

SUSKIE BASSMASTERS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES – WEEK 1 RECAP

Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to the 2026 Suskie Bassmasters Wednesday Night Series!

For all our new members, a recap of each Wednesday night tournament, along with tournament results and updated season standings, will be posted here on Facebook and on our website at www.suskiebass.org within a day or two following each event.

Before we get to the fishing, I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who participated in the memorial plaque ceremony held in honor of Lloyd Lamareaux. Lloyd was a longtime member of the Suskie Bassmasters and a friend to many. Last night, Lloyd took his rightful place on our memorial weigh-in table, surrounded by family, friends, and fellow anglers. He will truly be missed by all of us. A special thank you also goes out to Chuck Saypack for bringing the tools and hardware needed to mount Lloyd's plaque.

This week's tournament sponsor is The Metal Medic LLC. (Hey, that's me! 🤓). Our shop is located in Plains. If you're in need of welding, fabrication, repairs, railings, gates, aluminum work, or custom metal projects, in shop or mobile, give us a call or grab me at the scales on a Wednesday night! (570)500-5094. We would also like to thank Team Hughes and Team Ciravolo for becoming Hot Dog Sponsors. If anyone would like to become a Hot Dog Sponsor this season, please see any board member.

Alright... enough of the formalities. Let's get to what everyone is really here for.

River & Weather Conditions

The river level at the Wilkes-Barre gauge was 1.85 feet. Water clarity was slightly stained but still in good shape. Water temperature averaged 71°F, while air temperatures reached approximately 76°F. The evening started with some cloud cover, but skies quickly cleared, providing excellent conditions for the opening tournament of the 2026 season.

Tournament Stats

- 44 anglers competed aboard 21 boats.
- 4 payout spots were awarded, along with the 6th Place Wildcard payout.
- 18 fish were brought to the scales for a total weight of 23.28 lbs.
- Average fish weight for week 1 was 1.29 lbs.
- Fish ranged from 12½" (0.88 lbs) to 17" (1.97 lbs).

🏆 *Week #1 Results* 🏆

🎯 *On the Bubble* 15" / 1.39 lbs TEAM KANE

Just missing the payout line this week was Team Kane. Their 15" smallmouth weighing 1.39 lbs was good enough to put them right on the bubble—close enough to smell the money, but not close enough to spend it. In tournament fishing, being one spot out of the money can be the toughest place to finish, but with a fish like that, Team Kane proved they're going to be in the mix all season long.

📄 *Wildcard Winner (#6 Position)* 14" / 1.37 lbs TEAM VITALE JR.


Taking home the Week 1 Wildcard payout was Team Vitale Jr. with a 14" smallmouth weighing 1.37 lbs. While it wasn't quite enough to crack the top four, it was good enough to snag the Wildcard spot and put a few dollars back into the gas tank. With fuel prices these days, every little bit helps—and it's a lot more fun driving home with some tournament money in your pocket!

💰 *4th Place* 15 5/8" / 1.51 lbs TEAM MATTY CENTAK


The defending champions, Team Matty Centak, wasted no time reminding everyone why they were the team to beat in 2025. Their 15^{5/8}" smallmouth weighing 1.51 lbs earned them a 4th place finish and their first payout of the season. It seems Team Matty Centak picked up right where they left off last year—catching fish, cashing checks, and making the rest of us wonder if they ever have a bad night on the river. Of course, Musky Matt probably spent half the evening looking for a 50-inch musky before reluctantly settling for a bass, but somehow, they still ended up in the money.

🥉 *3rd Place* 15" / 1.52 lbs TEAM ORLOSKI

Taking home 3rd place honors was Team Orloski with a 15" smallmouth weighing 1.52 lbs. Their fish may have only edged out the competition by a few hundredths of a pound, but in tournament fishing, a hundredth of a pound pays exactly the same as a mile. Team Orloski found the right fish at the right time and turned it into a podium finish. Rumor has it they spent the ride home repeatedly checking the results just to make sure nobody found an extra ounce hiding in the livewell.

 **2nd Place** 15 5/8" / 1.54 lbs **TEAM MILLER**

Coming in 2nd place was Team Miller with a 15⁵/₈" smallmouth weighing 1.54 lbs. Rumor has it the addition of a new partner is already paying dividends, as Team Miller found themselves near the top of the leaderboard in Week 1. Whether it was teamwork, a new t-shirt, or the new guy doing all the heavy lifting, the results speak for themselves—a strong start and a trip to the payout line.

 **1st Place – WEEK 1 WINNERS** 17" / 1.97 lbs **TEAM CIRAVOLO**

Your current Lunker of the Year Leaders

Your current Championship Standings Leaders

THE FISHING LAW FIRM OF CIRAVOLO, CIRAVOLO & CIRAVOLO


(Just kidding... not an actual law firm.)

Team Ciravolo kicked off the 2026 season in style, bringing a 17" smallmouth weighing 1.97 lbs to the scales and claiming the Week 1 title. Along with the win comes an early lead in the Season Championship race and possession of the current Lunker of the Year fish.


For one glorious week, Team Ciravolo gets to look down at the rest of the standings and remind everyone exactly who is in first place. Enjoy it while it lasts, boys—there are a lot of anglers coming for you next Wednesday!

NEXT TOURNAMENT

The next Suskie Bassmasters Wednesday Night Series tournament will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

 Registration Opens: Approximately 4:30 PM

 Launch Time: 5:30 PM

 Weigh-In: 9:00 PM (all boats must be between the bridges by 9:00 PM)

Will Team Ciravolo defend their Week 1 crown? Will Team Miller's new partner continue to produce? Will Team Kane finally break into the money? Or will a new team rise to the top of the standings? There's only one way to find out.

Season standings are posted on the website. Let us know if there are any errors, problems or omissions. Good luck, tight lines, and heavy bags!