

River fishing suits Tithof and Hardebeck as they win Bassmaster High School Series event on Saginaw Bay

BAY CITY, Mich. June 9, 2024 — The big waters might have been off-limits due to weather Sunday for the Strike King Bassmaster High School Series at Saginaw Bay, but Carson Tithof and Maverick Hardebeck had no problem catching a big limit in the confines of the Saginaw River and clinching the tournament title.

Tithof and Hardebeck, fishing as part of Grand Haven Bassmasters (Mich.) Fishing Team, caught five bass totaling 17 pounds, 4 ounces, giving them an 8-ounce edge over the field of 60 teams competing in the one-day derby in northeast Michigan. The duo won \$1,006 cash for placing first at Saginaw. The boys also qualified for the Strike King Bassmaster High School National Championship, which is scheduled for Aug. 1-3 at Chickamauga Lake in Dayton, Tenn.

The Saginaw system might be in their home state, but Tithof and Hardebeck have only fished it once before. Still, they were completely confident river fishing on Sunday — something they do several times a week on the Grand River back home in western Michigan. "It's pretty much exactly the



Teens Tithof and Hardebeck hold up trophies for victory after clinching win at the Strike King Bassmaster High School Series at Saginaw Bay with a total of 17 pounds, 4 ounces. (Photo by Tommy Sendek/B.A.S.S.)

same," Tithof said. "We didn't plan on going into the bay at all, so that being off-limits didn't affect us. We knew we wanted to fish in the river because it's what we're used to doing."

The boys' day started strong, with a limit of bass in the live-well within 30 minutes of their first cast. They culled a few times

over the next few hours, but by 10 a.m., their bite was done. Luckily, they already had enough weight to be atop the leaderboard by that time.

"It really was a grind for a while," Tithof said. "And it was hard to fish in the wind, as hard as it was blowing."

The victors threw white swim

jigs on about 90% of their casts. They looked for breaks in current, typically near logs and other floating structure, where a mix of largemouth and smallmouth bass were stacked.

"We mixed in a beaver (creature bait), too," Hardebeck said.

The combination was just what they'd have done on the Grand

River, and the similarities paid dividends. They weighed three largemouth and two smallmouth, with one of the smallies (4-10) winning Big Bass of the Tournament honors.

The High School National Championship berth is the first for both Tithof, 17, and Hardebeck, 15. They previously competed in the Bassmaster Junior Nationals a couple of seasons ago.

A whopping 44 of 60 competing teams caught limits. Behind Tithof and Hardebeck, top tandems included second place, Landon Gabby and Kolby Baker, Marion (Ill.) High School Bass Fishing Team, 16-12; third, Olevir Johnson and Allen Moore, Oldham County (Ky.) High School Bass Team, 16-10; fourth, Oliver Neumann and Wyatt Feiguy, Zimmerman Thunder (Minn.) Bass Team, 16-3; and fifth, Michael Harris and Kayden Waller, Mt. Juliet (Tenn.) Fishing Team, 15-7. The derby was the last of the 2024 Strike King Bassmaster High School regular season, with tournaments previously held at Clarks Hill Reservoir in Georgia, Douglas Lake in Tennessee and Sam Rayburn Reservoir in Texas. Go Great Lakes Bay hosted this week's events.

The NRA offers new range courses online

Fairfax, VA - The National Rifle Association of America (NRA) announces the release of its most recent update to the NRA Range Development and Operations Online Course. The course is comprised of 12 lessons, including a new module with an overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as it pertains to shooting ranges.

"ADA is an important, often overlooked, topic for range owners to be aware of," said Joe Logar, National Manager of NRA Adaptive Shooting Programs. "The overview in the updated Range Development and Operations Online Course provides enough information to be valuable for clubs and ranges, without being overwhelming."

