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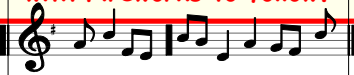
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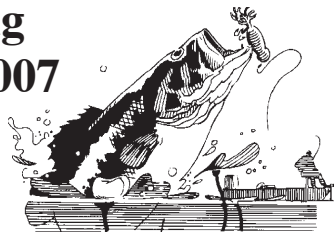
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Incredible Jighead Worm

Occasionally, a bass lure comes along that is hard to describe without sounding like a late-night TV ad: A lure so effective it knows no regional or seasonal boundaries -so effective it catches not only largemouth bass, but spotted bass and smallmouths as well, but wait, there's more!

Currently, in the professional ranks of bass fishing, there is a lure that comes pretty close to such amazing claims.

No, it's not the Helicopter Lure or the Flying Lure. In fact, the biggest problem with this particular miraculous fish catcher is that it does not have a flashy name.

Instead, it hides under a myriad of monikers, including the jighead worm, shaky head, ball head and even dink-head worm.

Whatever the local colloquialism for the tiny leadhead teamed with

a featureless finesse worm, there's no doubt it has become a universal fish catcher in FLW Outdoors events on lakes and rivers from coast to coast.

On the Wal-Mart FLW Tour, it has been single-handedly responsible for two \$500,000 victories in Wal-Mart FLW Tour Championships. In the inaugural year of the Wal-Mart FLW Series, it was the key player in two \$100,000 wins.

If there was any way to compute the amount of money won in all FLW Outdoors bass events in the last five years on the jighead worm, it would be mind-boggling. And the irony is the entire lure costs about \$1.09 and that's for the most expensive models.

The jighead worm is a derivative of the old doodling rig, which

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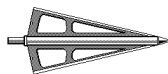
is essentially a small finesse worm Texas-rigged on a 2/0 hook, topped with a 1/8-ounce weight and fished on light line with a spinning rod.

But the problem with the doodling rig is that once the worm hits bottom, it has a tendency to lie down horizontally, robbing it of action.

A lead jighead fixes that problem. By Texas-rigging the worm on a jighead, the worm's tail is forced to kick up with twitches of the rod tip, producing a realistic-looking

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Over the last few years, jig-head designers have come up with a variety of effective designs that enhance this tail-up posture of finesse worms, thereby creating one of the most effective fish foolers of the last decade.

Two FLW Tour pros who have demonstrated mastery of the jig-head worm are Chevy pro Luke Clausen of Spokane, Wash., and BP pro Shinichi Fukae of Mineola, Texas.

Clausen proved exactly how effective the jighead worm was in 2004 when he won the FLW Tour Championship on Logan Martin by fishing the tiny worm around boat docks.

Fukae used a jighead worm to win the 2006 Wal-Mart Open on Beaver Lake.

Besides these victories, both anglers have pocketed thousands of additional dollars with this simple rig.

"It's just something I have a lot of confidence in," Clausen said. "I've won way more money with it than anything else in my boat."

Why the jighead worm?

Perhaps the most burning ques-



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tion bass anglers have about this tiny worm rig is: why do so many fish across so many species and environments find it appealing?

Both Clausen and Fukae laud the small bait's natural appearance as an answer.

"It probably appeals to a fish's curiosity more than anything," Clausen

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surmised. "Here comes this little thing, pecking along the bottom, kicking up a dust trail. It looks like a minnow or darter or maybe a small crawfish, but whatever it is, the only way the fish can investigate it is with its mouth, so it sucks it up."

"The jighead worm looks like so many things bass eat," Fukae noted. "Whether in Japan, or the United States, West Coast lakes, rivers, Great Lakes or ponds, a little worm on a jighead looks like good bass food everywhere." Fukae honed his finesse-fishing prowess in Japan where thousands of anglers harvest bass from tiny ponds, rivers and ditches, making fishing pressure a



Lisa Richards caught a nice channel catfish. *Photo courtesy of Starcher's Sporting Goods in Lubeck.*

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primary obstacle.

Ironically, Fukae came to the United States to get away from finesse fishing and to employ the power techniques of American bass pros, but more often than not, he has to resort to his finesse-fishing roots during tournaments.

