

EMERALD Sports

WILDLIFE Lines

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Last week we tried to cover the subject of bait fishing for trout. This week we will concern ourselves with some spinning tactics that may help to fill the creel on opening day.

There are four general types of spinning lures which can successfully be fished for trout. The first of these we will consider are spinners.

Spinners are deadly trout lures. They are made to represent a small minnow, which is one of the favorite snacks of lunger trout. Big brownies especially, become cannibalistic and relish minnows.

There are many spinners which are suitable for trout, but the ones in small sizes are to be preferred. The C. P. Swing, the many Colorado spinners, and Indiana type spinners with a weighted body are our favorites.

Early in the season, if the water is cold, the trout are usually inactive and residing in the deep pools. This is the time to use a weighted spinner. Cast across the current and allow the spinner to drift down, then make the retrieve. To achieve maximum depth, cast upstream, and reel in as the lure bumps along the bottom.

Weather Determines Lure

"Bright lures on dull days, and dull lures on bright days," is a good general rule to follow in choosing the spinner or spoon to use. If the stream is muddy and the sky overcast, a shiny lure has a better chance of attracting fish; but if the day is bright, a shiny lure often scares more trout than it attracts.

The second general type of spinning lure is the spoon. Spoons of the Wob-L-Rite type, which are thick-bodied, are good in the early season when you need to achieve depth. The daredevil type spoon is also very good for trout.

There are so many varieties of spoons on the market that a novice angler finds it hard to make a choice. As a general rule, it is advisable to have some of the thick, compact spoons, and also some of the thin, long spoons in your fishing kit.

Spoons are fished in the same manner in which you fish a spinner. Remember when fishing artificial lures to vary your retrieve occasionally if you are not catching fish. One day they might want a quick, darting motion and the next day a slow, hip-swinging retrieve might be the tickets.

The third type of spinning lure for trout is plugs. There are only two plugs in our trout spinfishing box. They are both so-called fly rod lures. Both the Flatfish and Hotshot have a wobbling action in the water.

Rainbows Like Flatfish

We consider these plugs mainly big fish lures. Rainbows especially, seem to like our orange flatfish with red spots. We like to fish them in big deep pools, covering all the holding water thoroughly.

The fourth type of spinning lure is very seldom seen on the stream. In fact, we'd be almost willing to bet that only about one percent of the readers has ever used a weighted streamer fly.

When we find ourselves unable to fish fast runs properly with fly tackle, we like to probe the pockets with a weighted black marabou streamer. This black marabou has produced enough good fish to deserve the honored spot it holds in the tackle box of the few who use it.

Weighted streamers are hard to find in sporting goods stores. The best bet is to find some person who ties flies, and have him tie you up a dozen. Fish them exactly as you would a regular streamer fly. This will be covered in our next article.

In summary, we would suggest that your tackle box contain a couple of spinners of each type and in both brass and nickel finish. Add to that a couple of wobbling spoons in both the deep running and shallow types, and both finishes; plus a couple of flatfish, and a weighted streamer fly or two, and you'll be all set for opening day.

Athletics Move Past Cleveland, Bums Win Eighth

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Kansas City Athletics swung from the heels against Mike Garcia for the second time within 24 hours Tuesday to stage a five-run rally in the ninth that beat the Cleveland Indians 8-7 and snapped a five-game losing streak.

In the National league Brooklyn's red-hot Dodgers did it again, number eight out of eight, as they slipped by Philadelphia, 7-6.

Monday night, the A's had blasted Garcia out of the game with a five-run third which included three home runs while building up an 8-0 lead. The lead didn't hold up, however, and the A's lost it in the ninth, 11-9.

In Tuesday's game, it was the Indians who couldn't hold the lead. Rookie Herb Score gave up homers to Gus Zernial and Jim Finigan, but fanned nine to go into the nines with a 7-3 lead.

He left after failing to retire the first three batters and Garcia came on to give up a triple by Vic Power, a pinch double by Elmer Valo and a bases-loaded single by Bill Wilson that broke it up.

That was the only American league game played and dropped the Indians to a full game deficit behind first place Boston, whose doubleheader with Washington was rained out.

In the National, Milwaukee got a gift run in the eighth to beat the Chicago Cubs 3-2. Pittsburgh at New York was postponed by cold and rain.

The winful Dodgers used three pitchers to quell the Phils.

Four Philadelphia hurlers gave up 10 Brooklyn hits. The Dodgers winning number eight.

UO, OSC to Bowl In National Test

Oregon State college, recent winner of the Northwest Regional championship, will roll on the University of Oregon alleys when both teams compete for the National Intercollegiate Bowling title Thursday. The two teams will start bowling at 7 p.m. in the Student Union and spectators are welcome.

Forty schools will vie for the championship, won by Marquette in 1954 and by Oregon in 1953. The winner will be decided by the total team pinfall for four scratch games. As in all championship events, new pins will be used and regulations, such as foul lines, will be strictly observed.

The Oregon team, coached by Lou Bellissimo, will include Blake Boggess, Bryce Reimer, Bob Boyle, Scott Page, Vern Jackson and Ray Christensen.



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Gridmen Open Spring Workouts

Spring football—one thing Oregon's extra-wet weather doesn't affect too much—got going at Oregon this week as Duck Coach Len Casanova opened spring practice.

More than 60 varsity grid candidates for 1955 greeted Casanova Monday afternoon as the Webfoots began practice sessions that will continue daily for the next four weeks. A full-length scrimmage will climax the practice on Spring Sports day, May 14.

Thirteen Lettermen Back

Among those reporting for practice were 13 lettermen from the 1954 Duck team that defeated all four Northwest rivals and finished with a 6-4 season's mark. Casanova faces a big rebuilding job, however, as only three starters from that team will be back for next fall's campaign.

Tackle Lon Stiner, captain of the 1955 team, Guard Reanous Cochran and Halfback Dick James are the three starters returning. Other lettermen include End Phil McHugh, Tackles Chuck Austin and Harry Johnson, Guards Jim Potter and Jerry Nelson, Centers Art Weber and Nick Markulis and Back Tom Crabtree. Johnny Keller, George Shaw's understudy at quarterback last season, is playing short-stop for Coach Don Kirsch's baseball team.

Transfers, Frosh to Help

Casanova is relying on several varsity reserves, eight promising junior college transfers and a host of freshmen to pick up where the 1954 edition of the Webfoots left off. Twenty practice sessions will be held before the scrimmage.

Elsewhere around the Northwest other conference schools were also encountering rough weather to hamper spring football workouts. Both Oregon State and Washington State ran into rains that necessitated postponement of practice.

The Beavers opened workouts at Corvallis Friday under new

Coach Tommy Prothro after practice was put off from the first of last week. The former UCLA backfield mentor welcomed 66 prospective gridgers to the fold, including 28 lettermen from 1954's team that won only one of ten games under Kip Taylor.

Workouts were slated to get going Monday up at WSC but heavy rains and snow turned the practice field into a quagmire and postponed Cougar workouts until the end of the week. Coach Al Kircher will have about 75 players out when the weatherman lets up, including 24 lettermen.

Washington opened its drills Monday also, as 73 gridgers turned out for practice under Coach Johnny Cherberg. Hurt by the transfer of star quarterback Bobby Cox to Minnesota, the Huskies will have 22 lettermen working out plus seven top junior college transfers.

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