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Nashville angler Dylan Nutt won the 2026 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Classic presented by Under Armour with home-state crowd at event

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 15, 2026 — For the first time in 32 years and only the second time ever, a B.A.S.S. Nation qualifier wears the crown of the biggest title in bass fishing. Dylan Nutt, the 22-year-old phenom from Nashville, Tenn., won the 2026 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Classic presented by Under Armour in front of a giant home-state crowd at Food City Arena in Knoxville.

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After the crowning moment, Nutt was still processing what it means to follow in Kerchal's footsteps. "I haven't had the chance to think about it. I've got so many things in my head right now. I



Nashville, Tenn., Nation angler Dylan Nutt has won the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Classic presented by Under Armour with a three-day total of 66 pounds, 13 ounces. (Photo by Seigo Saito/B.A.S.S.)

don't know what I'm thinking," he said. "It [the Classic] has always been the pinnacle of bass fishing to us, and I mean, heck, the last Classic that I went to was the one here, back in 2023, and I never would've thought next time I went to a Classic I'd be in it and holding the trophy at the end of it." After catching 19-5 on Day 1 and a tournament-best 26-11 on Day 2, Nutt led the Top 25 anglers out onto the Tennessee

River from Volunteer Landing this morning firmly ahead of second-place pro Drew Cook by nearly 4 pounds. The University of North Alabama (UNA) senior wasted little time extending his margin. Fishing in Fort Loudoun Reservoir, he caught a keeper on his second cast, boxed up a limit by about 9 a.m. and had culled to roughly 19 pounds by a few minutes after 10. When B.A.S.S. froze the BassTrakk unofficial leaderboard at 1 p.m., Nutt was up by an esti-

mated 10 pounds over fellow twenty-something wunderkind Trey McKinney. Still, nothing was guaranteed at that point. All week, the afternoon hours have been key. On Day 2, several 5-plus-pound bass were caught in the afternoon. And as we saw on Saturday, the Loudoun-Tellico system has some giants, including a pair of 6-pounders Nutt landed to get into the lead and a 7-5 giant caught by Cook that was the biggest bass of the tournament. With Cook, reigning

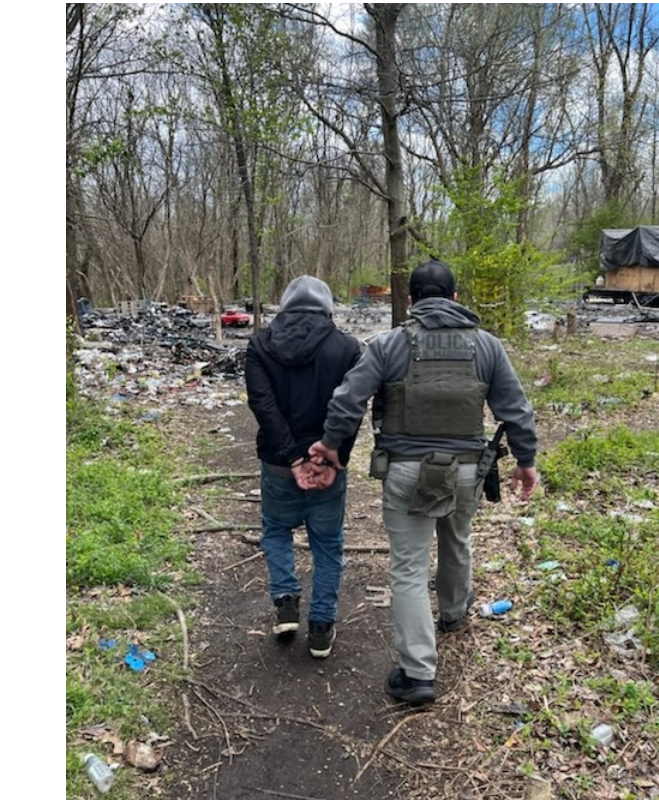
Classic champ Easton Fothergill and a slew of other hammers still within reach, there was enough drama to attract a packed house to the final Bassmaster Classic weigh-in driven by Yokohama. But in the end, no one could keep up with Nutt's pace. He caught a Day 3 limit of 20 pounds, 13 ounces for a three-day total of 66-13 and a winning margin over runner-up McKinney of 9 pounds, 5 ounces. For his win, Nutt earned the \$300,000 top prize. Time on the water made the difference for Nutt. His pre-tournament preparation began as soon as he qualified last fall, but he ramped things up dramatically during the pre-practice period before Loudoun-Tellico went off limits. "I spent a month up here fishing every day just trying to get as much of an advantage as I could," he said. "And it paid off. "I feel like I know this place better than my home lake, and it showed this week. I put my time in out here, and I worked really hard at it and was able to pull it off." Some of the areas he found in Fort Loudoun during pre-practice still held fish during the official practice earlier this week, and he was able to pick up where he left off once the tournament began. He said he chose to focus on Loudoun because it fishes more like a river, with current positioning his fish on key spots. "I'm very confident in my ability

