

ROYAL MOOSE HUNT FINDS EX-KING MICHAEL BEST SHOT

For the sport of Kings - a Royal party. In the forest north of Stockholm - Sweden's Prince Wilhelm and Rumania's ex-King Michael are the first target (for photographers only) as the traditional moose-hunting season opens in Scandinavia. There, too, is King Frederick of Denmark - equipped like a professional huntsman.

With the King comes his cousin Prince Axel - a recent visitor to London. The Scandinavian moose season lasts about as long as Britain's grouse season. For this grand opening shoot, the Royal gamekeepers have selected an area that in past years has proved a rich hunting ground. An illness, which at one time his doctors feared would prove fatal, prevents Sweden's aged King Gustav from accompanying the hunt - only the second time he has missed it for nearly half a century. His son - Prince Wilhelm - is the first to spot the quarry.

A moose cow - but there is a young calf following her. No target for any huntsmen!

But now Prince Wilhelm spots something else! A King Stag! He shoots but misses.

It's left to ex-King Michael to score the first hit of the day. A 12 antler stag - indeed a fine animal and one to keep the Royal party talking - and eating - for quite a time.