

SUSKIE BASSMASTERS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES – WEEK 7

Good afternoon everyone!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Launch Time Changes Begin Next Week

As daylight continues to get shorter, **next week's Wednesday Night Series schedule changes.**

 **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.*)

Please plan accordingly so we can get everyone on the water as efficiently as possible.

Running Late? We've Got You Covered.

We understand the earlier launch time may make it difficult for some anglers to arrive by 5:00 PM.

If you're running late, simply **send a picture of your livewell to any Suskie Bassmasters Board Member before you begin fishing.** Once you arrive at the river, you may launch immediately and begin fishing.

When you return for weigh-in, **please stop at the weigh-in table to check in and square everything up with the tournament officials.**

This allows anglers with work or other commitments to still participate while maintaining the integrity of the tournament.

Navigation Lights Reminder

As launch times move later into the evening, please make sure your **navigation lights are in proper working order** and are being used in accordance with **Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) regulations.** Navigation lights are required for everyone's safety and become increasingly important as we head into the later weeks of the season.

OK.....On to the Good Stuff

Week 7 proved that a little rain wasn't enough to keep Suskie Bassmasters anglers off the water. Forty-two anglers launched into a wet Wednesday evening on the Susquehanna, and despite the steady rain throughout the tournament, 20 bass still found their way to the scales. The fish continue to put on weight

as summer rolls on, but the Susquehanna also reminded a few anglers who's really in charge, as three or four found the river's shoals the hard way.

By the end of the night, anglers weighed a total of **27.22 pounds** of bass with a **1.36-pound average**. Once again, just ounces separated much of the leaderboard, proving that every cast—and every fish—continues to matter as the Team of the Year race heats up.

WEEK 7 TOURNAMENT SPONSOR

This week's tournament sponsor is **Domino's Pizza #153**, located at **1310 Northampton Street, Easton, PA 18042**.

Whether you're grabbing dinner after work, feeding the family, or picking up a late-night pizza after a day on the water, Domino's has been serving the Easton community with fresh, made-to-order pizzas, wings, sandwiches, pasta, breads, desserts, and more. Their commitment to fast, friendly service has made them one of the area's favorite choices for quality pizza and convenient carryout or delivery.

 **1310 Northampton Street, Easton, PA 18042**

 **(610) 253-2220**

 **Sunday–Thursday:** 10:30 AM – Midnight

 **Friday & Saturday:** 10:30 AM – 1:00 AM

Please join us in thanking **Domino's Pizza #153** for sponsoring Week 7 of the Suskie Bassmasters Wednesday Night Series. We encourage everyone to support the local businesses that support our club!

WEEK 7 TOURNAMENT STATS

 **42 Anglers**

 **20 Fish Weighed**

 **27.22 lbs Total Weight**

 **1.36 lb Average Fish Weight**

RIVER & WEATHER CONDITIONS

 **River Level: 1.4 ft** (*Wilkes-Barre Gauge*)

 **River Flow:** Approximately **4,200 CFS**

 **Water Clarity:** Clear

 **Weather:** Rain throughout the tournament

 **Air Temperature:** Approximately **80°F**

 **Wind:** Light

 **Barometric Pressure:** Approximately **30.00 inHg**

Despite the rainy conditions from launch to weigh-in, anglers stuck it out and were rewarded with another competitive night on the Susquehanna. Water conditions remained favorable, and while staying dry wasn't an option, the fish certainly didn't seem to mind.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Before we get to this week's results, we'd like to recognize someone who helped make the evening possible.

A special thank you goes out to **Jim Lacomis**, who came out of retirement from the **Suskie Bassmasters Board** this week to run the weigh-in scales. Our Wednesday Night Series depends on volunteers willing to step up when needed, and Jim answered the call without hesitation.

Thank you, Jim, for donating your evening and helping keep another successful Wednesday night tournament running smoothly!

NOW FOR THE RESULTS...

Week 7 proved that a little rain wasn't enough to keep anglers off the water. Twenty bass found their way to the scales, and once again, only ounces separated much of the leaderboard. With just four payout spots available, there wasn't much room for error.

On the Bubble

This week's visit to the **Bubble Club** belongs to **Team Daubert**, who finished **5th** with a **14¾-inch, 1.56-pound** smallmouth.

With **42 anglers**, the Wednesday Night Series paid **four places**, making **5th place** this week's Bubble Club position.

To make it even tougher, Team Daubert tied **4th place** on weight, but came up just short on the **length tiebreaker**.

Unfortunately...the Bubble Club still doesn't come with a paycheck. We checked. Twice.

Wildcard Winner (12th Place)

This week's **Wildcard** belonged to **Team Matty Centak**, who finished **12th** with a **14⅞-inch, 1.33-pound** smallmouth.

Unfortunately, Team Matty Centak had already headed home before the Wildcard winner was announced. That means **next week's Wildcard rolls over and will now be worth \$60!**

A friendly reminder to everyone: **please stick around for the announcement of the winners.** You never know when your name might be called...or when leaving five minutes early might cost you sixty bucks.