This online course is designed to educate potential and current range owners and operators in identifying potential problems associated with range development, environmental issues, and safety. Students will receive a multidisciplinary perspective on major topics such as:

- Indoor Range Construction
- Outdoor Range Construction
- Environmental Management
- Sound Abatement
- Community Relations
- ADA Compliance
- Ventilation
- Funding/Grants

"NRA Range Services is pleased to offer this up-to-date online learning opportunity for new and potential range owners," said Liz Bush, Managing Director of NRA Community Engagement.

"This revised online course expands NRA's educational offerings while giving range facilitators the tools they need to maintain the highest level of safety possible."

Registration for the online course is \$300, which includes downloads of all course materials and a copy of the NRA Range Source Book on USB. Visit <https://onlinetraining.nra.org/online-courses/nra-range-development-and-operations-course/> to get started today!

For more information, please contact NRA Range Services at range@nrahq.org or 877-672-7264.

Moultrie signs as sponsor of Behind the Tanks live feed on the Bassmaster YouTube channel

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. June 5, 2024 — B.A.S.S. announced that Moultrie, a leader in wildlife feeders and game cameras, has agreed to sponsor the Behind the Tanks camera live feed that will be streamed on the Bassmaster YouTube channel for five tournaments in 2024 for the following dates:

- Whataburger Bassmaster Elite at Wheeler Lake – June 13-15 (Thursday-Saturday)
- TNT Fireworks Bassmaster Elite at Smith Lake – June 27-29 (Thursday-Saturday)
- Tackle Warehouse Bassmaster Elite at Lake Champlain – Aug. 8-10 (Thursday-Saturday)
- Humminbird Bassmaster Elite at St. Lawrence River – Aug. 15-17 (Thursday-Saturday)
- St. Croix Bassmaster Open at Lake Hartwell presented by SEVIIN – Oct. 10-11 (Thursday-Friday)

The Behind the Tanks cameras will provide live-feed footage of Elite Series anglers as they interact with other anglers and members of the media while caring for their bass in the backstage holding tanks as they await their turn to weigh their bass live on stage.

"Many bass fishermen trade their rods and reels for guns and bows in the fall and winter," says Daniel Wilson, Moultrie's general manager. "Moultrie has a long heritage of helping hunters be more successful in the field and we want to interact with our customers no matter where they are. We're excited to use our technology to bring the Bassmaster audience a never-before-seen area of the tournament trail."

"We're excited to partner with Moultrie to give Bassmaster fans

the opportunity to see their favorite Elite anglers in an exclusive, behind-the-scenes setting," said B.A.S.S. CEO Chase Anderson. About Moultrie

Headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama, Moultrie is the leader in deer feeders and cellular trail camera innovation, building products used by hunters, property owners and others for real-time remote monitoring. Moultrie is a business unit of PRADCO Outdoor Brands. PRADCO Fishing manufactures and markets products for freshwater and saltwater anglers under 20+ brands, including Rebel, YUM, BOOYAH, War Eagle Custom Lures, Great Lakes Finesse and Bomber. PRADCO's hunting brands include Whitetail Institute, Texas Hunter, Summit, Knight & Hale and Code Blue.

B.A.S.S., which encompasses the Bassmaster tournament leagues, events and media platforms, is the worldwide authority on bass fishing and keeper of the culture of the sport, providing cutting edge content on bass fishing whenever, wherever and however bass fishing fans want to use it. Headquartered in Birmingham, Ala., the 500,000-member organization's fully integrated media platforms include the industry's leading magazines (Bassmaster and B.A.S.S. Times), website (Bassmaster.com), TV show, radio show, social media programs and events. For more than 50 years, B.A.S.S. has been dedicated to access, conservation and youth fishing.

The Bassmaster Tournament Trail includes the most prestigious events at each level of

competition, including the Bassmaster Elite Series, St. Croix Bassmaster Opens Series presented by SEVIIN, Mercury B.A.S.S. Nation Qualifier Series presented by Lowrance, Strike King Bassmaster College Series presented by Bass Pro Shops, Strike King Bassmaster High School Series, Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Team Championship, Yamaha Rightwaters Bassmaster Kayak Series scored by TourneyX, Yamaha Bassmaster Redfish Cup Championship presented by Skeeter and the ultimate celebration of competitive fishing, the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Classic presented by Jockey Outdoors.