"I like shallow jigs, crankbaits and spinnerbaits," Fukae said. "But there is so much fishing pressure by the time a tournament begins that it's like fishing lakes in Japan, and I have to go to finesse fishing during the tournament."

Clausen also believes the lure's slinky entrance into a fish's strike zone contributes to its effectiveness.

"Most other lures, like jigs, spinnerbaits and crankbaits, announce their presence with a loud splash or bulky vibration," he noted. "But a jighead worm is so quiet and natural; it just shows up in the strike zone. It's as if the bass discovers it naturally, and I think that goes a long way in convincing the fish to eat it."

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Examining the preferences of both anglers' technical designs brings several things to light. For one, both pros have settled on the 3/32-ounce size as being the best all-around size.

Jighead worming is more than a technique; it's a frame of mind. For those partial to heavy-action rods, locked-down drags and rope for line, jighead worming may take some getting used to.

"It's definitely a different mindset," Luke Clausen said. "Many jighead first-timers simply work the bait too hard. They're used to a 1/2-ounce jig or 5/8-ounce worm weight on a flipping stick. Working a 3/32-ounce jighead with that same force makes the worm look unnatural, which defeats the purpose."

Clausen also noted the term "shaky head" may be a bit of a misnomer since this encourages jigworm novices to shake the rod like a tambourine.

"A jighead worm is easy to overwork, negating its effectiveness,"



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he emphasized. "Many times I simply drag it along while holding light tension on the line, feeling the bottom. And when I do shake it, I'm just lightly shaking the slack in the line, because that's all it takes to make the worm kind of 'peck' at the bottom."

As for hooksets, go easy. "For hooksets, I sweep the rod and reel into the fish easily," Shinichi Fukae explained. "A hard hookset is bad."

Not only is a hard hookset risky on 6- and 8-pound-test lines, but Fukae said a hard, violent set tends to startle a fish, making it panic and go wild. Leaning back and loading

the rod while reeling into the fish doesn't seem to startle the fish as badly.

Finally, both anglers fine-tune their drag systems so the drag gives when the rod is loaded up.

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Dustin Hughes, 13 years old, took this Kanawha County 8 point.



Todd Satterfield shot a deer and a coyote within 15 minutes.



Tommy Beard used a bow for this big 9 point. *Photo courtesy of Uncle Tom's Loans in Oceanna.*

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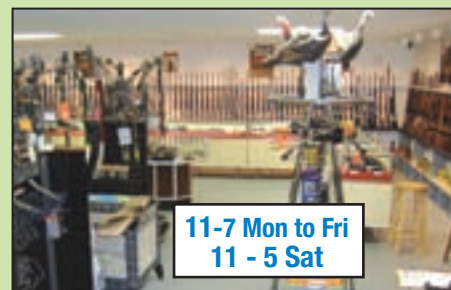
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Charles Linder went to Ohio for this great 10 point. *Photo courtesy of Clark's Taxidermy in Parkersburg.*



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WVDNR Biologist Wins National Honor

Craig Stihler, a biologist for the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources in Elkins, has received the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 2006 National Recovery Champion award, according to Tom Chapman of the Service's West Virginia Field Office. The Recovery Champion award recognizes outstanding contributions of Service employees and their partners toward recovering threatened and endangered species in the United States. "The Recovery Champion award not only recognizes the exceptional conservation accomplishments of the honorees, it also provides the public with a unique opportunity to learn about endangered species conservation," said the Service Director H. Dale Hall. "These Recovery Champions are extraordinary conservationists dedicated to protecting and restoring our nation's wildlife and ensuring that future generations of Americans enjoy the natural treasures we experience today."

Stihler worked to protect and conserve endangered species at the WVDNR for more than 20 years. He is recognized as an expert on a number of species including the Cheat Mountain salamander, the flat-spined three-toothed land snail

and the West Virginia northern fly-



Rocky Tingler & Jason Bosely went out West for a dandy elk. Photo courtesy of Middle Mountain Sporting Goods in Elkins.

ing squirrel. "His uncompromising and tireless work to conserve West Virginia's rarest species make him most deserving of this prestigious award and make us proud to have him as an employee," said Curtis Taylor, Wildlife Resources Section Chief.