4th Place

Congratulations to **Team Kane**, who brought a **15-inch, 1.56-pound** smallmouth to the scales.

Another week, another quality fish, and another trip to the payout table. Team Kane continues to quietly put together one of the strongest and most consistent seasons in the club.

They may not always be the loudest team at the launch, but they keep showing up at the payout table often enough that everyone has started noticing. That's the kind of consistency that wins championships.

3rd Place

Congratulations to **Team Mrochko**, who landed a **15½-inch, 1.62-pound** smallmouth.

Remember when Team Mrochko got off to that rough start earlier this season?

Yeah...they don't either.

Another podium finish adds to what's becoming one of the best mid-season turnarounds in the club. After climbing the standings over the past several weeks, they've officially become one of the hottest teams on the river. If anyone thought they were out of the Team of the Year race a month ago, they may want to take another look.

2nd Place

Congratulations to **Team Kresge**, whose **16⅞-inch, 1.79-pound** smallmouth earned a well-deserved runner-up finish.

Week after week, Team Kresge continues to prove why they're one of the most consistent teams on the river. Another outstanding fish and another trip to the trophy table keep them firmly in the Team of the Year conversation.

A **1.79-pound** smallmouth is a tournament-winning fish on many Wednesday nights. Unfortunately for Team Kresge, this Wednesday happened to feature one that was just a little bigger.

That's tournament fishing. Sometimes you're the windshield...sometimes you're the bug.

1st Place – WEEK 7 WINNERS

Congratulations to **Team John Centak** on capturing the Week 7 victory!

For years, **Team John Centak** has been one of the premier teams in the Suskie Bassmasters, earning multiple **Team of the Year Championships** and building a reputation for consistently finding quality fish when it matters most. Wednesday night was another reminder of exactly why they've enjoyed that success for so many years.

Fishing through steady rain from launch to weigh-in, Team John Centak put together another textbook Wednesday night performance. While some anglers were trying to stay dry and a few others were trying to figure out how they ended up on the wrong side of a Susquehanna shoal, Team John Centak was busy catching the fish they needed.

Their **16½-inch, 1.96-pound** smallmouth topped a tightly packed leaderboard and held off a field full of quality anglers. With Team Kresge, Team Mrochko, and Team Kane all bringing excellent fish to the scales, there was very little room for error.

When the final fish was weighed, Team John Centak once again found themselves exactly where they've been many times before—at the top of the leaderboard.

Congratulations to **Team John Centak** on another outstanding performance. We'll see if they can turn one victory into a winning streak as we head into Week 8. 

TRENDING

Seven weeks into the season, the numbers continue to tell the story.

- **The Team of the Year race continues to tighten.** Team Hamm remains on top with a season total of **11.28 pounds**, while Team Matty Centak sits in second with **10.69 pounds**. Every fish is becoming more important as we head into the second half of the season.
-  **Biggest Move: Team Kresge** made this week's biggest move in the Team of the Year standings, climbing **two spots** from **10th to 8th place** after their second-place finish.
- **Fish Are Getting Fat.** The average bass weighed **1.36 pounds** this week, continuing the recent trend of healthier summertime fish. The Susquehanna's bass are definitely putting on the feedbag.
- **Shoal Patrol:** The Susquehanna reminded a few anglers that no matter how well you know the river, it can still bite back. Three or four teams found the shoals the hard way Wednesday night. Fortunately, everyone made it back safely, although a few **jet intakes** probably had a story to tell.

SMALL FISH OF THE YEAR UPDATE

The Small Fish of the Year race remains unchanged.

Team Geist continues to hold the lead with the smallest qualifying bass of the season. As always, it only takes one slightly smaller fish to take over the top spot, so every fish that reaches the scales still matters.

Remember...sometimes the smallest fish of the year can still earn you some bragging rights—and a little extra money at the end of the season!

LUNKER OF THE YEAR UPDATE

The Lunker of the Year race also remains unchanged.

Team Matty Centak continues to lead with their **2.23-pound** smallmouth from Week 5. Every week brings another shot at knocking them off the top, but that mark still stands heading into Week 8.

50/50 UPDATE

Congratulations to **Jerry Vitale Jr.**, winner of this week's **50/50** drawing!

With the rain coming down all evening, most anglers went home soaked. Jerry went home soaked...**and a little richer.**

Congratulations, Jerry!

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Tournament results, Team of the Year standings, and weekly recaps are also available on our website at www.suskiebass.org. If you notice any mistakes, omissions, or discrepancies in this week's recap or standings, please let us know. We do our best to keep everything accurate and appreciate your help in making sure our records stay correct.

Seven weeks are now in the books, and the Wednesday Night Series continues to deliver exciting finishes every week. The Team of the Year race is tightening, the fish continue to get bigger, and with earlier launch times beginning next week, every minute—and every ounce—will count even more.

Will **Team Hamm** continue to protect the Team of the Year lead? Can **Team John Centak** make it two wins in a row? Or will another team make a big move as we head into Week 8?

There's only one way to find out...

Let's do it all again next Wednesday.

Good luck, tight lines, and heavy bags! 🧑🏻🔧