

# Fishermen catch 60 pounds of carp

By Tom Betz

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While 60 pounds may not seem like more than a dent in the numbers of the unwanted carp in Smoky Gardens, it is a step in the right direction, says Kenny Sanderson, head of the county lake board.

About 20 fisherman signed up for the two-day carp derby, and with dreams of winning the \$250 first prize began throwing lines into Smoky Gardens to catch the bottom-feeding fish.

A check about mid-morning Saturday revealed that some of the fishermen were doing pretty well, but there was a number who reported losing tackle to snares and to "the one that got away."

J. Kernal had the first catch of the day, and said he and Louis Gomez were using a "secret carp bait." The two wouldn't say what the special ingredients were, but Gomez had three large carp by weighing time with a total of 20.75 pounds and the lead for the total poundage.

Charlie Baker caught one large pregnant carp Saturday and took the prize for that day's largest fish. He became the big winner of the tournament Sunday by bringing three more to take first with a total of 25.5 pounds. He also took the prize for Sunday's largest fish giving him a total of \$300 for the tournament.

Gomez did not have any luck Sunday, and finished second with his 20.75 pounds to give him the \$150 second prize.

The third place \$75 went to Sean Miller who had one weighing 7.5 pounds which he caught on Sunday.

Fourth place went to Kernal with his 7.25 pounds first catch of the tournament.

Fifth was Chip Miller who had a 3 pound catch.

Sixth place went to Connie Carson who had the smallest catch of both days at 2.5 pounds, but it was enough to take the final prize.

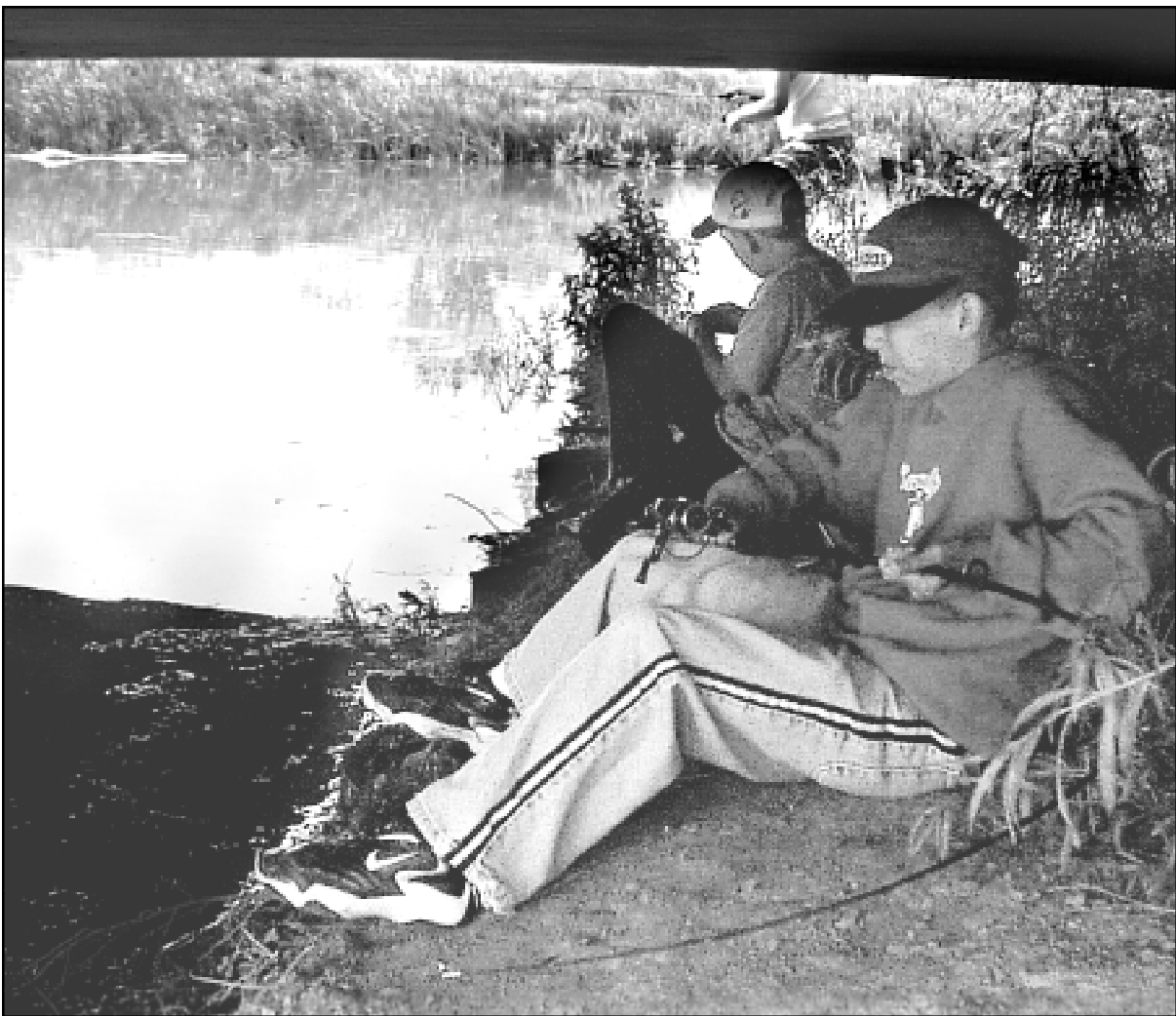
"We were hoping to take more pounds of carp out of the lake," Sanderson said, "but for the first derby it was a good showing. Everyone of these carp removed is good for the lake, and it was fortunate that at least two were pregnant when

taken which takes an additional number away."

