

Super Bowman Josh Ciulla Gets Kansas Double On Fort Riley

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Everyone has heard of the Green Arrow well Sergeant Josh Ciulla might very well be the Olive Drab version of the infamous super hero.

I say this because I witness him pulling off an incredible fifty yard on the run turkey shot.

I had better back up here and start from the beginning. Josh and I met at Casey General Store in Ogden, Kansas at 7:30 a.m. This is way late for die hard turkeys hunters who prefer to be up well before dawn so that they can get set up and catch an old gobbler right out of the roost but after several days of that routine we opted for a later start.

As we headed down the road to the area I had selected for this days hunt we saw about forty birds with several

nice struts in a field adjacent to the Fort property. I've never passed up a flock in sight and this one wasn't going to be my first; so Josh and I parked our trucks and moved back down a food plot to set up as close as we could to where the flock was located.

I knew that we had very little chance of getting the old gobblers who were apparently hen-ed up but that we might lure one of the less dominant birds across the road to our setup.

An hour later we were still waiting and with the traffic increasing along the road that divided the two areas it was time to pull up and move on to our original destination. This proved to be a wise decision.

Once we had arrived at where we

would park our vehicles we still had quite a walk ahead of us.

The field we were headed for was well concealed about a mile in and a quarter of a mile off the main road.

As we cautiously eased into the field off to our right and in the distance we heard the distinct sound of a gobble and quickly picked a location to get set up. The time was 10:15 a.m.

Josh set his blind up at the edge of the field and the both of us placed two hens, a strutting gobbler and a jake decoy about twenty yards into the field.

I then moved to a concealed area where I could wait until things got quite and began calling.

I started with a gobble to let any other dominate gobbler know that I was in the area. I followed this immediately with the cutting a hen makes when she's ready to be bred. This was met with silence and the waiting game began.

Just when I began to think that we were going to strike out again, the sound of some angry cardinals let me know that something was invading their space and I knew the birds were

on their way and even though they were coming in silent I was determine to wait them out no matter how long it took. It didn't take long.

Suddenly at the left end of the field two very nice jakes appeared and started toward our decoys. A few clucks on my mouth call and their pace increased rapidly until they were right at the decoys in full strut where Josh made his first shot at twenty yards. The remaining jake stood there and so I clucked again and he raised his head but as Josh was putting another arrow in his bow he spotted him and took off at a dead run.

Thinking to myself that the hunt was over I stepped from my cover and headed toward the down bird but as I came into the field I noticed the second bird flopping a good fifty yards on the other side of the field.

Josh has pulled off the miraculous, a fifty yard hit on a turkey in a dead run. All he had to say was, "I told you my bow was zeroed."

"Yes you did Josh; yes you did or is it Green Arrow in Olive Drab?"

The time was 11:30 a.m.



Me and Josh with the 20 ½ pound and 17 ½ pound Kansas Double that Josh took with his bow on Fort Riley, Kansas April 4, 2013