

Some tips on fishing

Fishermen prepare for Saturday's opener

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Since trout season opens this Saturday, April 12, it's only fitting that we offer you some tips on how to make your fishing trip as successful as it can possibly be.

Spinners and other lures are good early season trout offerings. Here are some tactics and tips that can help

you score the most with these offerings early in the season.

Ultralight and light spinning rods and reels are good choices for fishing lures. In general, a 5-foot to 6½ foot fast-action rod is a practical option, and it ought to be matched with 4-pound-test to 6-pound-test line.

Spinners in sizes from 1-32-ounce to about 1-6-ounce are consistent early-season fish-takers. In clear water, subdued colors are best; in cloudy water, brighter colors, like yellow and white, are best.

In addition to spinners, small spoons and "metals" (minnow imitations) are good offerings that take their share of trout. Spoons and similar lures in sizes of ½ ounce or smaller are good.

Working lures on spinning tackle lets you fish stream places that might be inaccessible to fly rod anglers. Work your offerings close to undercut banks, near the bottom through deep pools, and through areas with overhanging shoreline vegetation.

Quiet, calm approaches are best, and you could have

good luck by working the lures upstream, or quartering across stream and slightly upstream.

For these tiny offerings, use no swivels. Tie the lures directly to your line by way of an improved clinch knot. As you work the offerings, watch the line, strike as soon as you see any hesitation, and hang on!

Spinners and similar lures can get deep quickly into a big trout's lair. That's the advantage of using them, and that's why they account for so many fine early season catches.



Sports



Lady Knights win two

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Lake-Lehman's Lady Knights came through the opening week of the Wyoming Valley Girls Softball Conference with two shutouts, both pitched by junior Beth Finn. The Knights shut out Meyers Mohawks, 10-0, Tuesday, April 1, then shut out Bishop Hoban 6-0, Thursday, April 3. At the same time, Dallas Mountaineers defeated Crestwood, 11-9, and Pittston Area 11-6. Winning pitcher Tracy Cave went all the way for the Lady Mountaineers in both games.

ONLY THREE HITS

In the Lady Knights game with Meyers, Finn gave up only three hits struck out four and walked only three in picking up the shut out. Her teammates gave Finn all the runs needed for the win when they scored four runs in the bottom of the second. They added two more in the third and four in the bottom of the fourth for the 10-0 score. Under the 10-run rule after five innings, the Mohawks came up in the top of the fifth but managed only two walks before going down to defeat. Susie Slocum led the Knights at the plate with two doubles. Cindy Slocum, Lori Pantle, Beth Finn, Debbie Levi and Kelly Wandel also added hits

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Dallas Post/Ed Campbell

Spring sight

Spring sure was in the air when Dallas Post photographer Ed Campbell snapped a photo of this duck at Harveys Lake. However, the weather we've been experiencing during the last

few days is not only cold and damp, but makes one wonder whether winter is really over. This Saturday marks the opening of the 1986 trout season and area fishermen are hoping for some more Spring-like weather by that time.

CYC to conduct Second Annual Cage Tournament

The Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center will conduct its Second Annual Open Basketball Tournament beginning Saturday, April 19 at the CYC. The finals will be played on either Sunday, April 20

or Sunday, April 27 depending on the number of teams entered. Ed DeMichele, Athletic Director stated that the Tourney will consist of two divisions, a small Men's Division and an Open Division.

Any player six foot one inch and under is eligible for the Small Man's Division. If a player is eligible for the Small Man's Division, he may also participate in the Open Division if he so desires. However, no roster

changes will be allowed following the start of the first game. The only other requirement is that the participant must be a high school graduate or at least 18 years of age to play in either division.



Crew members

Joe Kishkill, left, poses with two of his crew members in front of the university's large boathouse after a race. Left to right are Kishkill, Scott Armstrong and Steve Kempa.

Lake-Lehman grad rowing his way through college

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Little did Lake-Lehman graduate Joe Kishkill realize when he entered Brown University as a freshman that he would spend four years as a member of the university's racing crew, and this year, in his senior year, also be elected captain of the 9 crew shell of eight oarsmen, and the coxswain.

A 4.0 student at Lake-Lehman, Joe Kishkill was valedictorian of his class in 1982. While in high school, he also excelled at basketball and in his senior year he led the team, averaging 22 points per game. The 6'2" senior's team high in league play was 34 points.