Although Stihler's recovery efforts have not been limited to any one group or species, his passion is bats, particularly the Indiana bat and the Virginia big-eared bat. Stihler has been instrumental in leading efforts to reduce human disturbance in caves, a major threat

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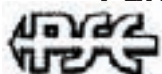
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to both species. He has worked to educate recreational cavers on the importance of scheduling their activities to avoid disturbing the bats during critical times.

Stihler also has worked to build trust and rapport with private landowners who own the entrances to the caves. As a result of his interpersonal skills, many landowners have implemented voluntary measures to protect threatened and endangered species, and have allowed state and federal biologists to access caves to conduct population monitoring and research.

The effectiveness of Stihler's fo-



Earnest Prichard got a big 13 point. Photo courtesy of Jason's Country Store near Twin Falls Park.

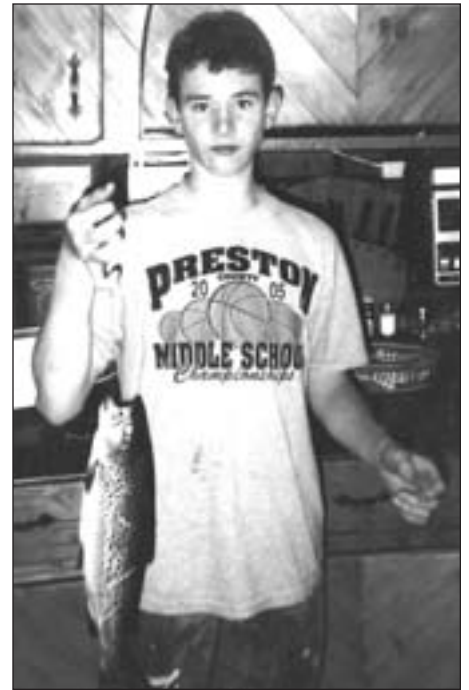


Ricky Hite landed a 10 pound drum. Photo courtesy of Jarrett's Bait in Elizabeth.


cus on bat recovery is clear. Over the past 15 years, the number of Virginia big-eared bats in West Virginia maternity caves has increased by 55 percent and the population of Indiana bats hibernating in West Virginia has increased by almost 220 percent.

"Craig's technical expertise and endless enthusiasm for wildlife have made the WVDNR an invaluable partner to the Service in our effort to protect endangered species. We were privileged to nominate Craig for this award," said Chapman.

Craig Stihler is originally from Monroe County, Mich., and is married to the former Chris Taylor. They reside in Elkins.



Wickey Myers, from Aurora, recently caught a brown trout.



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Conservation Officer Receives Award

Conservation Officer Warren Goodson was honored with the National Wild Turkey Federation "Sharp Spur Award" during the National Wild Turkey Federation's State Awards Banquet held in January at the Days Inn in Flatwoods. This annual award is presented by the West Virginia State Chapter of the NWTf in recognition and appreciation of an officer's dedication and efforts in monitoring and enforcing West Virginia wildlife game laws that safeguard and protect wildlife resources.

Goodson is a five year veteran conservation officer currently stationed in Boone County. After graduation from the West Virginia State Police Academy in May 2002, he was assigned to Kanawha County, working there until October 2005, when he transferred to Boone County. Officer Goodson is a 1997 graduate of West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management. He began his conservation career working for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, but left when he had the opportunity to return to his native state to become a conservation officer.

In addition to all the varied duties a conservation officer routinely
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Caleb Childers reeled in a 39" musky. *Photo courtesy of Jarrett's Bait in Elizabeth.*



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performs, Officer Goodson spends many hours of patrol checking for turkey baiting, pre-season turkey hunting, and other turkey game law violations. During 2006, Goodson apprehended two individuals for illegally killing eight turkeys.

"Officer Goodson is a highly dedicated, hard working, and self-motivated individual, the kind of officer it is a pleasure to work with and supervise," stated Captain Stephan Stewart, District 5 Supervisor. "The WVDNR is both fortunate and proud to have this type of high quality individual working for the Law Enforcement Section."



Justus Rhodes, from Reedy, caught a 6 3/4 pound rainbow.

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Chris Rollyson and Ethan Flint caught a couple of nice Burnsville Lake catfish. *Photo courtesy of Burnsville Docks on the lake.*



A Wetzel County buck was harvested by Grant Throckmorton, from New Martinsville.



