

# The Elmer Gotz's Buck

By Eli Randall



Elmer's state record Non-Typical was shot on the second day of the 1973 deer season just outside of Cochrane in Buffalo County. Elmer, a retired game warden and tug boat operator, was eating dinner that Sunday afternoon when plans were made to attempt to fill some remaining deer tags. The hunting party consisted of Elmer, his two sons Randall and Dr. Vincent Gotz, additional family members and friends. They were hunting land that Elmer knew quite well, as he had hunted in that area for several years and had many bucks to his credit.

Part way through a deer drive, Elmer had the 30-pointer jump up from a bed behind a windfall in front of him. He quickly shouldered his 12-gauge Browning and fired two shots which immediately brought the 175-pound buck down. When they walked up to the deer they were surprised at how big the rack was and realized one of the brow tines had been shot off. A few days later Elmer and Louis Engfer, a member of the hunting party and owner of the land the deer was shot

on, decided to go back and see if Elmer had been the one who shot the brow tine off. Within five minutes of reaching the spot where Elmer had shot the deer they found the missing piece of antler.

The rack was later scored by Pete Haupt, one of the founders of the Wisconsin Buck & Bear Club. The score was tallied at 253-0/8 Non-Typical, which included the broken point. This score later was changed to 245-0/8 due to Boone & Crockett's rule of only measuring up to the point of break on the broken point. Since then, Boone & Crockett has changed that rule to include the broken off piece and now acknowledges the original score of 253-0/8.

Elmer's deer is still recognized as Wisconsin's number one firearm Non-Typical and one of the top scoring Non-Typical whitetails ever taken by a hunter. By all accords, this recognition could not have happened to a more deserving hunter.



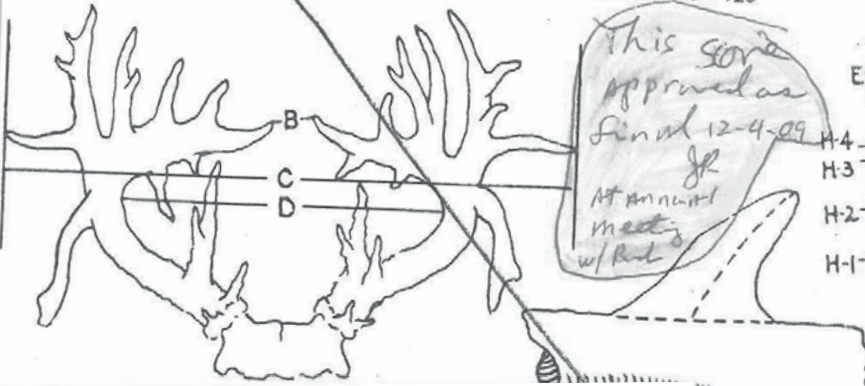
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NON-TYPICAL WHITETAIL DEER Min. Score 160:20-180-195  
 NON-TYPICAL COUES DEER Min. Score 105:15-120



GOTZ BUCK

AENORMAL	
Points	Line E
R	L
2 2/8	3 6/8
3-0	1 1/8
3 1/8	2 5/8
10 6/8	4 6/8
1 2/8	5 3/8
3 3/8	1 4/8
6 5/8	2 7/8
1-0	4-0



Totals	31 4/8	26-0
To E	57 4/8	

Supplementary Data	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
R L	Spread Credit	Right Antler	Left Antler	Difference
15 15	12 4/8			
	27 5/8			
	but not antler	20 6/8		
	57 4/8			
		27 4/8	27-0	4/8
		7 5/8	8 2/8	5/8
		10 7/8	12 5/8	1 6/8
		10-0	11-0	1-0
		7 2/8	7 3/8	5/8
		2 2/8	2 7/8	5/8
		1 2/8	1-0	2/8

- G-5. Length of Fifth Point, if present
- G-6. Length of Sixth Point, if present
- G-7. Length of Seventh Point, if present
- Circumference at Smallest Place
- H-1. Between Burr and First Point
- Circumference at Smallest Place
- H-2. Between First and Second Points
- Circumference at Smallest Place
- H-3. Between Second and Third Points
- Circumference at Smallest Place
- H-4. Between Third and Fourth Points

TOTALS	57 4/8	
ADD	Column 1	20 6/8
	Column 2	88 5/8
	Column 3	92 1/8
	Total	201 4/8
SUBTRACT	Column 4	6-0
	Result	195 4/8
Add Line E Total		57 4/8
FINAL SCORE		253-0

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