

SUSKIE BASSMASTERS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES – WEEK 10

Good afternoon everyone!

Week 10 is officially in the books, and if anyone thought things were starting to settle down as we head toward the final stretch of the season...Wednesday night had other plans.

There were big fish, plenty of movement, a new Lunker of the Year and a new Small Fish of the Year all in the same evening. With 44 anglers competing, 17 bass crossed the scales for a combined 23.50 pounds, including two fish that broke the two-pound mark.

And when a 2.21-pound smallmouth isn't even the biggest fish of the night, you know somebody showed up with something special.

We'll get to that one...  

WEEK 10 TOURNAMENT SPONSOR

This week's Wednesday Night Series was proudly sponsored by the one and only Team Lacowski!

For anyone wondering who exactly Team Lacowski is, it's the unofficial combination of Chris Ostrowski and Jim Lacomis—two names mashed together because apparently having their own team names just wasn't complicated enough. 

All kidding aside, Chris and Jim have both been members of Suskie Bassmasters for a very long time and are two of the core people behind the operation of the club. From tournaments and weigh-ins to all the work that happens behind the scenes, both have put a tremendous amount of time into helping keep Suskie Bassmasters running year after year.

A big thank-you to Chris Ostrowski and Jim Lacomis — aka Team Lacowski — for sponsoring Week 10 and, more importantly, for everything they continue to do for the club!  

WEEK 10 TOURNAMENT STATS

 44 Anglers

 17 Fish Weighed

 23.50 lbs Total Weight

 1.38 lb Average Fish Weight

 15 of 17 fish were over 13 inches – 88%

 10 of 17 fish were over 14 inches – 59%

 5 of 17 fish were over 15 inches – 29%

🔥 2 fish topped 2 pounds

There may have only been 17 fish brought to the scales, but there was some serious quality mixed in. Team John Centak led the way with a massive 2.65-pounder, while Team Kane wasn't far behind with a 2.21-pound fish of their own. Joe Malloy and Ed Mrochko each added 1.69-pound fish to an impressive top end of the leaderboard.

Apparently the bigger fish have decided it's time to start showing themselves.

Better late than never. 🙄

🌊 RIVER & WEATHER CONDITIONS

🌊 Wilkes-Barre River Gauge: 1.3 ft

💧 River Flow: Low

👁️ Water Clarity: Clear

🌡️ Air Temperature near 5:30 PM: 80°F

☀️ Conditions: Partly Sunny

🌀 Wind: Calm

💧 Humidity: 52%

📊 Barometric Pressure: 29.97 inHg

👁️ Visibility: 10 miles

Low, clear water and plenty of quality fish coming across the scales made for an interesting Week 10 on the Susquehanna.

And with the conditions out of the way, it's time to get into a weigh-in that changed quite a few things.

One team found the new biggest fish of the season.

Another managed to find the new smallest.

There was plenty of movement in between...

Now for the results. 🏆 🏆

🏆 NOW FOR THE RESULTS...

Week 10 brought one of the stronger groups of fish we've seen this season. The top four all weighed **1.69 pounds or better**, two fish broke the two-pound mark, and by the end of weigh-in we had both a new tournament winner and a new Lunker of the Year.

There were also a couple of ties, some familiar names near the top, and one team that came very close to completing a certain cycle we've been watching.

Let's get into it...

Wildcard Winner (8th Place)

This week's Wildcard landed on **8th place**, and wouldn't you know it...**Team Bevilaqua** was right there again with a **14⁵/₈-inch, 1.35-pound** smallmouth.

Last week we gave Team Bevilaqua a hard time after they suddenly remembered how to catch fish and finished second. This week they didn't quite make it back to the payout positions, but somehow managed to land directly on the Wildcard instead.

Two weeks in a row leaving weigh-in with something to show for it?

We're starting to get concerned.

Team Bevilaqua may actually know how to fish. 😄

On the Bubble – 5th Place

This week's Bubble belongs to **Team Hamm**, whose **15³/₄-inch, 1.50-pound** smallmouth landed them in 5th place.

