

**22nd ANNUAL KCKL 95.9 FM
BIG BASS TOURNAMENT
Cedar Creek Lake
April 2-3, 2005**



Tournament Champion Cooper Busch, Station Manager Pat Isaacson, and Tournament Director Mike McBurney. For his win Cooper received \$6200 cash, a Tournament Champion Bag and special edition KCKL Tournament Kistler Graphite Rod.

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Cedar Creek Lake - Some of the best weather in years greeted anglers in the 22nd Annual edition of the KCKL Big Bass Tournament. On Saturday morning, a heavy fog moved in for the Tournament start but temperatures soon warmed up to 70s which had the big bass quite active and biting. With light winds, anglers were able to fish their choice of locations and patterns to get that big bite. The approximately 1,000 fisherman found many of the big bass moving up into the shallows feeding in preparation for the spring spawn. Anglers weighed in over 500 big bass, which were then released back into Cedar Creek Lake under the Texas Conservation Society sanctioned "live release program". Anglers reported success on a wide variety of baits and fishing techniques ranging from bed fishing in the shallows to cranking with deep diving crankbaits in 17 feet of water. The majority of prize-winning bass were caught in shallow coves and pockets using lightly weighted plastics such as flukes, lizards, craw worms and light colored spinnerbaits.

On Saturday morning, Cooper Busch of Canton brought in his big bass weighing in at 9.34 lbs. His fish was taken on the lower end of the lake on a dark colored craw worm. For the next day and a half, Cooper had to endure the many live radio reports of big bass coming in to the scales to challenge his Tournament lead.

When the final weigh in hour closed at 3:00 o'clock on Sunday, Cooper's 9.34 lb. bass stood fast to win the 1st Prize of \$6200. Additionally, Cooper received a 2005 KCKL Tournament Champion Tackle Bag and Special Edition 2005 Champion KCKL Hat from Sewin Sam's custom embroidery, plus a 22nd Annual KCKL Tournament graphite rod by Kistler Custom Rods.

In total, over 140 cash prizes were paid to the tournament contestants making for quite a few happy anglers. Five lucky anglers also received \$100 for even weight bass of exactly 3.00 lbs.

To encourage family and youth participation, the Tournament offers a special \$10 Entry Fee for those anglers under 16 years of age (they are still eligible for all other Tournament prizes). This year we had 52 Youth Division anglers. Additionally, 29 Lady Anglers participated in this year's event.

As usual, there was the Saturday afternoon BBQ and after each day's final 3:00 o'clock weigh in, over 40 great door prizes were awarded by random contestant drawing. Prizes included Kistler rods, Strike King Lure packs, Abu Garcia reels, Stren Line paks, and fish and game mountings by Cedar Creek Taxidermy.

We would like to thank our loyal Tournament sponsors: Radio Station KCKL 95.9 FM, Gander Mountain Outdoors, Strike King Lures, Stren Fishing Line, Abu Garcia Reels, Kistler Graphite Rods, Sewin Sams Embroidered Hats/Shirts, Cedar Creek Taxidermy, and The Texas Conservation Society.

Next year's 23rd ANNUAL KCKL 95.9 FM BASS TOURNAMENT is scheduled for March 25-26th. Mark your calendar and come join us for the fun.

OVERALL FINAL STANDINGS

1ST	Cooper Busch, Canton	9.34 lbs.
2nd	Kevin Moore, Kemp	8.52 lbs.
3rd	Steve Silvertooth, Kilgore	8.31 lbs.
4th	Morgan Ellis, Maypearl	8.25 lbs.
5th	Charles Fincher, Corsicana	8.10 lbs.
6th	Brad Ellis, Leander	7.87 lbs.
7th	Willis Montes, Grand Prairie	7.64 lbs.
8th	Kirk Landon, Forney	7.39 lbs.
9 th	Jerry Horton, Mesquite	6.62 lbs.
10th	Bob Canada, Kemp	6.54 lbs.
11th	Richard Oxford, Hunt	6.39 lbs.
12th	John Mark Bailey, Malakoff	6.31 lbs.
13th	Pat Settles, Streetman	6.27 lbs.
14th	Wes Hughes, Athens	6.27 lbs.
15th	Jeff Norris, Boyd	6.23 lbs.
16th	Tommy Tanner, Jr., Mabank	6.20 lbs.
17th	Bobby Reed, Jr., Mineola	6.16 lbs.
18th	Troy Batson, Ennis	6.06 lbs.
19th	Mike Vestal, Carrolton	5.92 lbs.
20th	Cory Campbell, Waxahachie	5.91 lbs.

There were 40 Places paid in the Overall Final Standings. 80 Winners were paid in the Hourly Prize competition. Each year, the Event pays \$100 for every even 3.00 lb. or 5.00 lb. bass. This year we had five anglers winning the \$100 bonus prize for even 3.00 lb. bass.

Ladies Division

1st	Belinda Crouch, Waxahachie	4.77 lbs.
2nd	Martha Scroggins, Dallas	3.72 lbs.
3rd	Darla Morgan, Italy	3.30 lbs.
4th	Dee Karr, Whitney	3.06 lbs.
5th	Michelle Miley, Mabank	3.04 lbs.

Youth Division

1st	Travis Bruce, Waxahachie	4.54 lbs.
2nd	Michael Stamper, Fairfield	4.14 lbs.
3rd	Zachary Keeling, Kemp	3.86 lbs.
4th	Cole Dodson, Kemp	3.60 lbs.
5th	Blake Oliver, Garland	3.48 lbs.
6th	Dalton Stevens, Scurry	3.29 lbs.
7th	Cody Spring, Terrell	3.18 lbs.
8th	Dakota Bruce, Combine	3.13 lbs.
9th	Joe Waldon, Grand Prairie	3.00 lbs.
10th	Turner Hall, Weatherford	2.96 lbs.

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