Kishkill joined the school's basketball program when he was in eighth grade and played on the junior high team. As a sophomore, he played on the senior high jayvees and, after recovering from an injury in his junior year, he was sixth man on the varsity team. He was named MVP in the East-West game and also named to all of the local All Star teams. He also played baseball at Lake-Lehman and pitched and played shortstop for the Knights.

Academically, Kishkill excelled in high school, taking Advanced Placement Courses. He won first place in the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus JETS Test and at graduation he received a medal for having the highest average in mathematics. He also won the Bausch-Lomb Award for academic achievement.

He applied to only two colleges - Brown University and University of Pennsylvania - with Brown his first choice. Kishkill was elated when he received the letter of acceptance which came the same day as the letter of acceptance from University of Pennsylvania.

When he first went to Brown, Kishkill, who is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kishkill of Oak Hill, planned to play basketball. He met Steve Gladstone, coach of the boating program at Brown University, who talked to Joe about trying out for the racing crew. Joe decided to give it a try and, to his surprise, was

accepted as a member of the freshman crew. The acceptance meant a lot to Joe since most of those in the rowing crew at Brown have had experience in the sport during high school.

As a member of the freshman crew, Joe soon found out that the only sport he would have time for would be the rowing program for they practiced two sessions daily year-round. When other students went home on breaks, the boat racing members stayed at school and practiced two times daily.

Joe's major is electrical engineering, a course where he is achieving honors and he finds studying for his classes coupled with the boat (shell) racing is sufficient.

He has been in the crew since a freshman and in his sophomore and junior year made the second boat. This year, as a senior, he has made the varsity and was elected captain by other members of the crew. They call him "Captain Joe".

The crew members train year-round. During the winter months, they train in the large boathouse where they sit in large tanks filled with water and practice rowing. When the weather is nice, they go out on the water in the shell. Their home waters are the Seekonk River. In January, they go to Florida for two weeks where they train during their Christmas break.

"It's a team-oriented sport and you have to make adjustments. 'It's hard, demanding but rewarding,'" said Joe.

Joe is in Seat No. 3 in the shell and is left oarsman. The oarsmen's sneakers are nailed to the boards in the shell and their seats move back and forth as they row. The oars are 12 feet in length and the school colors are painted on the flat blade of the oars.

When the crew members take the shell to the water, they carry it over their heads and when they get to the pier they put the shell down by the pier, put in one foot, push the shell out, get in, sit down and then tie their sneakers. The coxswain's commands are heard

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Rogers on sports

Thou shalt not quit!

Ah, spring and baseball, baseball and spring. What a lovely couple. I can see it now: the stands are full of fans, the players are in their neat uniforms; the white ball on the green grass. I love it. It's baseball.

But there is the other side: fans yelling for the umpire's head for an adverse call; getting on managers for not playing their favorites; baseball players throwing their gloves and bats after a fielding miscue or strike-out. It is baseball, too. Unfortunately it is also Little League baseball.

While I was doing my seven-year spring cleaning (something akin to the seven year itch), I came upon a picture of my minor Little League team, the Rotary Reds.

We went undefeated that year, 10-0, and won the championship. In the same box with the picture of little boys with their caps slightly askew, was a slip of paper with the 10 Commandments of Sports. I don't remember who gave it to me; however, I'm sure it was someone who knew what a terrible sport I was.

These years later, the 10 Commandments are more relevant than ever.

1. Thou shalt not quit.
2. Thou shalt not alibi.
3. Thou shalt not gloat over winning.
4. Thou shalt not be a rotten loser.
5. Thou shalt not take unfair advantage.
6. Thou shalt not ask odds thou are unwilling to give.
7. Thou shalt always be ready to give thine opponent the shade.
8. Thou shalt not under-estimate an opponent, nor over-estimate thyself.
9. Remember the game is the thing, and he who thinketh differently is no true sportsman.
10. Honor the game thou playest for he who playeth the game straight and hard wins even when he loses.

When I think of the 1977 Rotary Reds, I think about the thrill of competition, not the thrill of victory. I think of fine boys that turned into

fine young men because they understood, in a vague way, that years later all they would have to remember of childhood baseball would be an old picture, a championship patch and the memories of how they played the game - hard and straight. This I love.

BITS AND PIECES

Dallas sophomore catcher John Wertman is one of the finest catchers in the Wyoming Valley Conference. Going into the West Side Tech game, Wertman was 4 for 7 and had not allowed a stole base while throwing out three base runners.

I could hear the cries of anguish coming from Phillie fans as they watched the Reds hammer their silent stoic hero Steve Carlton.

