

Inexperience with tackle causes small fish catch

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If you don't know how to use your tackle well, it's a sure bet you don't catch many fish.

It's surprising how many people play at fishing without giving their tackle any serious thought. More often than not, they go home disgusted with the fishing hole when the real cause of their failure is their improper handling of the tackle.

With this in mind, I'll try to explain in this and later columns the right way to rig and use some of the more effective baits.

The spinner bait is a good place to start, because it will be the top bait from now until the weather gets hot.

The spinner bait consists of one or more blades suspended on a wire over a lead head, a plastic skirt and a large single hook. The possibilities of different combinations of blades, heads and skirts are almost limitless.

The purpose of the spinning blades is to create vibrations and flashes of light in the water to attract a hungry bass. Once he gets close enough to see the minnow-like body of the bait, hopefully he will want to inhale the thing right down to your rod tip.

Fems ready for nationals

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treat us like other boys. At first, they resented us because we were doing so well," said Hemphill. McArthur says that the guys "see you at your worst." German disagrees somewhat, saying it is not their worst but the guys see, but their natural selves. "Besides, they're ugly too, just like us," she says.

Women athletes are sometimes quietly referred to as 'women jocks' carrying with it the connotation of being dumb athletes. The girls don't mind the phrase, in fact Hemphill says she is "proud of it." McArthur says, "I don't feel like a jock. I just feel like I can do something others can't do." To German, it "depends on how they say it."

Whether jocks or just plain women athletes, it doesn't make a difference. These three lasses are just as fast in the water under any title. And for the judges' benefit, they have the looks as well as the speed.

The real beauty of the spinner bait is its versatility. Right now, while the bass are still deep, it can be fished right along the bottom with the blades barely turning over.

Later in the spring when the bass are in shallow water, it can be buzzed along the surface in just a few inches of water.

Another advantage of the spinner bait is that it is almost impossible to hang up. The upturned hook rides over snags, allowing the bait to be cast into the middle of brush-piles where the big ones live.

Casting a spinner bait onto the bank and pulling it off into the water can be an effective trick that's not possible with many other baits.

Spinner baits are good to fish over weed beds, because they can run shallow enough to be above the weeds. Pulling a spinner bait so the spinners are churning the surface

will sometimes bring bass out of the weeds for a strong topwater strike.

Buying the right spinner baits can be a problem, because there is such a big selection. My personal favorites are the chartreuse with silver or chartreuse blades, the black and chartreuse with silver blades, and black with silver blades.

Things to look for in spinner baits are ball bearing swivels for the spinners, well finished bodies, full skirts and strong, sharp hooks. A spinner bait has to take a lot of abuse so it doesn't pay to buy cheap, poorly made baits.

Just about any kind of rod and reel will do to throw a spinner bait. I prefer a fairly stiff rod and a bait-casting reel with heavy line for spinner bait fishing. A lighter rig is all right for open water but it takes stout tackle to haul hogs out of the brush.

Aggies shutout Sam Houston State

By TONY GALLUCCI Staff Sports Writer

The tennis team came up with its first dual match win in as many tries Wednesday as it shutout Sam Houston State 9-0.

The Ags won going away, losing only one set. Top Ag Bill Wright did not play, owing to school work.

Bill Hoover took over the No. 1 spot for the day and had little difficulty disposing of Mark Smith 6-0, 6-3.

Mark Silberman, disposed of Tommy Stott easily, winning 6-2, 6-0. Charles Emley found going a little tough in the first set with Mike Long but got untracked in time to take a 6-4 win.

Tom Courson defeated Stuart Morrison 6-3, 6-3 in the fourth match followed by John Kirwan's 6-1, 6-2 win over Larry York in the fifth.

Don Farmer, playing sixth, waxed Mike Ellisor 6-2, 6-3.

Hoover and Emley teamed in the top doubles match to down a feisty Sam team of Smith and Stott, 6-4, 7-6.

Silberman and Kirwan in the No. 2 match lost the only set of the day for the Ags but stormed back to take a 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 win.

Freshmen Mark Parker and Edwin Teran ousted Morrison and York 6-1, 6-3, to complete the sweep.

The Ags will leave today for Edinburg to play Pan American in a Friday match and then to Trinity in

San Antonio for a Saturday match. Trinity is ranked No. 8 nationally and the Ags are 16th. Pan American is not ranked but has been very tough in competition thus far this season.

Rice game not on TV in Rudder

Since Saturday afternoon's Aggie-Rice basketball game will be on regional television, A&M athletic department officials have decided not to close-circuit TV the game into the Rudder Tower auditorium.

They felt it would not be appropriate since fans can see the game on home TV anyway.

The tipoff is set for 2 p.m. The doors to G. Rollie White Coliseum will open at 12:30 p.m. Once the general admission-student area is filled, the doors will be closed to all except reserve seat ticket holders.

Texas A&M's 60-year team will be introduced at halftime Saturday.

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