to catch them on the rivers like this, and the way they were setting up, it was in my wheelhouse," he said. "I was fishing a lot of prespawn staging areas. It was largemouth and smallmouth just kind of moving in and out. And I was catching them on a minnow using forward-facing sonar." His go-to soft-plastic minnow was a Berkley prototype bait. He fished it using a 6-10 medium-light Abu Garcia Fantasista X rod, an Abu Garcia Zenon X spinning reel, 8-pound-test Berkley X5 braided line and a 15-pound-test Berkley GinClear leader. Nutt rigged the minnow on a 3/16-ounce jighead. "I was fishing anywhere from about a foot and a half [deep] to about 8 feet. I did figure out a pattern this week," Nutt added. "It kind of progressed throughout the tournament, catching smallmouth on pea gravel banks and stuff like that." The one exception was on Day 2, when he caught his biggest bag in the back of a creek. That limit included four largemouth — the most of any of his three daily limits — that were set up essentially where they'll soon spawn. "It was just an area that had a lot of big ones," he said. "There were a lot of areas like it out there, but not many of them have fish. It was a lot flatter than some of the other creeks. There were a lot of shoals in there. It just seemed like it was almost like a little lake in there."

A Report from Memphis Safe Task Force (MSTF) Luck runs out for sex offender ...from sports-military 2



Isiah Nathaniel Shubert
Tyreece Miller, U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Tennessee said, "Sex offenders, including those who are homeless, have a legal requirement to comply with the rules of the Tennessee Sex Offender Registry. We will continue to support our law enforcement partners to hold offenders accountable." The U.S. Marshals Service Two Rivers Violent Fugitive Task Force is a multi-agency task force within Western Tennessee. The TRVFTF has offices in Memphis and Jackson, and its membership is primarily composed of Deputy U.S. Marshals, Shelby, Fayette, Tipton, and Gibson County Sheriff's Deputies, Memphis and Jackson Police Officers, Tennessee Department of Correction Special Agents and the Tennessee Highway Patrol. More information about the U.S.



U.S. Marshal is shown here arresting sex offender Isiah Nathaniel Shubert, 25, who was hiding in homeless camp. (Photo/courtesy: MSTF)

Marshals Service can be found at <http://www.usmarshals.gov>. *** MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 13, 2026 – The Memphis Safe Task Force on Thursday executed 38 criminal arrests and recovered 12 illegal firearms. Of note: **Andre Flowers, 31**, was arrested on a warrant for aggra-

vated assault at 4000 Lamar Avenue. Flowers failed to identify himself and resisted arrest which resulted in a brief scuffle. Arresting officers recovered a 9 mm pistol and transported Flowers to the hospital to be evaluated, which is when they were able to verify his identity and confirm he had a warrant. **Marland McDowell, 33**, was arrested in the 2600 block of James

Road, charged with attempted aggravated robbery. After McDowell attempted to rob a Family Dollar store with a firearm, he approached a vehicle in the parking lot and brandished a firearm. The vehicle's occupants were National Guardsmen who detained McDowell until Memphis Police Department officers arrested him. The firearm recovered was determined to be a nonfunctioning pellet gun.

Devon Washington, 28, was arrested for aggravated assault and unlawful possession of a weapon in the 2700 block of Burns Avenue. Agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and MPD officers responded to a call from a woman who said her boyfriend was pointing a firearm at her and threatening her, but when they arrived, he was already gone. Officers then went to Washington's residence, located him in the front yard, and detained him. He was non-compliant during questioning by investigators. A search warrant executed at the residence resulted in the recovery of multiple calibers of ammunition, AR and pistol magazines, and two 9 mm handguns. Ongoing manhunt: The MSTF is asking the public's help and offering a reward of up to \$30,000 Please see sports page 4

Radians opens new its Salt Lake City Distribution Center

Strategically located facility delivers faster shipping, expands custom imprinting capabilities, and brings the company closer to its regional partners.

MEMPHIS, Tennessee — March 17, 2026 — Radians®, a leading manufacturer of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), announced the opening of a new warehouse and distribution center in Salt Lake City, Utah. The expansion is designed to shorten transit times and accelerate order fulfillment throughout the Western United States.

Location and contact information for the new facility are listed below.

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"This new facility positions us closer to our customers and end users in the West," said Mike

Tutor, CEO of Radians. "By expanding our regional footprint, we are able to have longer order windows, accelerate delivery times, improve service levels, and support our partners with greater speed and efficiency."

The Salt Lake City distribution center strengthens Radians' national infrastructure with enhanced inventory management, pick, pack, and ship operations, and in-house custom imprinting capabilities featuring a fast 7-day turnaround. The facility also includes a dedicated PPE showroom showcasing many of the company's best-selling safety solutions.

In addition to improving service and logistics capabilities, the expansion creates new employment opportunities in the Salt Lake City community, including roles in warehousing, screen printing, and operations support. With this latest investment, Radians continues to build a stronger, more responsive supply chain to better serve its customers and partners nationwide.

To celebrate the opening of the SLC Distribution Center, Radians has extended its RadLink free shipping promotion on qualifying orders through May 29, 2026. To establish a new RadLink account and receive free

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