A number of young fisherman were among those in the derby, but many had stories of how the fish kept breaking the lines and taking their bait. Several of the youngsters were fishing near the bridge that leads into the park. There are signs saying "no fishing from the bridge" so they were under the bridge.

One contestant, D. Carmen, brought his boat and was going to use a bow and arrow, but Sanderson explained that was not within the rules.

Sanderson hopes that as people enjoy the fishing this summer they might catch additional carp, and pull the numbers of this species down further.



The signs said "no fishing on bridge," but that didn't stop Chad Somers, 13, and Brandon Tatman, 12, from trying their luck under the bridge at Smoky Gardens Saturday during the Carp Derby. Somers was caught on the bottom and trying to get lose while Tatman was putting new bait on his hook. Charlie Baker (left) holds the 8.75 pound pregnant carp he brought in Saturday which was the largest fish of the day, and he also won the derby Sunday with the most pounds and the largest catch for that day as well. Kenny Sanderson (right) does the official weighing of Baker's catch Saturday.

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# NFL moves to identify players with potential for misconduct

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BALTIMORE — The NFL hopes to cut down on player misconduct by identifying athletes with potential behavior problems before they join the league.

NFL owners approved a program Tuesday that enhances the current policy on player conduct. The theory is that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

For example, the league plans to incorporate a more stringent screening process of incoming players at the annual scouting combine. Participants in the combine will be tested, interviewed and evaluated in an effort to better identify at-risk players.

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There will also be a broader list of college players, beyond combine invitees, submitted for background investigations.

Tennessee Titans owner Bud Adams said there's no infallible solution to dealing with player misconduct except to institute around-the-clock surveillance. "It's very difficult to control what a player does in a 24-hour period. You're only with him around two hours a day and he's on his own after that," Adams said.

According to Adams, the Titans do extensive background checks on potential draft picks and free agents in an effort to avoid bringing at-risk players into

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the organization.

"We try to pick players who have not been in trouble before. Of course, that doesn't mean you won't get someone who gets in trouble later on," he said.

Harold Henderson, chairman of the NFL management council, unveiled a program that expanded the policy already in place.

Among the changes:

—A mandatory intervention process to support and counsel at-risk incoming players, as identified by the league-wide screening process.

—Professional counselors will teach coaches how to better identify at-risk players.

—The "Violent Crime Policy" will cover other criminal conduct and will be renamed the "Personal Conduct Policy."

"The structure is there for a very uniform, adequate and useful system," said Henderson, noting that the new program has met the approval of the player's union.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue did not address the media. He was expected to speak this afternoon upon the conclusion of the two-day session.

While the NFL is serious about stemming the outbreak of player violence, Henderson suggested that the problem should be dealt with first and foremost by each of the 31 teams.

"It's the responsibility of each owner to step up to the plate and make sure their club has the right kind of resources," he said. "The individual team certainly has to have a major role. It's impossible to do it remote from Park Avenue. We'll try to

coordinate it and keep the teams consistent."

The Baltimore Ravens and Carolina Panthers have solid programs in place, but each team had an active player arrested on murder charges. The trial of Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis got underway in Atlanta at virtually the same time the owners addressed the topic of player violence.

Carolina receiver Rae Carruth was released after he was charged with setting up the murder of his pregnant girlfriend.

## Perez homer lifts Rockies over Chicago

DENVER (AP) — Neifi Perez hit a go-ahead two-run homer, backing Brian Bohanon's 3-2-3 innings of shut-out relief as the Colorado Rockies rallied from a six-run deficit to beat the Chicago Cubs 10-7 Tuesday night.

It was the eighth straight home game the Rockies scored 10 or more runs, extending their own major league record.

Perez gave the Rockies a 7-6 lead with his homer off Daniel Garibay (0-1). Bohanon (2-3) gave up one hit and struck out one after taking over for Rolando Arroyo with one out in the fifth and Chicago leading 6-0.

Tom Goodwin also homered for Colorado, and Jeffrey Hammonds' three-run homer in the eighth brought the Rockies to double digits.

For the Cubs, Willie Greene homered and drove in three runs, Jeff Reed hit a two-run homer and Damon Buford hit a solo home run in a four-hit game.

Kerry Wood, walked two and allowed five runs in six innings and got a no-decision.

Reed staked Wood to a 3-0 lead in the second inning with his second homer of the year, a two-run shot off Arroyo, after Sammy Sosa scored on Greene's sacrifice fly.

Greene and Buford extended Chicago's lead to 6-0 with home runs in the fourth.

Wood faced the minimum through three innings, but the Rockies broke through with a four-run fourth. A double by Goodwin and a triple by Mike Lansing made it 6-1. Bubba Carpenter had an RBI single and Brent Mayne followed with a two-run double.

## Avs lose to Stars in first overtime

DALLAS (AP) — Joe Nieuwendyk is once again coming through for the Dallas Stars when they need him the most.

Nieuwendyk re-directed a long blast from Richard Matvichuk at 12:10 into overtime Tuesday night, giving the Dallas Stars a 3-2 victory over the Colorado Avalanche and putting the Stanley Cup champions within a win of the finals.

"We had some good luck there," Nieuwendyk said. "It seemed like the only way to get to the net is to outrace a guy. I was able to do that and just got my stick on it."

Nieuwendyk beat rookie Martin Skoula to get just enough of the puck to send it past Colorado goalie Patrick Roy, giving Dallas a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven Western Conference finals. Game 6 is Thursday night in Denver.

Nieuwendyk was the MVP of the playoffs last year after tying an NHL record with six postseason game-winners, two of them in overtime. It was only fitting then that he ended Dallas' first overtime game of these playoffs, notching his second game-winner.

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