A big stehead that weighed 11 1/4 pounds was caught in Pennsylvania by Marc Lawrence, from Red House..



Darwin Law, from Big Springs, shot a big 11 point.

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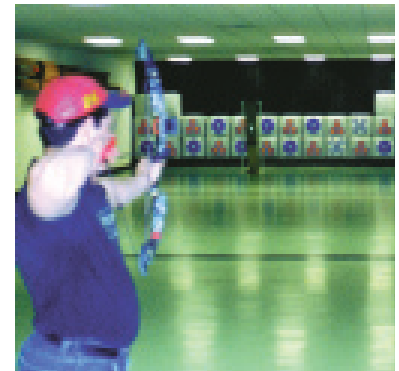
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Choosing A Hunting Area

To be successful as a hunter you need to find areas that offer a sufficient number of animals to hunt; areas with high success rates; or areas where trophies are known to occur, or have come from, in the past. If you are interested in a particular species or subspecies you need to find the areas where it occurs. Once you have determined the general area you wish to hunt, a state for instance, the next step is to determine the county or unit to hunt, then the property, and finally



James Asbury shot a good 10 point.
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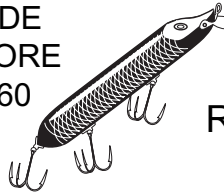
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Scouting

The act of locating game animals consists of two primary techniques, scouting and observing. The more

time and effort you spend scouting and observing the animals, and recording what you have seen, the less time you will have to be spend patterning and hunting. Once you know where the animals are through scouting; and knowing the sex, size, and time to expect them in certain areas (based on observ-

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When you are scouting for turkeys you want to know where the ravines, gullies, streams and fences are; obstacles that a turkey will detour around or maybe not cross. If you know where the openings and fields are you will be able to choose the best places to set up, and you will be able to estimate how long



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it will take a bird to come to your call. You also want to know the topography, the elevation of hills and valleys, so you know if the birds are above or below you. When you are calling try to be above the bird. Turkeys prefer to come uphill to a call rather than down.

You should know the land as thoroughly as the animals do, so you know where to find them under the current conditions and time of year. If you know the land, you will know where the birds when you hear but can't see them. If you see them you will know the route either you or the birds will travel, and approximately how long it will take. But, you won't know the number of birds, their size and sex, interesting characteristics, or when they use specific areas, unless you observe them.

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Observing

One of the best ways to understand an animal is to observe it under natural conditions. The only way to know the numbers, size, sex, characteristics, and the time to expect the animals in particular locations is by spending some time and effort observing them. Scouting is learning the land and finding areas used frequently by the animals.

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Observing is watching, undetected, to learn more about the animals and have a better understanding of them. Observing is not accidentally running into or spooking animals.

An observation site should be a high point with a good view of much of the land, far enough away that you will not disturb the animals during their normal routine. A tree stand at the edge of field, or a hill, is a good site. By choosing the right spot to watch from you are able to see how the animals react to weather, light, hunting pressure, and other predators. You may also have a chance to hear the animals calling and see the body posture and movement associated with the call.

Recording

While you are scouting and observing you should also put your findings in a journal. Mark the places where you see the animals on a map, and mark the trails, resting, feeding, breeding and watering areas. The more information you keep in a journal, and the more information you have on your map,

the easier it will be to understand the animals and pattern them. Keep notes on date, day, time, sky conditions (amount of light), wind direction and speed, temperature, dewpoint, wind-chill, precipitation breeding phase, food availability, number of animals, sex, direction of travel, activity, size and any other factors that might help you better understand the animals.

Patterning

While observing the animals you may be able to determine regular travel routes and times they use, which will help you pattern the animals and make it easier to choose the right time and place to hunt them. Patterning cannot be done in a few hours, it may take days or even weeks. The more time and effort you spend observing the animals, the clearer the pattern will become, and the more you will learn and understand the animals.