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Prostate cancer screening may lead to more Father's Day celebrations for Black men, says American Cancer Society

ATLANTA, June 11, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- For all men, particularly Black men, sharing and bringing awareness to their prostate cancer risk and health history may mean celebrating more Father's Days with their loved ones. According to the American Cancer Society, talking to your family members about their medical history is one way to know if you are at higher risk of prostate cancer and if screening may be right for you.

Studies show that prostate cancer seems to run in some families, and in those cases, there may be an inherited or genetic factor that contributes to prostate cancer risk. Having a father or brother with prostate cancer more than doubles a man's risk of developing this disease during their lifetime. The risk is much higher for men with several affected relatives, particularly if those relatives were young when the cancer was found.

In the US, Black men have the highest prostate cancer incidence rate and tend to develop the disease at a younger age than other men. They are over twice as likely to die from prostate cancer and are more likely to be dia-

gnosed at an advanced stage compared to White men. Considering the higher incidence and mortality rates among Black men, increasing screening rates may be the key to catching more prostate cancers early and saving more lives.

"It's clear that Black men are disproportionately affected by prostate cancer and more needs to be done to get the word out to the community about screening and early detection," said Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick, ACS board member and President of Howard University. "Bringing access and awareness to the Black community about medical treatments and opportunities to join clinical trials may make a big difference in curbing these statistics."

Prostate cancer can often be found early by testing for prostate-specific antigen levels in a man's blood. When prostate cancer is found early, it may be easier to treat, which is why screening tests are so crucial. It's said that self-reported screening rates with prostate-specific antigen testing among Black men are slightly lower (31%) than in White men (38%). ACS recommends that men at high risk, including Black men, begin talking to their health care providers

about screening for prostate cancer at age 45.

To find a screening location near you, please go to <https://get-screened.cancer.org/>.

To curb the rise in prostate cancer for all men, especially for Black men, ACS recently launched IMPACT, an initiative geared toward Improving Mortality from Prostate Cancer Together.

"We are sounding the alarm and taking on this crucial challenge to improve outcomes for all men, as well as reverse disparities for Black men through IMPACT," said Dr. Karen E. Knudsen, CEO of the American Cancer Society and ACS Cancer Action Network. "This is a bold move that will save lives by funding new cancer research programs that connect the laboratory, the clinic, and the community."

Understanding the Symptoms and Risk Factors

Aside from screening, knowing the symptoms and risk factors for prostate cancer is another way Black men can prioritize their health. It's important to know that early prostate cancer normally doesn't cause symptoms; however, in some cases men may have symptoms though it is less common. These symptoms in-

clude problems urinating, including a slow or weak urinary stream or the need to urinate more often, especially at night, and blood in the urine or semen. More advanced prostate cancer symptoms include those listed above and can sometimes present as trouble getting an erection, bone pain in the hips, spine, chest, or other areas. Other symptoms include weakness or numbness in the legs or feet, or even loss of bladder or bowel control, from cancer in the spine pressing on the spinal cord, weight loss, and feeling very

tired.

While most of these symptoms are more likely to be caused by something other than prostate cancer, it is important to be aware and tell your health care provider if you are experiencing these symptoms.

While not all men are at a higher risk of developing prostate cancer, there are some factors that may play a key role in increasing a person's chance of contracting it. Understanding these factors may be critical when deciding to get screened for prostate cancer.

One of the factors researchers have found to be linked to prostate cancer is older age. The chances of having prostate cancer increases quickly after age 50. It is reported that about 6 in 10 prostate cancers are found in men older than 65.

Race, ethnicity and family history also play a role in a person's likelihood for developing prostate cancer. Prostate cancer occurs more often in Black men and in Caribbean men of African ancestry than in men of other races. Men with a family history

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