body was much bigger than I had imagined also. That's when I realized I wouldn't be able to load him by myself. Knowing it was Friday evening, and that our neighbors usually go out for dinner early, I wasted no time making a call.

I phoned Barry and said, "I just shot a deer, could you give me a hand loading it?"

I explained where I was, and Barry said he'd be right there. Then I called our son and started the conversation by simply saying, "I got him." There was no need to elaborate on what subject I was talking about. He was absolutely thrilled and I was very happy to share the news with him as he had been so adamant that I put in the effort for this buck.

When Barry arrived, he couldn't believe the size of the buck either. Knowing the existence of a whitetail of this caliber is rare enough, but actually standing over one? That's something else entirely...

I may never be fortunate enough to see a buck like this again, but you can bet I'll be out in deer and bird country anyway, eager to make more memories.



There are no bad views on one of the best bucks to ever come out of Canada!

| AWARDS - ALL-TIME | | Detail of Point Measurement | |
|-------------------|-----|-----------------------------|--|
| Whitetail | 185 | 165 | |
| Cowart | 185 | 125 | |

| ABNORMAL POINTS | | | |
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| Right Antler | Left Antler | | |
| Burr - 2 1/8 | Burr - 1 1/8 | | |
| 1st Pt - 4 1/8 | Burr - 2 1/8 | | |
| 2nd Pt - 2 1/8 | 1st Pt - 2 1/8 | | |
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| 100th Pt - 1 1/8 | 98th Pt - 1 1/8 | | |

| SEE OTHER SIDE FOR SCORING INSTRUCTIONS | | | |
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| Right Antler | 19 1/8 | No. Points on Left Antler | 19 |
| Spread | 12 3/8 | C. Greatest Spread | 23 1/8 |
| Beam | 19 1/8 | SPREAD CREDIT (May Equal But Not Exceed Longer MAIN BEAM) | 19 1/8 |
| at Point | | Column 1 | Column 2 |
| 1st Point | 24 1/8 | 22 1/8 | 1 5/8 |
| 2nd Point | 6 3/8 | 6 1/8 | 1/8 |
| 3rd Point | 8 1/8 | 9 1/8 | 2 1/8 |
| 4th Point | 9 1/8 | 9 3/8 | 3/8 |
| 5th Point | 8 1/8 | 7 1/8 | 1/8 |
| 6th Point | 4 1/8 | 5 1/8 | 3/8 |
| 7th Point, if Present | 1 1/8 | 2 1/8 | 1 1/8 |
| 8th Point, if Present | | | |
| at Smallest Place Between Burr and First Point | 5 1/8 | 5 3/8 | 1/8 |
| at Smallest Place Between First and Second Points | 4 1/8 | 4 1/8 | 0 |
| at Smallest Place Between Second and Third Points | 5 3/8 | 5 1/8 | 3/8 |
| at Smallest Place Between Third and Fourth Points | 5 1/8 | 5 1/8 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 83 7/8 | 83 0/8 | 5 3/8 |

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|----------------|---------|---|---|--------------|--------------|
| Spread Credit | 19 1/8 | Exact Locality Where Killed* | Wayburn | County | Saskatchewan |
| Column 1 | 83 7/8 | Hunter (Legal Name) | Kim Parach | Date Killed | NOV 15 2014 |
| Column 2 | 85 0/8 | Trophy Owner (Legal Name) | Kim Parach | Telephone # | 506-561-6110 |
| Subtotal | 186 3/8 | Trophy Owner's Address | Box 204 Wayburn, SK | | 544-281 |
| Column 3 | 5 3/8 | Trophy Owner's Email | | Guide's Name | |
| Subtotal | 181 0/8 | Remarks (Mention Any Abnormalities or Unique Qualities) | See additional sheet for Abnormal Points. | | |
| Final E. Total | 72 3/8 | Photographic location data, mountain, view, etc. (required for trophies taken in Canada and Alaska) | | | |
| SCORE | 253 3/8 | Boone and Crockett Club's Official Measurer (I.D. Number) | K10178 | | |

the locality killed, the hunter address, the hunter phone number....maybe put some kind of border around the scoresheet?

The prairies of western Canada are full of surprises. This magnificent whitetail is one of them. If you have been following Big Buck magazine over the years, one thing you will discover is that a giant buck can come from just about any type of habitat or circumstance. They are amazing creatures, and Kim's buck is another example of how mythical whitetails can be....