Team Hamm continues to lead the Team of the Year standings, so we're not going to feel *too* bad for them. Still, bringing a pound-and-a-half fish to the scales and missing the final payout spot by **0.19 pounds** has to sting just a little.

The good news is they're still leading the season.

The bad news?

The Bubble Club doesn't care about your résumé. 😄

4th Place

Congratulations to **Team Mrochko**, whose **15¹/₂-inch, 1.69-pound** smallmouth earned fourth place Wednesday night.

There was just one small problem.

Team Malloy also weighed 1.69 pounds.

With the weights dead even, the tiebreaker went to fish length, and Malloy's **15³/₄-inch** fish edged Mrochko's **15¹/₂-incher** for third. Just a quarter-inch separated the two spots.

So Team Mrochko gets fourth place and a valuable reminder that apparently **size really does matter when the scale says the same thing. You need to squish it a little harder next time Eddy!** 😏

3rd Place

Congratulations to **Team Malloy**, whose **15¾-inch, 1.69-pound** smallmouth earned third place after winning the length tiebreaker over Team Mrochko.

Malloy picked a pretty good night to find an extra quarter-inch of fish. With absolutely nothing separating the two teams on the scale, that little bit of extra length became the difference between third and fourth.

Sometimes ounces matter.

Sometimes hundredths matter.

And apparently sometimes you just need your bass to **stretch its legs a little more than the other guy's**.



Either way, a quality fish and a well-earned third-place finish for Team Malloy.

2nd Place

On most Wednesday nights, if **Team Kane** brings a **17⅞-inch, 2.21-pound smallmouth** to the scales, everybody else can probably start packing up.

Not this Wednesday.

Team Kane brought in an absolute tank, easily one of the best fish we've seen all season, and somehow had the misfortune of doing it on the exact same night somebody brought in an even bigger one.

A **2.21** would have taken first place in **nine of the first nine tournaments this season**.

In Week 10?

Second.

That's fishing.

Congratulations to **Team Kane** on an outstanding fish and a second-place finish that probably feels just a little unfair. 

1st PLACE – WEEK 10 WINNERS

Well...here it is.

Congratulations to **Team John Centak** on capturing the **Week 10 victory** with an absolute giant — a **17½-inch smallmouth weighing 2.65 pounds!**

This wasn't just the winning fish Wednesday night. It wasn't just the only fish good enough to beat Team Kane's impressive 2.21.

It changed the season.

The 2.65-pound smallmouth becomes the **new Lunker of the Year**, knocking Team Matty Centak's 2.23-pound fish out of the top spot. It also gave Team John Centak a huge boost in the season standings, moving them all the way into **2nd place with 14.45 pounds**.

That's one fish that managed to win a tournament, take over the Lunker lead, and shake up the Team of the Year race all at once.

Not a bad night's work.

And let's give Team Kane some credit here. Bringing a 2.21 to the scales and then watching a **2.65** come out of somebody else's livewell is the fishing equivalent of thinking you've aced the test...

and then John Centak walks in with the extra-credit question finished. 😄

Congratulations to **Team John Centak** on a monster Susquehanna smallmouth, the Week 10 victory, and the **new Lunker of the Year!** 🏆 🐟 🎣

TRENDING

Ten weeks are in the books, and Week 10 definitely left its mark on the season.

- 🏆 **Team Hamm Still Holds the Top Spot:** Team Hamm added another **1.50 pounds** and remains the Team of the Year leader at **16.24 pounds**. But things behind them are getting very interesting. Team John Centak has moved into 2nd at **14.45**, Team Orloski sits 3rd at **14.24**, Team Ciravalo is 4th at **14.01**, and Team Matty Centak is 5th at **14.00**. Just **0.45 pounds separates 2nd through 5th**.
 - 🚀 **Biggest Move: Team John Centak** made the big move this week, jumping from **outside the Top 10 all the way to 2nd place** after dropping that 2.65-pound monster on the scales. One fish changed their entire season in a hurry.
 - 🐟 **The Big Fish Are Here:** Week 10 produced **two fish over two pounds**, with Team Kane's 2.21 and Team John Centak's 2.65 leading an impressive group. Five of the 17 fish weighed were over 15 inches, and 88% of everything brought to the scales measured better than 13 inches.
 - 🔄 **The Orloski Cycle Watch Continues:** They've already checked off **1st, 2nd and 3rd** this season. All Team Orloski needs is a 4th to complete the cycle. They finished 10th this week, so apparently Jerry still hasn't figured out that we're actually asking him to do *worse* than he has before...just very specifically worse. 😄
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SMALL FISH OF THE YEAR UPDATE

