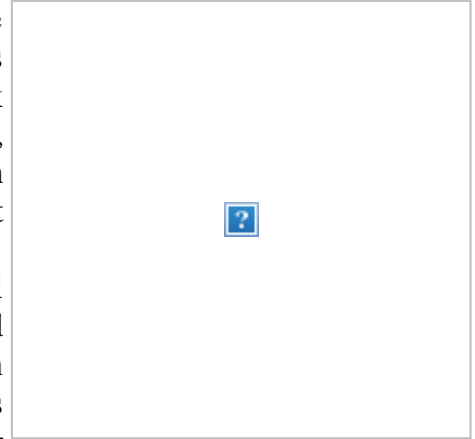


THE 17th ANNUAL KCKL 95.9 FM BIG BASS TOURNAMENT

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Cedar Creek Lake/Malakoff, TX "ç March 25-26, 2000 "ç The 1000+ anglers in the 17th Annual KCKL 95.9 FM Big Bass Tournament held last weekend out of Log Cabin City Park enjoyed generally good weather conditions and light winds, but faced unusually low water conditions. Like many North Texas lakes, lack of winter rainfall has left the lake some 4 feet low. This condition eliminated the prevalent "boat dock" pattern so productive in previous years and concentrated anglers on secondary cover such as rocky shorelines and recently exposed stumps and brushpiles. Anglers weighed in over 400 fish while competing for more than \$57,500 in prizes and cash awards including two SKEETER/YAMAHA fishing rigs from Plano Marine.



Jerry Milligan of Malakoff brought a fat 9.64 pound bass to the scales on Saturday to take the Day 1 Tournament lead. But with the two previous years' Tournament winning bass being landed on Sunday, we're sure Jerry had a tough time sleeping Saturday night. But with no "double digit" fish on Sunday, Jerry held on to win 1st Prize - a lake ready SKEETER SX 186 with 150 HP YAMAHA OUTBOARD. Jerry reported making the winning catch on a plastic worm fished on the lower end of the lake.

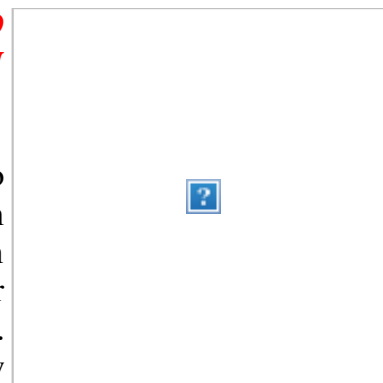


Another nine-pound class Cedar Creek Lake bass took 2nd Place when Dale Hogget of Red Oak landed a 9.17 lb. lunker to win \$5,200. Dale reported catching his bass by fishing a Texas rigged ringworm on the lower end of the lake. The 3rd bass was brought in by Bill E. Harris of Eustace and weighed 8.02 lbs. This year we had a winner of the Special Bonus Cash Award of \$500 from Tournament Sponsor STRIKE KING LURES when Paul Miles of Irving caught his 7.47 lb. bass on a STRIKE KING SPINNERBAIT and finished in the 10th Place position. With his combined awards, Paul took home \$900. Also, as in previous years, the Tournament was able to increase the cash awards and number of checks to levels

well above the original guarantee due to excellent participation. In addition to the SKEETER/YAMAHA 1st Place rig and the SKEETER/YAMAHA Draw Boat, over 155 checks were presented to winners in the Hourly and Final Standings competition.

SKEETER BOATS/YAMAHA OUTBOARDS FACTORY DEMO TEAM SETS NEW RECORD WITH 508 DEMONSTRATION RIDES

Light winds allowed the SKEETER/YAMAHA Factory Team to show off many of the ZX models in performance Demo rides on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. A new record of 508 Demonstration rides was set during the Tournament. Also, Plano Marine Owner Benny Ray was on hand to talk to anglers about new and used rigs. After the final weigh-in, a Contestant Drawing was held for a new SKEETER/YAMAHA aluminum rig. The lucky winner of the Draw Boat was Troy Askew of Mabank.



In addition to the SKEETER/YAMAHA rigs and cash prizes, Tournament participants enjoyed a Saturday afternoon BBQ and Door Prize Drawings for over 40 STRIKE KING and STREN LURE PACKS, 40 KISTLER CUSTOM GRAPHITE RODS, QUANTUM REELS, BASS PRO SHOPS GIFT CERTIFICATES, Tournament logo embroidered soft side tackle bags from DIGITSMITH EMBROIDERED GRAPHICS, sunglasses from H3O SUNGLASS SYSTEMS, twelve sets of FROGG TOGGS OUTERWEAR, and four service certificates from Terry's Transmissions.

TOP 20 BIG BASS

Place	Angler/City	Weight	Prize
1st	Jerry Milligan, Malakoff	9.64	\$22,000 SKEETER/YAMAHA RIG
2	Dale Hoggett, Red Oak	9.17	\$5,200
3	Bill E. Harris, Eustace	8.02	Overall & Hourly Cash awards
4	Robert DiSanto, Chandler	7.86	
5	Sonny Atkins, Waxahachie	7.82	
6	Dennis Davis, Malakoff	7.81	
7	Edsel Gerron, Waxahachie	7.75	
8	Larry Jepson, Grand Prairie	7.51	
9	Ray Hamilton, Garland	7.51	
10	Paul Miles, Irving	7.47	Overall, Hourly, and Strike King Award
11	Dennis Farmer, Trinidad	7.24	Overall & Hourly Cash
12	Larry Eaves, Arlington	7.10	
13	Kendall Lovett, Waco	7.01	
14	Mark Pearson, Grand Prairie	6.89	
15	Mark Brown, Irving	6.70	
16	Gary Harrison, Gun Barrel City	6.45	
17	April Burleson, Waxahachie	6.40	
18	Raymond Schmidt, Seagoville	6.27	
19	Rick L. Johnson, Rockwall	6.23	
20	Don Stearman, Lancaster	6.15	

50 Places were paid in the Overall Final Standings. Most of those anglers also won additional money in the 80 Hourly Awards for the top five bass weighed-in each hour.

Ladies Division Awards

1	April Burleson	6.20	\$200
2	Karen Hines	2.88	\$100
3	Linda Harden-Solis	2.61	\$75

Youth Division Awards*

1	Michael Smith	3.74	\$150
2	T. J. Tanner	3.15	\$75
3	Remington Mathews	3.08	\$50

*10 Places were paid in the Youth Division

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