

# The Sequence Camera Captures the Thrilling Fight of a White Marlin



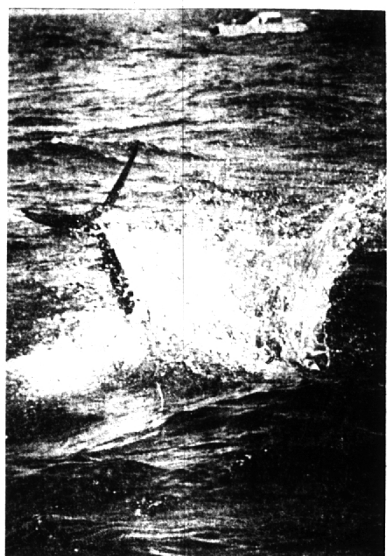
This unusual series of photographs of a white marlin in action was made during the recent Venezuelan fishing expedition of George Bass, Birmingham construction executive, and his wife, Phyllis. Shot from the Bass boat, the government-owned Comahutu II, the pictures were taken with the



space of two to three seconds with a 35 mm Bell & Howell Paton rapid sequence camera at 1,000 of a second. The first photograph shows the marlin just as it had been hooked by a member of the Bass party. The second and third pictures are during the same jump while the fourth shows the



climax of the Marlin's leap. It was the second trip this year to Venezuela for Bass, a director of Field & Stream magazine, and Mrs. Bass. A three-part account of their experiences begins on this page.



## Watrous to Defend PGA Seniors Crown in Florida Jan. 21-22



### Purse Now \$10,000; Plot Dimes Tourney Lengthened Pin Tourney In Oakland

Al Watrous, recently named Michigan sectional golf professional of the year, will defend his PGA Seniors championship Jan. 21-22 at Dunedin, Fla.

A new 72-hole format and an enlarged purse of \$10,000 will mark the tournament at the PGA National golf club.

The Oakland Hills pro won the PGA Seniors crown at Dunedin last January and then went on to take other prizes in the PGA Quarter-Century club tournament as well as the International Seniors championship in Scotland.

Prize money in the Seniors tournament, sponsored by William Teacher & Sons, Ltd., of Glasgow, Scotland, has been upped \$2,000. Previous tournaments have been 36 holes in length.

**TEACHERS TROPHY** winners from 32 sectional tournaments and other IGA members 50 and older will challenge Watrous in the six-day affair.

The winner of the 1958 PGA Seniors title will receive the Ronald Teacher trophy for one year and a replica of it for his permanent possession.

In addition to first-prize money, he will win an expense-paid trip to England to compete in the British Open championship and the International Seniors match.

Watrous has won the PGA Seniors championship three times and had been a runner-up twice in

**Card State AAU Pool Championship**

The Michigan AAU swimming championship has been scheduled for Jan. 19 in Detroit under the sponsorship of the American Turners of Detroit.

**Three Prep Mat Tests on Docket**

Berkley will be the first 1958 foe of Cranbrook's wrestling squad in a Tuesday afternoon match at the Crane gym.

**Junior Cage Program Starts**

The Birmingham recreation department's junior basketball program gets underway Saturday evening at six locations in the city.

**Obtaining larger bait** the period of July through October, we none the less were faced with the urgency of experimenting for ourselves, unheard of concentration. Our feelings, therefore, were somewhat divided—the deepest pleasure at the prospect of returning, combined with curiosity of what we were to find.

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Birmingham area bowlers will get their crack at two new automobiles as well as television sets in the March of Dimes bowling tournament which begins in Oakland county Jan. 11 and continues through Feb. 2.

Alvex in Birmingham and throughout Oakland county will cooperate in the three-week affair for the benefit of the 1958 March of Dimes, according to Stanley Gaby, field secretary for the Oakland county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

**AWARDS** are provided for both the men's and women's divisions. First place winner in the men's division will receive a 1958 four-door Pontiac sedan. First place woman winner will be presented a 1958 Yaukhall. Second and third place winners in each division will receive television sets.

Qualifiers from each Oakland county alley will compete in the county rollout Feb. 9. County winners will later participate in statewide finals for six-day all-expense paid trips to Mexico.

Entry blanks are obtainable from Oakland bowling alleys and from league secretaries. All sanctioned league bowlers in the county are eligible. The \$1 entry fee goes to the March of Dimes.

**While on a boat patrol**, the Kent county officer checked a boat with three fishermen aboard. One of the anglers looked closely at Durham, then said: "I believe I know you. Aren't you officer Durham or Durban?"

"Yes," the game warden replied, "I'm Paul Durham."

"I want to tell you now that I really wasn't fishing with that third line," Durham points out that the angler, who didn't want to argue, had pleaded guilty.

**Minimum age for participation** in the program is 9. The classes will be held each Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. through January and February.

**A \$30,000,000 bond issue** provided for improving Michigan's state park system was proposed by the conservation commission at its December meeting.

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While on the first stage of our exploratory work in Venezuela during March and April, we had made a thorough study of the southern Equatorial current waters of the northern coast of Venezuela, and the well-substantiated presence of bait fish such as sardines and small mackerel to be expected during the summer months, together with the consequent following of large schools of white marlin drawn to this area by these bait fish, and the results of this research could point to only one possible conclusion, yet, we were inescapably drawn back to these waters to see for ourselves whether it might possibly be true that these fish could be present in such unbelievable numbers.

Our study further pointed to the gradual appearance of these white marlin through the spring months,

reaching a peak period of concentration about the middle of July, with tremendous schools of these fish appearing in the area on Oct. 15. Further, local records indicated 56 of these white marlin being brought to the shore dock in one and a half days during the first local Venezuelan tournament ever held, in 1956.

**CERTAINLY** the presence of great quantities of Spanish sardines and mackerel was indicated during that period of the year and we had, therefore, decided that this area might well be considered one of the most highly regarded sportfishing grounds in the Atlantic ocean.

On the first leg of our exploratory trip of the Venezuelan coast during March and April, we had certainly established that the wa-

ters between Laguna and LaGuaira, the port of Caracas, were productive, beyond any possible expectation of blue marlin averages some 275-300 pounds. On that trip we had fished those waters for 14 days during which time we raised 32 blue marlin to baits, boating nine.

Obtaining larger bait the last five days of our blue marlin activities and using 2½ to 3-pound bonito in lieu of 1 to 1½-pound midlets, we were successful in landing four blues in the five-day period.

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**Sports Calendar**

**Basketball**  
Friday, Jan. 10  
Birmingham at Mt. Clemens, 6:30 p.m.  
Cranbrook at Royal Oak Kimball, 6:45 p.m.  
Milford at Bloomfield Hills, 7 p.m.  
Farmington at Southfield, 7 p.m.  
Avondale at Troy, 6:45 p.m.  
Country Day at Lamphere, 7 p.m.

**Swimming**  
Tuesday, Jan. 14  
Birmingham at Royal Oak Kimball, 6:30 p.m.  
Cranbrook at Bloomfield Hills, 6:30 p.m.  
Oak Park at Troy, 6:45 p.m.

**Wrestling**  
Friday, Jan. 10  
Birmingham at Mt. Clemens, 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 14  
Birmingham at Ferndale, 4 p.m.  
Southfield at Pontiac, 4 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 13**  
Southfield at Waterford, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 14**  
Berkley at Cranbrook, 4 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 16  
Bentley at Southfield, 7:30 p.m.