WE HAVE A NEW LEADER!

Congratulations...we think...to **Team Saypack**, who brought a **12¾-inch, 0.85-pound** smallmouth to the scales Wednesday night and claimed the **Small Fish of the Year** lead.

It takes a special kind of talent to show up during a week when everybody is talking about how big the fish are getting and somehow go in completely the opposite direction.

But a leader is a leader.

Team Saypack is officially #1 at being the smallest. 😄🐟

🏆 LUNKER OF THE YEAR UPDATE

WE HAVE A NEW LUNKER LEADER!

Team Matty Centak's **2.23-pound** smallmouth had held the top spot since Week 5, but its reign officially came to an end Wednesday night.

Team John Centak's 17½-inch, 2.65-pound smallmouth didn't just sneak past it—it added another **0.42 pounds** to the mark and set a new target for everyone to chase.

With the quality of fish showing up lately, we're not ready to say 2.65 is safe.

But somebody is going to have to bring a **serious Susquehanna smallmouth** to the scales to beat it.

The new number is 2.65. 🐟🏆

🏆 50/50 UPDATE

Congratulations to **Dave McGovern**, this week's **50/50 winner!**

After all the grief Dave took while filling in at the scales last week—and repeatedly being asked when Miller was coming back—apparently the fishing gods decided he deserved something for his troubles.

Or maybe this was just his compensation package.

Either way, **Dave finally got paid for surviving the weigh-in table.** 😄

Congratulations, Dave!

🚦 RUNNING LIGHT REMINDER

With the days getting shorter, we're starting to lose daylight before everyone is back at the launch.

Please remember that **navigation/running lights need to be on and used properly once required**. Make sure your lights are working **before you leave the launch**, not when you're several miles upriver and suddenly realize it's dark.

We're all sharing the river on the way back, and seeing another boat before you're close enough to shake hands with them is generally preferred. 😄

Check your lights, use them when required, and let's keep everyone safe. 🚦💡

🗓️ OPEN TOURNAMENT – AUGUST 30th

Mark your calendars!

Suskie Bassmasters Open Tournament

 **Sunday, August 30th 6:30am to 1pm**

We're getting close to our annual Open Tournament, so make sure you save the date!

More information will be coming soon with tournament details, registration information and everything you'll need to know.

Stay tuned!  

SUSKIE BASSMASTERS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES – WEEK 11

We'll do it all again next Wednesday!

 **Registration:** Approximately **4:00 PM**

 **Launch: 5:00 PM**

 **Weigh-In: 8:30 PM** (*All boats must be between the bridges by 8:30 PM.*)

 **AND ONE MORE REMINDER ABOUT 8:30...**

Last week's reminder still stands:

8:30 PM means 8:30 PM.

Your boat must be **between the bridges by 8:30 PM** to be considered on time. Even **one second late** means you're late and will result in **disqualification**.

With the standings this tight, don't let one extra cast turn a great night into a very long ride back to the launch.

Ten weeks are now behind us, and things are getting interesting. Team Hamm still controls the top spot, but only **0.45 pounds separates 2nd through 5th**, we have brand-new leaders at both ends of the fish-size spectrum, and Team Orloski is still somehow trying to catch exactly the right fish to finish fourth.

The bigger fish are showing up, the standings are moving, and the season is getting down to the point where **every ounce matters**.

We'll see everyone next Wednesday!

Good luck, tight lines, working running lights...and heavy bags!   