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High Use Areas

To locate turkeys you need a good topographical map of the area, or a good aerial photo. These visual aids will help determine where the "high use areas" of security cover, roosting sites, water, food, strutting, and travel areas are before you are even on the property. Then it's time to get on the property and scout for sign left by turkeys. Two prime areas you want to locate are the food sources, which often serve as strutting areas, and the roosting sites. These are the areas where turkeys spend a majority of their time and leave the most sign. They are also the areas where turkeys are the most predictable, where you have the best chance of ambushing or getting them to come to you. Find these areas and you will find the birds.

Reading Sign

While you are scouting look for tracks, particularly tracks in the 2 1/4 inch and larger range, with a deep or clear imprint of the middle toe with the scales showing. This indicates a large heavy bird, usually a tom. Tracks can be found along trails, in feeding and strutting areas (where wing drag marks may also occur), near roosting sites, and near wet areas.

Droppings are frequent in high

use areas of trails, feeding, watering, strutting and roosting sites, and can tell you if a tom is in the area. Large straight or "J" shaped
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A good buck was taken by Darrin Townsend. *Photo courtesy of Clark's Taxidermy in Parkersburg.*

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droppings are those of a tom. Bulbous or spiral droppings are those of a hen. Piles of droppings under large trees are a good indication of a roosting site.

Feathers are often found along trails, under roosts, in feeding areas and in or near dusting bowls (small depressions in the dirt) where the birds cover themselves with dust to help eliminate pests. Breast feathers with square black tips are those of toms, while rounded brown tipped feathers are those of a hen. Light tipped tail and rump feathers are those of a jake or tom.

Scratching is another sign of turkey use. Scratches appear as claw marks in the dirt, or large torn up areas in grass or leaves. When a turkey scratches it uses each foot several times, leaving a "V" pattern, with the point of the "V" showing the way the bird was facing. Turkeys scratch when they are searching for left over seeds and acorns, or new succulent green growth and insects. A sure sign of a turkey feeding area is torn up leaf litter with exposed forbes bitten off.

Once you have found the high use areas it's a matter of more time and effort observing the birds to determine if there are toms or jakes, how many birds there are, the size of the birds, length or number of beards, and other interesting features. Observing on a regular basis will help you determine when the birds fly down, which direction they go, the route they take, where they feed, and where they go to strut, water and roost. You need to record all this information in your journal and mark it on a map (which will help you pattern the birds), so you know where and when to hunt.



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Roxanne Shick caught some trout. Photo courtesy of Irrett's Bait in Elizabeth.

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Eugene Groah used a muzzloader for this 8 point. Photo courtesy of Crossroads General Store near Newark.



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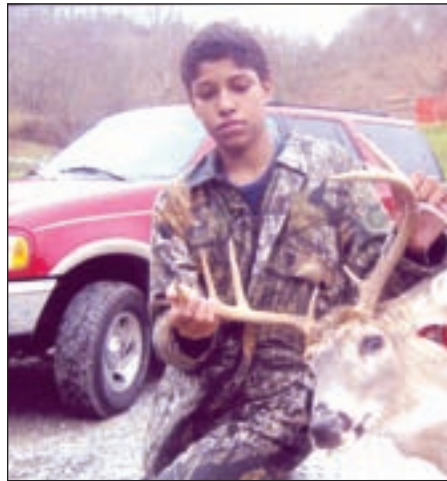
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Troy Banks, from Pt. Pleasants, brought in a big coyote.



Jordan North killed a big buck with a bow. Photo courtesy of Pricetown Stop & Shop.



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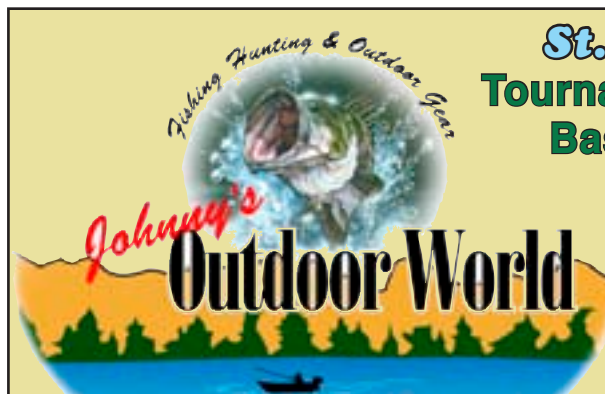
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A nice 8 point was shot by Roger Cooper. Photo courtesy of Dee's Sporting Goods in Hamlin.



