

Lunkers 'N Lies

By JIMMY GUILLOT



Bass are, however, at their highest level of activity when the water temperature is 68 to 75. When it gets down to 45 or 50, they are inactive.

Where, then, will bass be found during the cold months? Most likely, in deep water resting places around structure. The fish will seek out potholes, creek channels or any other suitable place found in deep water.

There's a heck of a lot of deep water in most lakes, and usually miles of creek channels. So we've got to narrow it down a little more. Where in a creek channel? Probably in an irregular "break," such as a sharp bend, an "s" curve or beside a rock pile. In a pothole, the fish will probably hug the steep side where sunlight penetration is least.

Bass, especially the lunkers, have an aversion to strong light (except during the spring spawn) and will go to great depths to avoid it.

There's no getting around it, a good depth finder is essential for finding holding points for bass. A good one costs at least \$100, but depth finders are the most valuable of all the electronic gadgets now associated with bass fishing.

Once good structure is located, fishing techniques are dictated by the cold weather. Since fish are not going to move very fast or far, lures must be presented slowly. Plastic worms, jigs and spoons are perfectly suited for this type of fishing. The bass might literally have to be hit on the head with lures to make them take the bait, because they aren't in the mood to rush after it.

Several different speeds should be tried when cold-weather fishing, until a pattern is established. If the fish are there and the lure is moved at the right speed, chances are you'll catch fish.

One important thing to remember is that groups of large bass may school very tightly in a small area during winter. If one large fish, say a six pounder, is taken from a spot, there's a good chance of taking four or five more just like him from the same area. Mark the spot immediately if you take a good fish, and don't move until the surrounding area is fished thoroughly. This is how "winter hardy" fishermen take beautiful stringers of fish while other people sanely watch television.

I don't buy that argument for several reasons. The fish biologists that I subscribe to say that fish are cold-blooded. Well, most of us know that. Fish, then, have their body temperatures controlled by the temperature of the water. That means bass are comfortable in almost any water.

If bass did "prefer" warm water, the areas in some lakes around power plants would hold every bass in the lake, and that just doesn't happen.

Intramurals

CORPS
A Division: SQ-1 vs. SQ-4, 6-7; SQ-2 vs. SQ-6, 25-7; K-2 vs. S-2, 0-12; H-2 vs. L-2, 6-0; SQ-7 vs. SQ-10, 6-13; SQ-5 vs. SQ-8, 13-33.
B Division: E-1 vs. I-1, 46-0; SQ-10 vs. F-1, 0-56; SQ-7 vs. SQ-11, 0-12; K-1 vs. SQ-8, 6-33; SQ-1 vs. SQ-3, 0-33; SQ-4 vs. SQ-2, 8-32.

MEN INDEPENDENT
A Division: Oldies vs. The Dutchmen, 0-32; M.E. Bunch vs. Los Cabrones, 0-19; Vet III vs. Anti-Corp Commies, 7-6; Mebaawefs vs. Vet II, A, 0-5; Beaver Pleasers vs. Pet. E.I., 13-14; Sleeze Kings vs. Student Y, 7-20; BSU No. 1 vs. St. Thomas, 39-0.
CO-REC
A Division: BSU vs. 6 Packs, 32-0.

Jackson good-natured except with ballcarriers

Name: Robert Jackson
Age: 22
Height: 6-2 feet
Weight: 220 lbs.
Speed: 4.5 or 4.6 in the 40-yard dash

Status: Texas A&M middle linebacker

Disposition: Generally good natured but has a tendency to be incompatible with persons carrying footballs.

The fact that Texas A&M linebacker Robert Jackson wears the number 55 is perhaps a warning to opposing running backs, like the signs along the highways which control the speed limit. With Jackson controlling traffic, it doesn't pay to break the law.

The senior from Houston Smiley High School leads the Aggies in tackles with 101, 74 unassisted and 27 assists. At his present rate of rubbing out ball carriers, Jackson will have over 200 tackles at season's end.

Against Illinois Jackson was accredited with 27 tackles, earning him national lineman of the week honors. Wherever the ball is, somewhere nearby is the man with the double nickels on his jersey.

"If they stay inbound Robert will get 'em," says A&M defensive coordinator Melvin Robertson. He compares Jackson to Lee Roy Jordan who roamed from sideline to sideline for Bear Bryant's Alabama teams of the early '60s.

