



BRECK SIMONSSON stretched a single into a hustling double during the last Co-Ed Softball game of the season on last Monday at the ball field in Oberlin.

—Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Purple Pack wins softball tournament

The Decatur County Adult Co-Ed Softball league tournament ended play last Monday with the Purple Pack taking the trophy after a wild and woolly battle against Fredrickson Dental, the regular season

champions.

The Pack edged Fredrickson 16-12 after earlier in the tournament losing to the team 12-2.

Other scores: Diederichs over Decatur Health Systems 10-5;

Fredrickson Dental trounced Diederichs 17-2; Creative Dimensions snubbed Johnson Realty (Sophomores) 13-3; Fredrickson outlasted Creative Dimensions 11-6; Purple Pack over Pauls, 20-8; Fortins clob-

bered Countryside Vets 18-2; Purple Pack edged the Fortins 10-9 and 13-12; and in the final two games Purple Pack won over Fredrickson 11-4 and 16-12.



FORMER OBERLIN GOLF STAR Jobey Black took practice swings May 9 before the Oberlin Invitational golf tournament at the Sappa Park course. He will attend Colby Community College in the fall to study welding technology.

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Graduate proves self on field, court, course

By **JIM MERRIOTT**

Jobey Black is the kind of guy who believes actions speak louder than words.

The recent Decatur Community High graduate has proven his worth on the football field, basketball court and area golf courses.

Black plans to attend Colby Community College this fall with hopes of making the Trojan golf team.

A four-time letter winner and state qualifier on the links, he also lettered three years in basketball and one in football.

A third-generation Red Devil, he says his favorite color – naturally – is red.

Along with hitting the books and playing sports, Black says he enjoys classic rock and rap music. His favorite movie is “Without a Paddle,” a comedy about several young

friends on a backpacking and canoe trip. His favorite actor is comedian Adam Sandler.

Black is an avid upland game bird hunter who owns a beautiful bird dog named Mya. He says he enjoys a good steak supper and loves competition.

Black says he wants to pursue a certification in welding at Colby.

His favorite college team to root for is the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers.

“If I had only a few words to say to young Oberlin kids, it would be to start sports as soon as you can, practice, and above all, have fun.”

There is an old wives’ tale I was told many years ago about direct sunlight and its affect on midday bass fishing.

It went something like this: “If there is too much sunlight, big bass won’t bite.”

So for years, I lived by this silly myth. Then several years ago, I happened on the warm-water fishing record book while shopping at the Bass Pro Shop in Springfield, Mo.

While thumbing through the book and admiring the largest largemouth in captivity, which was living in the gigantic fresh water aquarium there, I noticed the times that the records had been set.

To my surprise, the majority of record largemouth caught were taken on what fisherman call “bluebird” days, or what photographers call sunny bright days.

I also noticed these monsters were caught between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., times the average fisherman gives up on because of the heat of midday.

Furthermore, according to that record book, these fish were caught during the dog days of summer, a time fishermen normally use to either cultivate fields, cut grass, or water or jet ski.

This amazed me, so I decided to look into the matter.

At the 1989 American Fishing and Tackle Manufacturers Association annual show in Las Vegas, I talked to famous television fishing personality Roland Martin; former Oklahoma fishing biologist and Bass Masters Classic champion Ken Cook; and pro angler Joe Thomas.

I figured if anyone should know something about fishing for bass, these guys should. Here is what I learned.

“The shadow cast by an overhanging tree or a row of overhanging trees is seldom a straight line,” said Martin. “What I look for are the



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parts of the shadow that stick out. Wherever that shadow intersects with other structure, like a grassline, that tells me that is a key spot to fish.”

“Bass are sunfish,” said Cook. “They don’t shy away from the sun simply because sunlight bothers them, but you would be stunned at the number of fishermen who believe that.”

Since this is one most overlooked aspects of bass fishing, I dug deeper into the research books at the show.

Flabbergasted, I learned a few things about America’s top sporting fish:

- Bass have excellent color vision, similar to the rods and cones in the human eye.

