

Valley Sports

Trout season opener

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With the opening day only five days away, it looks like trout streams will be low and clear unless we get some rain between now and then. Freshly stocked streams will undoubtedly yield reasonably good catches, but larger carry-over and native browns and rainbows will be a lot harder to come by. Rains will warm the water and get the fish feeding as long as the rain isn't too heavy. If we get heavy rain between now and Saturday most streams will be too muddy and high to provide good fishing. Whatever mother nature offers, trout fishermen will just have to adjust their methods accordingly.

Low and cold water will call for more care when approaching the pools, and light lines will help to overcome the wariness of the trout. Small worms or minnows will turn the trick with most of the stream trout, with the exception of lake-run rainbows. If we get just the right amount of rain, just about any method you prefer should produce, but if we should happen to get a heavy rain things can get really tough. Larger baits with spinners to attract attention should pick up some fish from eddies and from any slack water at the edge of a mainstream current. Whatever the weather, I hope you get enough for a nice platter of fresh trout.

If you are one of the growing number of bass fishermen in North America, or would like to be one, there is a program for you at the Syracuse War Memorial April 8 and 9. The National Bass Institute will be in town to put on a two day educational fishing program. Some of the best known fishermen and writers in the bass fishing field will be on hand. There will be team-taught lectures, discussion, multi-media presentations and some one on one instruction.

Advanced registration is \$50 and admission at the door is \$60 if there is room. With each full-paying adult, one junior will be admitted free. To register, or to get more information, contact the American Fishing Institute, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN 47809, or call toll free 1-800-234-1639.

If you fish Massachusetts waters as I do from time to time, or if you haven't but you would like to, there is a new publication that might interest you. *Public Access To The Waters Of Massachusetts*, a paperback book full of maps of fresh and saltwater launching areas, makes it possible to take your own boat and fish almost anywhere. There is information on parking facilities, permits and fees, ramp conditions and any other pertinent

regulations or information. It is available from the Massachusetts Public Access Board, 100 Nashua Street, Room 915, Boston, MA 02114. The price is \$3.

If you are not interested in taking your own boat to the Bay State, but would like to take one of the many party boats out for a day or two of deep sea fishing, you might want to send for the 1989 Massachusetts Sportsman's guide. It can be ordered from Porcupine Enterprises, 106 Woodside Road, Sudbury, MA 01776. The cost is only \$2.50. It contains 64 pages of valuable information for the sportsman. Not only does it have a party boat directory, but it has information on the Cape Cod Canal and beach access information. Both of these publications would be well worth having if you are a coastal fisherman.

Someone at school was telling me the other day that the Sea Urchins, of all things, were becoming a big commodity with fishermen in the New England states. Now, I hadn't heard about this before, and I don't have any first hand knowledge of the fishery, but if it exists there, it exists along other shores of the U.S.

At first I asked what they were using the urchins for, thinking perhaps there was a demand for them as novelty items or as addition to salt water aquariums. My colleague informed me that they are used as food in Japan, and according to a TV program she had seen they are very expensive. She added that the contents of a sea urchin are "incredibly gross-looking."

Armed with that information, I just had to

do some checking to see what the Japanese were doing with the sea urchins. And here is what I found. The sea urchin is indeed prized for food in Japan. The bright yellow, yucky looking stuff scooped out of the center of the poor creatures is called "uni" by those islanders. It is used as a very important part of the best "sushi" (raw tuna) that can be bought in Japan. It is packaged in small boxes only one inch deep by six inches long and four inches wide, containing just a few ounces of uni. That small box sells on the Tokyo Wholesale Fish market for about \$80 a box. And exactly what makes up this precious commodity? Well, it is the gonads, the reproductive organs of the lowly sea urchin. Everyone to their own taste. Myself, I prefer trout.

Speed, power, defense keys to Laker baseball success

A positive attitude and physical attributes such as team speed, power and the sixth-ranked defense in Division III give the Oswego State baseball team hope for a Northeastern regional National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament bid.

Coach Frank Paino feels the spring season can produce a State University of New York Athletic Conference championship, as well as a regional bid for the Lakers, who finished the "fall ball" season with a record of 5-4.

The Lakers open spring play April 8 when they host SUNY Binghamton in a 1 p.m. double-header at the South Athletic Field.

"We have to shoot for a 20-win season out of 28 games in order to get a bid for the Northeastern regionals," said Paino. "I feel the team is good, and I have confidence in them because they are also a smart team," he added.

The Laker's intelligence leads them to play what Paino calls a "very aggressive game." He said, "I am really proud of the team. They are smart and strong physically. We've been working out regularly in the off-season and the difference has shown." He credits the college's new weight room with helping to build the team's strength.

The Lakers will keep the regular roster

from the fall, with the exception of third baseman Dirk Van Patten of Preble. Van Patten is coming off of rotator cuff surgery and will not participate this season. "We'll definitely miss him. He was a good morale player and had a hard style of play. Overall, he's a good ballplayer," said Coach Paino.

The rest of the Laker squad is intact, and Paino feels the key to success is in his pitching staff and seasoned veterans. "The pitching staff is young, but very smart. I'd like to see them combine for 20 wins this season, but I don't want to demand too much from them," said Paino. He added that the seniors will accompany the young hurlers in leadership roles.

"Our five seniors have to show organization on the field. They are a class bunch of guys and can really help the team out, especially by maintaining structure," said the coach.

The seniors that Coach Paino will rely on are first baseman Jeff Petrone of Rochester, shortstop Keven O'Donnell of Middletown, outfielder/pitcher Mike Spath of Oswego, outfielder Tony Perritano of Watertown, and outfielder Lou Battista of Port Washington.

To prepare for the season, the Lakers will travel to Ferrum College in Virginia to

practice and compete during a 10-day period over the college's spring break. "This trip is going to be beneficial for the team. It will be the time when we will get together as a team and become unified. We will play one game and practice every day. We're not together enough on campus, so we want to really get together and be a team," said the coach.

Looking ahead at the schedule, the Lakers will face SUNYAC West rivals Fredonia and Brockport, and talent from the SUNYAC East. Along with divisional play, the Lakers will face tough competition in the likes of LeMoyne and St. Lawrence.

Fat Burners class offered in Oswego

A low-impact aerobics class, Fat Burners, is being offered Saturday mornings at the Oswego YMCA from 9 to 10 a.m. Cheryl Kaus is instructor. Approximately 45 minutes of the session is dedicated to low impact aerobics ranging from low to high intensities, followed by floorwork and a cool down. More information on the course is available by contacting the YMCA at 343-1981. The Oswego YMCA is a member of the United Way of Oswego County.

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