Rodney Starcher caught a lunker largemouth bass at Lake Washington recently. Photo courtesy of Starcher's Sports Shop in Lubeck.

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Young Riley Nice has a 48" musky.



A quality buck was brought in by Marty Brandjes. Photo courtesy of Clark's Taxidermy in Parkersburg.

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Today, the well-known Mount Ida, Ark., angler added another major achievement to his long list of fishing accolades: a Wal-Mart FLW Tour win and a \$100,000 payday.

An FLW Tour win eluded Davis when he fished the tour during its early years from 1997 to 1999. Then he left the FLW Tour from 2000 to 2005 to focus his fishing efforts solely on BASS competition.

Davis returned to the FLW Tour in 2006, but with limited success. Last year he learned that the bigger fields of 200 boats were going to require some regrouping in his overall fishing approach.

Given that Davis struggled in his first year back in FLW competition, some began to speculate that large fields might be Davis' nemesis.

Today, Davis laid all that speculation to rest when he weighed in three bass for 7 pounds, 14 ounces to win the FLW Tour event on Fort Loudoun and Tellico lakes with a two-day total of 27 pounds, 11 ounces.

Whether it's 50 boats or 200 boats, it's hard to hold back the pure fishing talent, ability and knowledge of a legend like Mark Davis.

"It's taken me a little while to learn what I was doing wrong in these larger-field tournaments," Davis said after his win. "I was running away from the boats and, in turn, running away from the fish. In limited-field tournaments, you have the luxury of finding something all to yourself. That's not the case out here.

"The bottom line is, mentally, I had to accept the fact that there are going to be boats everywhere, every day " during practice and the tournament " and I had to just get in an area and figure out the fish better than the competition."

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Davis feels like he really turned the corner at Lake Travis in February, where he finished 16th.

He said, "Instead of investing my practice time running away from boats, I started spending my time studying an area and really understanding what the fish are doing in

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Joshua Little got an 8 point in Wood County. Photo courtesy of Crossroads General Store near Newark.



Darrell Brown landed another big catfish. Photo courtesy of Burnsville Docks on Burnsville Lake.

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"It's important to understand how the fishing pressure of the other boats will impact the fish over the course of a week and make adjustments for that."

This week was a perfect example of Davis' new strategy. He fished near the lower end of Loudon, a popular spot for many of the other 199 contestants.

He focused his fishing efforts on points and small humps in 4 to 10 feet of water that were adjacent to spawning coves.



John & Josh Murray with their Wood County furs. *Photo courtesy of Starcher's Sport Shop in Lubeck.*

"Back when practice started, there were a lot more boats fishing the same water that I was fishing," he said. "But when that big warmup hit, it kind of drew the boats into the pockets to look for spawners. At first, I almost got sucked in too. But then I backed out and decided to spend more time closely patterning prespawn-spawn fish on the outsides that everyone else was leaving in favor of sight-fish"

Davis did sight-fish a few fish off beds during the week, but his main pattern was using wake baits or swirl baits along the surface to catch prespawn fish that were feeding on shad schools in the top layer of the water column.

Using both a Bomber Long A and King Shad by Strike King, Davis crawled the baits along the surface to tease fish up.

The technique helped Davis score a commanding lead after day three with a 19-pound, 13-ounce catch. But today, he left the door open with just three bass.

"I needed calm to catch my fish, and we had wind," he said of being two fish short of a limit. "I had about an hour and a half of calm

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his morning, and I caught two nice smallmouths. But once the wind got up, I couldn't make it work anymore. And to be quite honest, I just didn't change with the fish today.: In his final remarks about the event, Davis provided some words of wisdom: :After a day like yesterday, I start to feel like I might be gaining a little knowledge on these old fish. But after a day like today, I realize that we are forever students of this game.:

Lefebre charges for second When the final weigh-in ended, Kellogg;s pro Dave Lefebre of Union Town, Pa., was the closest angler to try to close the gap on Davis.