- Bass have a tendency to stay in shade on sunny days because it gives them a visual advantage over their prey.

- The eyes of bass are much oriented to bright light.

- Most bass fisherman think bass can’t see as well in the sun, so they seek the shade to protect their eyes, which is opposite the truth.

- Bass lose their color vision, as do humans, during the dark, which tells us that they are primarily daytime feeders and hunters.

- While bass can see perfectly during bright days, the main reason they stay in the shade is for ambush purposes. It’s the old theory; hide or be eaten. Shade provides protection from overhead predators.

“One of the most common mistakes bass fisherman make who

Missouri, Texas should be on top

The Big 12 Media Preseason Football Poll predicts the University of Missouri will win the North Division and the University of Texas the South in the conference.

The Tigers return 15 starters of last year’s 8-5 team, which tied for second (4-4) in the North and played in the Brut Sun Bowl.

Among area teams, the Univer-

sity of Nebraska, Kansas State and the University of Kansas are projected to finish second, third, and fourth, with Colorado and Iowa State following.

Oklahoma, the defending Big 12 Champion, was picked second in the South followed by Texas A&M, Oklahoma State, Texas Tech and Baylor.

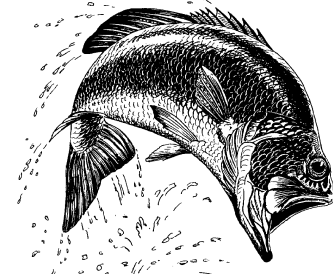
University of Kansas football schedule

Saturday, Sept. 1	Central Michigan	6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8	SE Louisiana (Band Day)	6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15	Toledo (Family Weekend)	6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22	no game	
Saturday, Sept. 29	Florida International	6 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6	at Kansas State	TBA
Saturday, Oct. 13	Baylor (K-Day Reunion)	TBA
Saturday, Oct. 20	at Colorado	TBA
Saturday, Oct. 27	at Texas A&M	TBA
Saturday, Nov. 3	Nebraska (Homecoming)	TBA
Saturday, Nov. 10	at Oklahoma State	TBA
Saturday, Nov. 17	Iowa State	TBA
Saturday, Nov. 24	Missouri (at Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City)	

Kansas State football schedule

Saturday, Sept. 1	at Auburn	6:45 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8	San Jose State	6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15	Missouri State	6:05 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22	No game	
Saturday, Sept. 29	at Texas	TBA
Saturday, Oct. 6	Kansas	TBA
Saturday, Oct. 13	Colorado	TBA
Saturday, Oct. 20	at Oklahoma State	TBA
Saturday, Oct. 27	Baylor	TBA
Saturday, Nov. 3	at Iowa State	TBA
Saturday, Nov. 10	at Nebraska	TBA
Saturday, Nov. 17	Missouri	TBA
Saturday, Nov. 24	at Fresno State	TBA

You can catch big bass in sunny weather



work the sunny days is allowing their shadow to fall near the shade,” said Thomas. “I believe that a shadow from above creates fear of an overhead predator in fish, causing them to flee. My theory is since the fish are looking into the sun and because the shadow naturally falls away from the sun, I like to fish into the sun or at least cross sun. Fishing into the sun, you have some visual

problems yourself.

“Cross sun is the ideal situation, so if you are fishing a shade line, you can parallel it like you would a grass bed.”

Over the years using this advise, I have had moderate to average success, but by no means do I have the hours on the water or the experience these three anglers have.

I just have the “Good Ole’ Boy” weekend warrior experience, but what I can say is this:

Kansas may not have the largest largemouth bass recorded in the nation, but over the years

I have seen many businessmen who have bass mounted on the wall, between 5 to 10 pounds.

Fishing ten and eastern Kansas farm ponds over the years, I have caught and released bass larger than those on the wall of these proud anglers.

When I was stationed at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego, years ago, I fished famous Lake Hodges prior to its heyday.

What I learned was that largemouth bass are gluttons and they could be caught anytime of the day in the warm California sun.

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