"There's a lot of good linebackers in the nation," Texas A&M Head Coach Emory Bellard said, "but Jackson ranks right up there with the best of them."

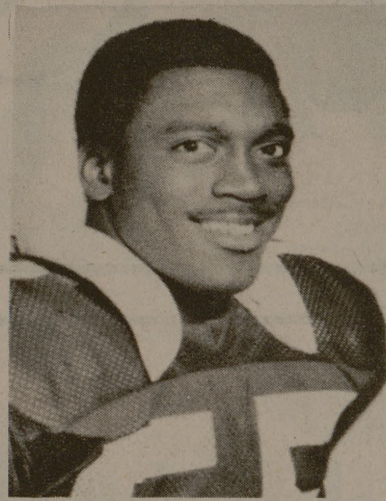
Praise not only comes from teammates and the A&M coaching staff, but Jackson has earned the admiration from opposing teams as well.

Kansas State Coach Ellis Rainsberger called Jackson "one of the best in the country" following a 34-14 A&M victory earlier in the year. Virginia Tech players commented that he seemed to be everywhere during A&M's 19-0 win over the Gobblers.

Jackson was a preseason all-America pick by Playboy magazine along with teammate Lester Hayes. Last year he gained a berth on the all-Southwest Conference team, a position he is predicted to retain this season.

Jackson, who has 18½ inch biceps, works in the weight room each day to tone his body for contact. "I enjoy hitting," says Jackson, called Jack by his teammates. At middle linebacker, which is termed Mike or Mombo in blackboard jargon, Jackson is the key as to whether a running attack will be successful. Block him and the middle is vulnerable. Allow him free movement, and ball carriers habitually are rocked to a halt not far from the line of scrimmage.

As in the recent past, little running room has been found against the A&M defense and thus enemy



Robert Jackson

offenses have turned towards the pass — finding some degree of success, much to Jackson's chagrin.

Jackson's philosophy on linebacking is "The main thing is hitting. You have to get the keys (signals or gestures which may indicate what the play is and where it is going) down, but you will always make some mistakes. You have to hustle — good hustle will compensate for your mistakes. You just have to be aggressive."

On occasion Jackson rushes the passer, usually on blitzes, but sometimes freelancing in hopes he reaches the quarterback before a receiver gets clear. He has three sacks to his credit thus far.

The Baylor offense proposes quite a challenge indicates Jackson, saying it is unpredictable. Baylor operates a split-back option type offense behind a very capable offensive line.

Jackson and Baylor fullback Mike Elbow lifted weights together during the summer and will undoubtedly bump into one another during the game this Saturday. "I'll probably have something to say to him," said Jackson, breaking a grin across his face.

He played against the Bear's leading rusher, Gary Blair, while Blair was at Kilgore Junior College. Jackson was at Henderson Junior College at the time. Blair is not likely looking forward to renewing the acquaintance.

Jackson is still optimistic despite A&M's dismal 0-2 record in the conference standings.

"Everybody still wants to win. Nobody wants to give up," he said. "All the other teams have to play the other good teams so it could end up a three way tie again. Main thing is that we have to win them all."

Jackson said that Saturday's game is a must win for the Bears also. "If somebody beats us, we're gone," he said. "I'd still like to go to a bowl game, any bowl game."

Jackson has hopes of playing for pay someday and has little preference for which team it is if he makes it to the pros, he will be the fifth

Aggie linebacker playing professional football at the present. Ed Simonini (Baltimore), Garth Ten Napel (Detroit), Brad Dusek (Washington) and Ross Brupbacher (Chicago) are the others.

But at the moment, he wants it made clear he has a lot of unfinished business to tend to. Much to the regret of opposing ball carriers.

'Space traveler' put in drunk tank; publicly intoxicated

Associated Press

BAY CITY, Mich. — Police recently found a 19-year-old man sleeping in a motel hallway. He claimed to be fleeing nuclear holocaust on his home planet - Stasafran, officers said.

Stasafran, the man told police, is north of the orange Milky Way. He gave "A-1-B-2 Proton St." as his home address and offered as proof of his identity the letters "TS" tattooed on his arm.

"What do they stand for?" officers asked.

"Travel Spaceman, of course," the man replied.

Travel Spaceman spent the day in the Bay County Jail drunk tank, and under further questioning said the "TS" actually stood for Terry Spencer. Terry Spencer was charged with public intoxication and held for trial.

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