Lefebre weighed in a five-bass limit today, including four smallmouths, for 13 pounds, 11 ounces to finish the event as runner-up with a two-day total of 25 pounds,

1 ounce worth \$50,000. "I found those four smallmouths on bed yesterday when it was clear and calm," he said. "But I couldn;t catch them because they were too finicky, and I didn;t have the time to fool with them.: Lefebre essentially ran over the fish yesterday while looking and felt that the time needed to catch the fish would be better spent looking for other ones. "When you run over them like that, it takes a while for them to settle back down in the bed," he explained. "So instead of fishing for

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Brandon & Tey Keys caught some catfish. Photo courtesy of Backwater Bait in Newport, Ohio.



Jerry Redden shot a nice Ralieggh County buck. Photo courtesy of Cardinal Sporting Goods in Beckley.

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Williams finishes third

Land O'Lakes pro Keith Williams of Conway, Ark., finished in the third position with a two-day total of 24 pounds, 12 ounces worth \$40,000.

Williams also made a hard charge for Davis in the closing hours of the event by changing with the conditions and catching a five-fish limit for 13 pounds, 13 ounces today.

He started the day finesse fishing near the dam, but then switched to a spinnerbait and a topwater to catch his two biggest fish.

"When the wind really started blowing, I couldn't take that finesse stuff any longer," he said. "I picked



Charles Hatfield brought in a big bobcat. Photo courtesy of Crossroads General Store near Newark.



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up a spinnerbait and caught a nice smallmouth off a point, and then switched to a spook and caught my biggest largemouth.

"This tournament was about shifting gears every day," he added. "I made the top 10 by power fishing up in the river. Then yesterday I finesse fished. And today, I power fished with the wind and rain." Jones jumps to fourth

National Guard pro Derek Jones of Chicago caught three big bass today for 12 pounds, 14 ounces to finish fourth with a two-day total of 22 pounds, 6 ounces worth \$30,000.

Jones revisited his smallmouth hot spot that gave him the day-two lead, but given the weather, he felt like he was spinning his wheels.

"From there, I tied on a Triple Impact topwater bait " it's a large topwater, waking-type bait " and just started running different water," he said "That's how I caught the big smallmouth and big largemouth. Later in the day, I caught one more fish off a lay-down on a Beaver."

Fukae fifth

Checking in the biggest limit of the day was BP pro Shinichi Fukae of Minneola, Texas.

His five-bass limit weighed 14 pounds, 7 ounces, pushing his two-day total to 22 pounds, 3 ounces for fifth place and \$20,000.

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1st place honors went to White River Slate Dump Suzy ay the Eliminator Hunt in Oakland City, MD. Shown with owner, Ted Helldreth. Photo courtesy of J&R Sporting Goods in Shinnston.

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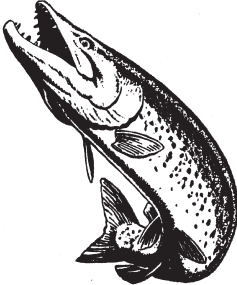
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A 40 pound coyote was brought in by Jacob Boggs. *Photo courtesy of Crossroads General Store near Newark.*



Dave Johnson caught a musky at North Bend Lake. *Photo courtesy of Hess Fish and Tackle in Harrisville.*

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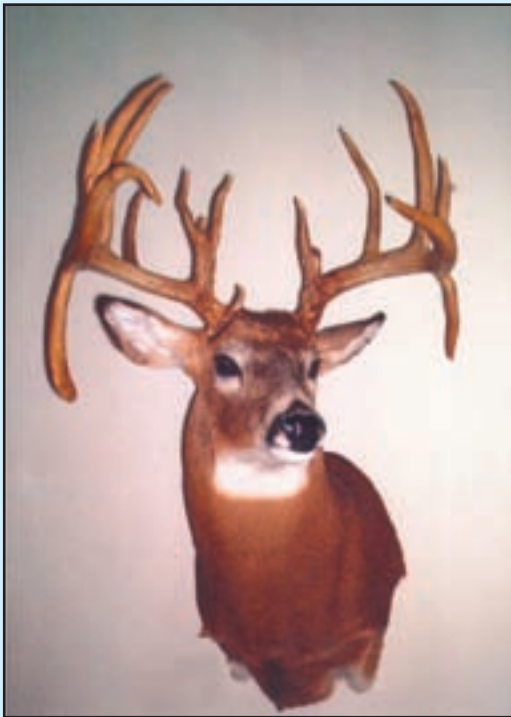
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