The NCAA adopting the three-point play in college basketball can only make the game more exciting, which is saying something.

National League pitchers beware. It appears that The Cobra, Dave Parker, is back in Lumber Company form.

There are a few things sadder than an over-the-hill pitcher embarrassing himself by pitching for a lousy team. C'mon, Phil Neikro, give it up. Do you really want to end a 300-win career in Cleveland?

For the first time this season, Dallas' diamondmen will get a look at one of the finer pitchers when they face Nanticoke on Thursday. Both teams should be undefeated. While Dallas will go with Mark Konopki, the Trojans will counter with either Jim McDermott or Steve Distasio.

Dallas' sports teams won two out of three last week. While the Lady Mountaineers were beating Crestwood 11-9 in softball, their male counterparts deposed of the Comets, 9-6. The lone setback occurred to the boys' track team as they lost to Pittston Area, 84-66. The last time Pittston lost, Jimmy Carter occupied the White House.

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Teeners schedule tryouts

Back Mountain Baseball Teener League tryouts for the Dallas, Shavertown and Trucksville areas will be held Wednesday, April 16 (Raindate April 17) beginning at 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 19 (Raindate April 20) beginning at 1 p.m. at the Dallas Junior High School.

All players including 13 year olds wishing to be selected must attend at least one tryout.

Lehman Area tryouts will be held Wednesday, April 16 (Raindate April 17) beginning at 5 p.m. at the Lehman Senior High School.

Dallas rallies

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When Dallas' diamondmen faced defending Wyoming Valley Conference Champions Crestwood Tuesday, Dallas Coach Jack Wolensky was concerned - he had good reason, he's no April fool.

Dallas would have to face Crestwood without the services of its starting shortstop and second baseman and go with a third baseman who was new at the position - not the most promising way to start the season against one of the better teams in the WVC.

COACH WORRIED

"I was worried coming into the game," Wolensky said, "because we were playing without Mark Ramirez (who is out with an arm injury), who starts at short, and Chris Givens (who has a leg injury), who starts at second. And the guy we have at third (Scott Francis) never played that position in a game before."

But a lot of Wolensky's concern turned to optimism as his team extinguished the Comets, 9-6 to claim the season opener for both teams.

USE BATS

Dallas, which may have one of the finer pitching staffs in the conference, used its bats which had been something of a question mark coming into the season, to stake itself to a quick 4-0 lead in the first, and then relied on the 10 strikeout performance of Mark Konopki for the win.

Ramirez led a four-run Dallas first inning bustout by singling. Tom Perlis followed with another single, before Ed Kwak smacked a ball to center, which was misplayed for a two-base error. The error enabled Ramirez to score. Rob Dombek then touched Comet pitcher Matt Yeager for a two run double, before being knocked in when Johnny Harris tripled to deep center.

Crestwood scored three runs in the third on five singles. The big hit in the inning was a two-run single delivered by Tony DiGennarri, which cut the Mountaineer lead to 4-3.

BIG COMEBACK

Dallas came back with three runs of its own in the fourth inning.

John Wertman led off the inning by singling to left center. A walk later, Comet catcher Mike Olean committed a throwing error on a Ramirez bunt that scored Dallas' first run. Perlis then brought in a run on a squeeze bunt and Ed Kwak another on a single to make the score 7-3.

Crestwood, however, came right back with three runs in the top of the fifth on three singles, a double and a sacrifice fly to cut the margin to 7-6.

Dallas added lone runs in the bottom of the fifth and sixth innings. The first run came when new Comet pitcher Steve Wasco, who didn't start due to an injury, walked in a run with the bases loaded.

The final Dallas run came on a Crestwood error and made the final

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Knights drop one

It was a black opening week for the Lake-Lehman Black Knights' baseball team as they lost to Meyers, 12-2, and then tied Bishop Hoban, 8-8.

In the Wyoming Valley Conference opener for both teams, Lehman pitchers came down with a bad case of the walks and Mohawk pitcher Jay Bottger added to their miseries with a 12 strikeout performance that carried Meyers to the win.

Three Lehman pitchers combined for 16 free passes and gave up 11 hits.

The Black Knights trailed only 3-1 before Meyers exploded for five runs in the fifth to put the game out of reach.

Black was the in color in Lehman's 8-8 tie with Bishop Hoban. The Black Knights were playing. The game was at Coal Street Park. The game was called because of darkness. It makes sense.

On the lighter side, Lehman did rally from an 8-3 deficit in the last two innings for the tie.

The game will be completed at a future date.

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