

THE 20th ANNUAL KCKL 95.9 FM BIG BASS TOURNAMENT

Cedar Creek Lake -- March 22-23, 2003

Cedar Creek Lake - Some of the most beautiful weather in 20 years of KCKL 95.9 FM BIG BASS TOURNAMENTS greeted contestants and spectators at last weeks anniversary event. Light winds and temperatures ranging from the 50s to the 70s made for some prime conditions for anglers vying for the 140 cash prizes up for grabs. Contestants entered in this year's event came from as far away as Arizona, Virginia, and New York. During the event, anglers weighed in over 400 bass which were then released back into Cedar Creek Lake.

For the 20th Anniversary Tournament, KCKL returned to the location where it all began in 1984 - Sunny Glen Marina at Clear Creek. With the warming water temperatures, over 1,000

fishermen found the big bass moving up into the shallows feeding in preparation for the spring spawn. Most of the bass were caught in shallow coves and pockets using spinnerbaits and lightly weighted plastics such as Senkos and lizards. As has been the case the past few years, the Tournament winning bass has been landed on



This angler's five pound class fish took home some of the Hourly Prize Money



Tournament Director Mike McBurney and the 2003 Tournament Winner, 16 year old James Milligan with his 9.26 lb. BIG BASS

the second day of the Tournament. During the Sunday 1-2 o'clock Hour, sixteen year old James R. Milligan, Jr. of Kemp excitedly brought in his 9.26 lb. big bass. James reported catching his fish on an 8 inch plastic worm in 13 feet of water on the south end of the lake. The Tournament winning fish was worth \$7,700 in cash plus a chance for a new 2003 Chevrolet Duramax Diesel Pickup from Teague Chevrolet-Buick of Mabank. Additionally, James received a Special Edition KCKL "Tournament Champion" tackle bag and 20th Annual KCKL Tournament Kistler Graphite Rod.

In total, over 140 cash prizes were paid to the tournament anglers making for quite a few happy people. Especially proud was the 10th Place winner Bobby Willoughby of Lindale. Bobby landed his 10th place bass on a Strike King 3X plastic craw worm to win the \$500 Bonus Cash prize from Strike King.

To encourage family and youth participation, the Tournament offers a special \$10 Entry Fee for those under 16 years of age. This year we had seventy five Youth Division anglers. Additionally, 27 Lady Anglers participated in this year's event.

We would like to thank our loyal Tournament sponsors: KCKL 95.9 FM, Strike King Lures, Stren Line, Kistler Rods, Sewin Sams, Drift Control Sea Anchors, The Texas Conservation Society, and Teague Chevrolet-Buick.

Next year's 21st ANNUAL KCKL 95.9 FM BASS TOURNAMENT is scheduled for March 27-28th at Log Cabin Park. Mark your calendar and join us for the fun.

Final Overall Standings

1. James Milligan, Jr., Kemp	9.26 lbs.
2. Bill Harris, Eustace	8.61
3. Jason Hyde, Canton	7.48
4. Tim Eaves, Ft. Worth	7.00
5. Carl McCord, Rowlett	6.67
6. Greg Christian, Azle	6.55
7. Richard Oxford, Hurst	6.26
8. Rodney Tolar, Farmersville	6.08
9. Rick Brown, Seagoville	5.72
10. Bobby Willoughby, Lindale	5.50*
11. Bradley Wood, Combine	5.43
12. Marc Chapman, Kaufman	5.33
13. Jerry Green, Malakoff	5.21
14. Todd Campbell, Ennis	5.17
15. Robert Campbell, Ennis	5.13
16. Mark Chatterly, Mabank	5.05
17. Charles Mathis, Corsicana	5.04
18. Barry Oliver, Garland	5.03
19. Billy "Rusty" Hutchinson, Mabank	5.01
20. Doug Walker, Glen Rose	4.95

* 10th Place Winner won \$500 Strike King Bonus cash for landing his bass on a Strike King 3X Plastic Craworm

Ladies Division

1. Christy Davis, Azle	4.60 lbs.
2. Linda Harden-Solis, Garland	4.00
3. Debra Rinehart, Mesquite	3.91
4. Dixie Rodgers, Ft. Worth	3.78
5. Belinda Crouch, Waxahachie	3.65



Greg Christian of Azle watches the scoreboard postings as he prepares to weigh in with his 6.55 lb. bass

Youth Division

1. Jeremy Perkins, Ennis	3.24 lbs.
2. Kalob Pearson, Grand Prairie	3.21
3. Mathew Bullock, Malakoff	2.88
4. Dillon Perchal, Ennis	2.76
5. Haydon Allred, Waxahachie	2.37
6. J. D. Olham, Eustace	2.32
7. Blake Oliver, Garland	1.94
8. Dakota Bruce, Combine	1.93
9. Hugh Roberts IV, Malakoff	1.88
10. Jeremy Huff, Ennis	1.85



One of the many lady anglers weighing the 20th Annual KCKL 95.9 FM Tournament

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