



Backlashes

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Ever since the day Heddon came out with the Dowagiac, the grandaddy of today's modern artificial lure, fishermen have looked forward to new products every spring.

This year offers something bigger, something smaller, something cheaper and something improved, but not much really new.

The something bigger is the 200-horsepower V-6 outboard motor by OMC. This monster is available from Evinrude and Johnson for about \$3,000. Mercury isn't far behind with their V-6 175-horsepower Black Max. On the bigger bass boats, these motors can actually be more economical than a smaller motor because they will push the boat fast enough without the penalty of full throttle operation.

Toward the other end, OMC has introduced a compact 35-horsepower outboard that's big enough for power but small enough to be economical.

The something smaller is an ultralight version of Garcia's Ambassador reel. It's the 2500C, a scaled-down version of the 5500C high speed ball bearing baitcasting reel. The little reel is designed to handle 6 to 12 pound test line. This reel fills the need for the fisherman who wants to go light without having to go to a spinning rig. The reel is

small, but the price is right up there with its big brothers.

Some things cheaper are two lines of rods from top quality manufacturers. Browning has introduced a line called Silaflex STD, which will sell for \$28.95 each. That may not sound cheap, but compared to the price of a first-grade Browning Silaflex, it is.

Lew's Fuji Speed Stick is marketing a rod called the Bear Stick. It's just a rough version of the Tournament Grade Speed Stick. It has the same ceramic guides and contoured handle, but it sells for about \$18 instead of \$25 for the Speed Stick. For the bassman trying to balance economy with quality, this is a top value.

Something improved is the new Motor-Guide Hawg electric trolling motor. It combines the raw power of a 24-volt motor with the light current draw from the battery of a 12-volt.

To accomplish this, Motor-Guide put a 12-volt armature in a 24-volt permanent magnet, something we old slotcar freaks did all the time. Our rewound motors kept burning up. Hopefully, Motor-Guide has whipped the problem.

Looking at lures, I can't see much really new except Cotton Cordell's Crazy Tail. The Crazy Tail looks like a cross between a Hot Spot and a Big O, but smaller. I haven't tried one yet, but they look like killers.

Most of the other "new" products debuting this year are just remakes of the same old thing, repainted and fancied up to make them sell better.

Consol golf team second, scores a 336

By MARIE HOMEYER
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A&M Consolidated High School hosted the first round of the five round 11AAA North Zone golf tournament Tuesday at the Bryan Municipal Golf Course.

Consolidated placed second with a score of 361 behind Tomball High School with a score of 336.

The three remaining teams were Brenham, shooting 366, Navasota with a 407 and Huntsville with a 417.

The four remaining rounds will be played on each of the home courses of the teams in the district. The two teams and two individuals with the best scores will play for the district title on March 30 and 31 at April Sounds on Lake Conroe.

Tim Jones shot an 86 for the day and was the low scorer for the Tigers. Doug Hutchinson followed with an 89. Randy Miller and Phil Cougler shot 92 and 94, respectively, to finish the scoring for Consolidated.

In the girls' division, Consolidated is trailing in last place with a total score of 506. Leading is Huntsville with a 402, followed by Brenham with a 452.

Scores for Consolidated were: Mary Whiteley, 103; Janeen Holland, 121; Jenny Seeger, 137; and Sally Donaldson, 139.

Coach Mac Anderson and his golfers will journey to Navasota on Wednesday for the second round of play.

Participation, depth give strength to Consol track

By MARIE HOMEYER
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Participation and depth will be the backbone of the A&M Consolidated High School track team this year, Coach James Giese said Tuesday.

The team has 12 lettermen, 13 seniors and a total of 85 students from freshmen to seniors.

"I don't know of an event that we'll win," Giese said about the ability to

predict the successfulness of his team. The events in which the Tigers are the strongest, Giese said, are the 440-yard dash, 880-yard run, mile run and mile relay.

Harold Eaton posted a time of 52.5 seconds in the 440-yard dash in the practice meet. Jay Carlton ran 2:02.3 minutes in the 880-yard run and Joe Wilborn posted a 4:49 in the mile run. Sammy Jones, Eric Pearson, Doug Chester and Eaton combined their efforts for a time of 3:32 in the mile relay.

Besides competition among athletes from other schools, there is competition among the team members themselves. Only three athletes from one school can enter in an event. Consolidated athletes must compete in practice meets to decide

the runners for their three positions.

"We're doing well in comparison to last year," Giese said. So far, the team has participated in two practice meets with AAAA schools. The first regular meet will be the Hearne Relays on March 6.

On March 20, Consolidated, along with Texas A&M University will host the College Station Relays. Twenty-five high schools will be competing in the meet.

Blinn College will be the site of this year's district meet to be held on April 22. Brenham and Humble High Schools will be the ones to beat, Giese said.

Assisting Giese with the Junior Varsity and Freshmen teams are Dickie Williams and Tommy Goodwin.

Wishbone scrapped by Aggies

Associated Press

BEAUMONT, Tex. — The Texas A&M football team is forsaking the Wishbone-T in favor of a formation with two running backs, the Aggies' offensive coordinator says.

"The wishbone is no longer a part of the Texas A&M offense," Tom Wilson said in a surprise announcement Tuesday night before the Beaumont A&M club. "We will go to a two-back, split-back offense. I'm looking forward to seeing it in spring training and going into it next fall."

Wilson said this was the first public announcement of A&M's future offensive plans.

The decision is somewhat ironic in that A&M's head coach, Emory Bellard, was instrumental in installing the Wishbone-T while he was an assistant at Texas, which first used the formation in major college football.

"We feel as if the wishbone just did not give us enough versatility," Wilson said. "The wishbone is an offense that you run when you can out-personnel people, but sooner or later you'll come up against people as good as you who throw nine people up on the line and dare you to throw."

"That happened to us in the Arkansas game (a 31-6 Aggie defeat)."

Refs ire Egan as Rockets lose

Associated Press

BOSTON — In victory, Coach Tommy Heinsohn of the Boston Celtics was ripping mad at the Houston Rockets and the officials. In defeat, Houston Coach Johnny Egan was equally unhappy with referees Bill Jones and Jake O'Donnell.

Heinsohn charged the Rockets even have a set play in which one of their smaller players, such as guards Mike Newlin and Calvin Murphy, does an acting job by falling down.

Egan countered "not so," and accused the officials of losing control after Boston's big Dave Cowens "came back into the game and went crazy" as the Celtics rallied Wednesday night for a 103-102 National Basketball Association victory.

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INDEPENDENT: Rockets vs. J.T.'s, Rockets Forfeit, Nerds vs. Buffalo, 46-51; S.W. Village vs. Dunn No. 3, 3rd Floor Bandits vs. Nets, 65-38; Shooting Stars vs. Odd Squad, Odd Squad forfeit.

CIVILIAN: Crocker vs. Moses, 55-52; Cunn vs. Moore, 47-41; Law vs. Milner, 33-49; Leggett vs. Puryear, 30-61; D-Gary vs. Hotard, 67-52; Utay vs. McInnis, 48-81; Hart vs. Walton, 48-55; Aston vs. Schuhmacher, 69-40.

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