

**THE 21st ANNUAL KCKL 95.9 FM BIG BASS TOURNAMENT
Cedar Creek Lake -- March 27-28, 2004**

Cedar Creek Lake, TX - Last weekend's 21st Annual KCKL 95.9 FM Big Bass Tournament marked another big reunion of anglers from all over the State in one of the longest running fishing events in North Texas. While the big bass were not as large as in previous years, many anglers reported catching large numbers of fish. Warm temperatures and the normal March winds greeted over 1,000 anglers vying for 150 cash prizes plus 1st Prize of a new Chevrolet Colorado Pickup from Teague Chevrolet-Buick of Mabank.



KCKL photo
1st Place - 2004 Chevy Colorado Pickup Truck from
Teague Chevrolet-Buick - Mabank, Texas

With the warming spring temperatures, fisherman landed big bass moving up into the shallow coves and pockets using lightly weighted plastics such as lizards and eight inch dark colored worms. Anglers weighed in over 400 bass which were then released back into Cedar Creek Lake. On Saturday, Rodney Hitt of Scurry landed a 7.97 lb. bass in the mid lake area on a soft plastic "mosquito hawk" bait to take the Tournament lead.

After a nervous Sunday of fishing and thinking about the really big bass that have been caught on the second day of past KCKL events, Rodney broke the pattern of the last few years to hold onto the first day lead and win the 2004 Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck. Additionally, the Tournament winning fish was worth \$200 in Hourly Prize Money, a Special Edition KCKL "Tournament Champion" tackle bag and "21st Annual" KCKL Tournament Kistler Graphite Rod.



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Randy Teague of Teague Chevrolet-Buick of Mabank, KCKL Radio Station Manager Pat Issacson, and Tournament Director Mike McBurney talk about how big a bass it will take to win the 21st Annual KCKL Big Bass Tournament and the 2004 Chevrolet truck.

Finishing very close behind in 2nd Place was Phillip Mayfield of Kaufman with a 7.95 lb. bass which was caught Sunday morning. Until the Tournament staff told Phillip just how close he came to taking the lead, he was quite calm. Soon after weighing in his second place fish, Phillip went back out and in the next hour landed a fine 7.71 lb. bass. Now that's a good big bass spot.

Third Place was won by Bill Harris of Eustace with a 7.88 lb. bass. Bill has finished high in this event for the last several years. Maybe next year is your turn Bill.

The Ladies Division Champion was Kay Hulse of Gun Barrel City with a nice 6.13 lb. bass. Kay also won prize money in the Hourly and Final Standings. To encourage family and youth participation, the Tournament offers a special \$10 Entry Fee for those under 16 years of age. The Youth Division winner was Cameron Faber of Kemp with a 5.75 lber. Cameron and eleven other Youth winners were awarded \$100 each for their catch.



KCKL Photo
Rodney Hitt with 7.97 lb - 1st Place Bass

The most unusual catch of the Tournament was by Doug Tapley. While fishing plastic craw worms in shallow water, Doug landed a nice 4.52 lb. bass. A little while later, Doug had another bite on the craw worm and proceeded to land a large goldfish weighing 3.11 lbs. So with that, the new KCKL Tournament record for Goldfish has been set!!



Doug Tapley with 4.52 lb Bass and 3.11 lb Gold Fish.... the Most Unusual Catch of the Tournament



KCKL photo
Dee Banks of Mabank with a nice 6.23 lb bass



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 Nichols Brummett with 7.25 lber for 4th Place



KCKL photo
 Sam & Martha Scroggins come into the weigh in. Martha finished 3rd in the Ladies Division and Sam finished 7th in the Final Standings. Together they took home over \$800.



KCKL photo
 The crowd at an Hourly weigh in



KCKL photo
 Sponsor representative Clifford Wiedman of Krister Graphite Rods talks to the crowd about Kistler's Helium Rod Series. Clifford also fished the Tournament winning money in the Hourly competition and in the 50 Places in the Final Standings.



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KCKL photo
 Many of the staff members have worked the Tournament for all of the 21 years

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