

Fish now, sleep later . . .

With temperatures in the upper 70's, a slight northerly breeze, and clear skies, you could not have ordered better fishing weather than last weekend.

But instead of spending those two days on the water, I opted to spend them parked on the couch watching football. What made matters worse than the Aggies blowing a 28-10 lead was my friend telling me about all the crappie he caught while I stayed indoors watching my tan fade.

It seems last weeks' cold front not only sent people rushing back home for their winter wardrobes, but it also woke the fish up and told them that fall has arrived.

Unfortunately, most sportsmen forget about the great fishing possibilities that come with the change of seasons.

The first cool front tends to get our blood pumping for the woods rather than the water. People are too busy looking ahead to the upcoming hunting season, spending their weekends repairing deer feeders and building blinds rather than taking advantage of some of the best fishing of the year.

True, this last front had me thumbing through Cabela's new fall catalog, but I can not help getting excited about next month's fishing prospects. Sure spring offers us large sow bass laden with eggs, but fall offers generally smaller crowds and larger numbers of hungry bass.

During the blistering months of summer, bass retreat to the deepest parts of the lake in search of shade and cooler temperatures.

Now that cold fronts are dropping the



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water temperature out of the 90's, the bass will become more active and move into the shallows.

This will not only make them more accessible to anglers, but it will make them feed more aggressively and they will begin to chase faster moving lures such as spinnerbaits and crankbaits.

Planning a trip during October can not be done too far in advance. Once a front blows through and the north wind dies down, there will probably be just a few days of good fishing before the next one rolls in.

Last weeks' front came in almost seven days before this one did and it will probably take the next one equally as long to get here.

Gene Ballard, a guide in Fayette County, said they have been catching 30-70 fish per day this week and he only expects fishing to get better as the water temperature becomes more suitable for the fish.

I know this weekend is a home game and the Aggies probably won't repeat last week's

performance, but it is going to be an evening game which leaves Saturday morning and all day Sunday open to a few hours on the water.

Roll yourself out of bed and get to the lake while the getting is good. It won't be too much longer before Old Man Winter sends the fish back to the bottoms and you have nothing to do but spend your Saturdays watching football, wishing you could be out fishing.

AREA FISHING REPORT

GIBBONS CREEK- Good numbers of slot bass (14-21inches) are being caught on Rat-L-Traps and crankbaits. Crappie are good in 15-17 feet on minnows. There is no report on catfish. The average water temperature is 85 degrees and the lake is 6" below normal.

FAYETTE COUNTY- Guide Gene Ballard reports good bass action early over grass beds in shallow water. Smaller fish are schooling in open water and are hitting grubs and gizzits. Cool fronts should turn on shallow water fishing as the lake temperature drops into the mid 80's.

LAKE SOMERVILLE- Big Creek Marina reports generally slow fishing these last few days. Crappie are starting to pick up with limits coming for those willing to work all day at it.

Clements looks back on decision to transfer from UT

DALLAS (AP) — If he had a crystal ball, quarterback Steve Clements says he probably wouldn't have left the University of Texas during the summer to transfer to Brigham Young, where he must sit out for the second straight season.

Texas fell out of the national rankings after losing its first two games to Mississippi State and Auburn behind the lackluster play of the Longhorn offense and quarterbacks Peter Gardere and Jimmy Saxton. Clements likely would have gotten a chance to take the job.

In a telephone interview from Provo, Utah, with the Dallas Times Herald, Clements said he would "most definitely" reconsider his decision. "But that wasn't an option (before the season)," he said.

"You never expect some things to happen. I just didn't think I'd get much playing time at Texas. All I could think about is how well Peter Gardere played last year. He brought

them back from behind seven times," Clements said.

"Plus, you want to earn the spot. You don't want to be put in because someone got hurt or didn't play well," Clements said.

His ego also was bruised when UT coach David McWilliams redshirted him during his freshman season, he said.

Clements took most of the snaps in spring drills, with Gardere and Saxton injured. When team depth charts continued to show Clements as the No. 3 quarterback, Clements transferred in July to BYU.

Clements said McWilliams promised the Longhorns would pass more. "But last year, it was still about 50-50 (pass-run)," he said. "When you get a Butch Hadnot (a running back recruited in the same class as Clements), you've got to give him the ball. Hey, BYU is Quarterback U."

Now, at BYU, during Heisman Trophy

winner Ty Detmer's final season, Clements is ineligible and quarterbacking the scout team, the same job he performed a year ago.

He also found himself on the bottom of a list of six other high school all-Americans who will compete next season for Detmer's job.

"That blew my mind," said Clements, who with 8,204 yards displaced Detmer as Texas' all-time leading high school passer while at Huntsville, playing for his father, Joe Clements.

Clements said he misses Texas — both the state and the school. He said he watched portions of both Longhorns losses and calls his friends in Austin about once a week.

"They all wish me well. They kind of want me back, but they all respect my decision," Clements said of his teammates. "I think they understand. There are no hard feelings."

UT quarterback troubles nothing new in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Longhorn quarterback Todd Dodge, who was booed and cheered at Texas, says he understands the pressure starting Texas quarterback Peter Gardere is feeling in a 0-2 season.

Dodge, who was a letterman in 1983-85, said, "I know what he's feeling because I went through a similar situation. I had success and was booed during the same season. You can say all you want, but it's tough. After a while, it starts to weigh on you."

Dodge, now an assistant football coach at McKinney High School, also said the criticism of Gardere is unfair.

"People come up to me and ask what's wrong with Peter Gardere," Dodge told the Austin American-Statesman. "I've never even met him. I tell people he's the same guy who led Texas to the conference championship last year. He's the same guy who's beaten Oklahoma two years in a row."

Gardere, 14-7 as a starter, said Tuesday of Texas fans, "They're never satisfied. They want that victory. If they don't get that victory, they have to point the finger at somebody."

A&M golf team finishes second at Woodlands tournament

The Battalion News Services

The Texas A&M men's golf team finished in second place after the final round at the Sam Houston State-Intercollegiate Tournament Player Course at the Woodlands.

Southwestern Louisiana won a sudden death playoff against the Aggies as three of USL's top golfers birdied the 515-yard, par 5, first hole.

A&M posted a score of 308, for a two-day total of 602.

Texas Tech placed third, just

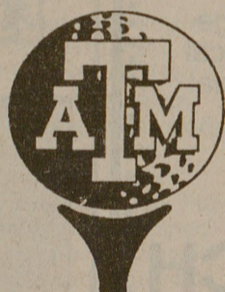
one stroke back, followed by Southwest Texas State and Rice.

Eighteen collegiate teams competed in the event.

A&M junior Brent Brown led the Aggies with rounds of 71 and 76, finishing tied for fourth in the overall standings.

Other A&M finishes were Marco Santana, a two-day total of 148, tied for sixth and Shane Bertsch, 153, tied for 21st.

Anthony Rodriguez, 155, tied for 32nd; and Morgan Jeff Makohon of Rice won the individual title.



12th Man Notebook

Texas A&M Rugby Club- A&M will face the University of Texas today at 2 p.m. at Zachry Rugby Field. The team defeated Sam Houston State in their last match, 34-14.

Texas A&M Rugby Club- A&M will face the University of Texas Rugby team again Friday at 2:00 at Zachry Field. The Club says this will be one of its most physical games of the year and needs the student body support. Contact Nick Flynn at 846-4204 for more information.

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