

Fishing holes for the amateurs and the pros

If hunting's out, area offers two lakes to fish

Being that the A in Texas A&M stands for Agriculture, it would seem that it would be relatively easy to find someone willing to lease a few acres of farmland so that some college students can spend a morning shooting at a couple of birds. But as I have found out through numerous phone calls this week, that is not the case.

As I promised last week, I have received some information on local fishing guides, but I am having trouble with the hunting part. There are not too many people willing to turn their pastures over to a bunch of college kids with shotguns.

The closest day-hunting seems to be in the Katy-Brookshire area. Most of these outfitters advertise in the Houston newspapers and usually run from 15 to 30 dollars per half day.

One of these operations, called Paddlefoot Places, has land around Monaville, just outside of Hempstead. This is only about a one hour drive, which is not too bad if you have someone to keep you awake on the way home.

Fishing on public water, however, is a whole different story. We have two major lakes within a 30-minute drive from College Station, one of which will surely suit your needs.

Lake Somerville tends to be a more of a "recreation area" while Gibbons Creek is more for the serious angler in pursuit of largemouth



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Gibbons Creek, on the other hand caters strictly to fishermen. It has nothing fancy outside of a lake, launch ramp, some portable toilets, and a pavilion to have lunch on. Other than all that, you do what you came for - catch quality fish.

There is one store near the lake which has everything you should need for a day on the water. The Carlos store has gas, tackle, bait, and beer. Since there are no marinas on the lake, make sure you have all of your supplies before launching.

There are several guides that fish Gibbons Creek almost exclusively. As I mentioned last week, if you really want to find some good places to fish, a quality guide is the way to go. Most of these guys are on the water more than they are home so they know where the fish are and what they want for dinner.

The three guides that give me my weekly report are:

- Paul Place 693-3017
- Dan Clark 693-4865
- Clark Wendlandt 693-1138

For a guide on Lake Somerville, call: Randy Kettler (409) 289-2067

Kevin McDaniel's outdoor column appears every Thursday in the Sports section of the Battalion.

Redskins' kicker named NFC offensive player of week

IRVING, (AP) — The Washington Redskins have 197 reasons why they are tied for the NFC East lead.

They got 197 yards worth of field goals from Chip Lohmiller in Monday night's 33-31 victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

"Lohmiller killed us," said Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson. "I've never seen a hotter kicker. We got beat by a kicker who had the game of his career."

Lohmiller, who led the NFC in field goals with 30 last year, had kicks of 53, 52, 45 and 47 yards. He tied an NFL record with two field goals of 50 yards or more in a single game.

Lohmiller on Wednesday was named the NFC's offensive player of the week, only the third kicker ever to earn that honor.

"This ranks right up there with the five field goals I kicked against Buffalo last year," Lohmiller said. "This has to be one of the best days of my life in football."

Washington had a big edge in the kicking game over Dallas.

Kelvin Martin fumbled a punt that Washington turned into a touchdown and the Redskins parlayed a fake punt into the go-ahead touchdown.

"I felt like I would have a good game in the warmups," Lohmiller said. "Normally you can tell how you're hitting it in warmups. Playing Dallas gives you a little more pop in your kicks. The footballs seemed to take off like balls that had been broken in."

Lohmiller's kicks were traveling way above the crossbar.

"My range is out to 55 yards," he said. "Of course, the good thing about Texas Stadium is that you don't have to worry about the wind. There isn't any."

Lohmiller, who played collegiately at Minnesota, led the NFC in points scored with 131 last year.

All his field goals Monday came at critical times for the Redskins.

His first one went 53 yards after a Washington drive stalled early in the second quarter and brought the 'Skins within four points.

His second kick traveled 52 yards just before the end of the first half to pull Washington within a point.

In the second half, he put Washington ahead with a 45-yard field goal in the third period.

In the fourth quarter his 47-yard field goal gave Washington a 33-24 lead.

"Everything worked for them," Johnson said. "On the 52-yarder (quarterback) Mark Rypien didn't want to come off the field and they got a delay penalty. Then Lohmiller kicked the thing anyway."

"That was a big plus for Washington. He had a very, very big night. Those were long field goals."

12th Man Notebook

TEXAS A&M MEN'S RUGBY CLUB: The A&M rugby club will play LSU this Saturday at 8 a.m. at Zachary Field. LSU is ranked fourth in the Eastern Rugby Football Union. A&M took second place in the Texas Rugby Union championship last year. For more information call Nick Flynn, 846-4204.

TEXAS A&M MEN'S SOCCER CLUB TEAM: The A&M men's soccer club team will play Southwestern University Saturday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. in Central Park. The soccer team will play Baylor University Sunday, Sept. 15 at 4 p.m. on the Baylor campus.

LADY AGGIE SOCCER TEAM: Lady Aggies will travel to Austin to play St. Edward's Tournament. St. Edward's, Incarnate Word, and College of the Southwest will participate in the tournament on the St. Edward's campus.

The women's varsity soccer team opened its season last weekend with a 4-1 victory over St. Mary's University.

The 12th Man Notebook appears every Thursday in the Battalion. Any A&M affiliated varsity of club sport team wishing to announce past or upcoming events need to come by the Battalion offices, Room 013, Reed McDonald.

All submissions are due the Wednesday before publication at 5:00 p.m.

Dodgers crush Astros, 9-1

HOUSTON (AP) — Eddie Murray, Darryl Strawberry and Lenny Harris each had two hits and two RBIs Wednesday night as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Houston Astros 9-1 to remain one-half game behind first-place Atlanta in the National League West.

Orel Hershiser (6-2) won his fifth straight decision, giving up one run and seven hits over six innings. He struck out five without a walk.

Pete Harnisch (9-9) gave up six runs and seven hits in two innings, his shortest appearance of the season. He walked one and struck out none.

The loss was Houston's fourth straight. Brett Butler led off the game with a walk, stole second and scored on a sacrifice fly by

Strawberry. Murray's 17th homer of the season made it 2-0.

In the second, Juan Samuel singled, moved to third on a single by Alfredo Griffin and scored on Hershiser's double.

The Dodgers scored three times in the third. Harris singled and scored on a double by Strawberry, who scored on Murray's single. Kal Daniels reached on a fielding error by shortstop Andujar Cedeno and Mike Scioscia bunted for a hit to load the bases. Daniels scored on a ground ball by Griffin.

Mike Simms singled in the only Houston run in the fourth.

Harris added a two-run single in the sixth for the Dodgers and Scioscia hit his sixth homer of the season in the seventh.



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