

SPORTS

ROD AND GUN



By DON CARPENTER

Anglers plug away at bass

A.C. plugs, invented by Allen S. Cole, are catching really big fish. So far more than 100 largemouth bass weighing more than 10 pounds have been taken on this new A.C. plug.

Rick Grover at Anglers Marine in Anaheim, Calif., an outstanding bass fisherman, who is trying to set a record with a 25-pound bass in California thinks these huge 9-inch-plugs will set new records for big-mouths soon. Rick says these big plugs are also taking really big rockfish.

The 23rd annual National Hunting & Fishing Day on Sept. 24 will feature open houses at hundreds of sports clubs. Pros will answer the questions of amateurs and teach the public safe hunting, shooting and angling methods.

Maryland's biggest NHIF Day event will be held rain or shine at Remington Farms near Chestertown for some 5,000 outdoor fans and their families.

DNR has announced its fall striped bass season for recreation and charter fishing in Chesapeake Bay as Sept. 24 to Nov. 14 with bag limits of one day for anglers and two a day on charter boats.

The Potomac River recreation season is Sept. 30 to Oct. 30 and Nov. 4 through 13. The Charter boat season is Oct. 1 to Nov. 6 with bag of two on guide boats.

DNR says "We may keep open the rockfish fall season past Nov. 14 or longer." The size is 18 inches.

The canyons off Ocean City are still producing marlin, and a few yellowfin tuna and dolphin, the inlet has some weakfish to 7 pounds plus 2 to pound flounder in the East Channel, snapper blues are in the surf now, bottom fish are taking blood worms baits.

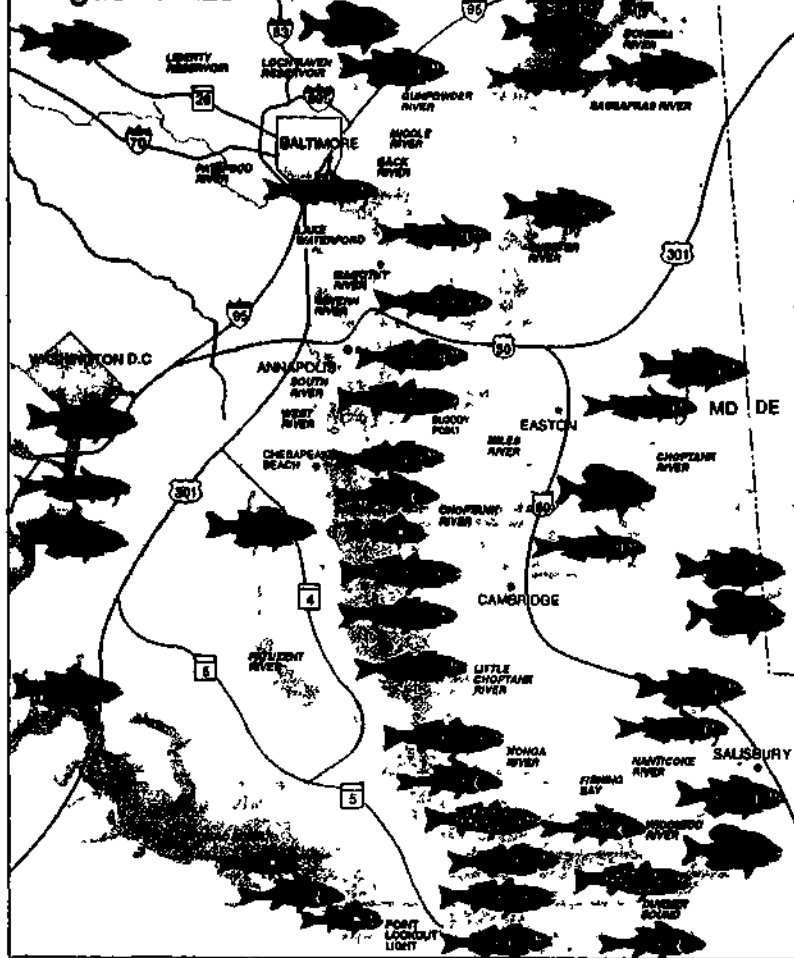
Chummers have the edge for bluefish at mid-bay where Spanish mackerel have increased in numbers and size. Jumbo spot can be had in the same area along with croakers 9 to 14 inches long and 10- to 18-inch weakfish or sea trout.

From Cove Point north to the bay bridges small bluefish or snappers are now taking trolled small hose baits. Eastern Bay also has snappers plus good bottom fishing for pot croakers and a few trout.

Above the bridges snapper blues and even a few Spanish macks are being taken up to Swan Point, blues like small hose and macks like small spoons trolled fast.

BAY FISHING GUIDE

For the weekend of August 27-28



Ocean City inlet spot to catch big sea trout

By TOM GOODSPEED

Capital Outdoors/Writer

Some of the best area fishing right now is in the Inlet at Ocean City.

The trick is to get hold of some live spot and then drift them from a boat off the south jetty, preferably on its northern side.

I catch my spot on bits of bloodworm at the launching ramp in West Ocean City and keep them alive in one of those yellow minnow buckets hanging off the stern of my boat.

The seatrout that will eat those spot are real tiderunners, running up to 7 or 8 pounds in weight.

A slammer blue might inhale that spot, too, so be forewarned.

The spot in the Chesapeake are getting ready now to drop out of the bay, along with the croakers that have supplied so much fun this summer. But their place is being taken by the Spanish mackerel that have now moved into our mid-bay waters, from Cove Point up to the Sharps Island Light. They are mixed in with snapper bluefish, with the mackerel hitting small spoons retrieved very rapidly.

Those small blues are even up the bay as far as Love Point at the northern tip of Kept Island.

The white perch are in peak condition as fall nears, big and fat, and are thick from the bay Bridge plugs north to all the humps between the Bridge and Baltimore Harbor.

GOODSPEED'S FORECAST

I'd be hesitant about fishing the lower Potomac right now until you have determined its current flood stage. Last weekend the river was about three feet above the norm for this time of the summer.

That last tropical storm did dump a lot of water upstate, mandating the headwater area of the river and some flooding could be around as you read this.

MSGA MEETING: The Annapolis Chapter of the Marland Saltwater Sportsfishermen's Association will hold a meeting Sept. 14 7:30 p.m., at Liberty Yacht Club.

Keith Walters, and outdoor writer and photographer, will be the guest speaker. Walters is the author of "Chesapeake Stripers" and "Catching Striped Bass."

Guests are welcome. Call 544-9833 for more information and directions.

Members please note this change from the original date of this meeting.

Kenny Wallace named as fill-in for improving, but critical Irvan

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Following the strain of the past few days, there were some distinguishable smiles on the tired faces of Ernie Irvan's race team.

Irvan, the Winston Cup star known for his quick wit, remained in a Michigan hospital yesterday after suffering severe head and lung injuries in a weekend crash.

Back in Charlotte, team owner Robert Yates called on Kenny Wallace to fill in for Irvan, who was in critical but stable condition and showing signs of improvement.

Wallace, 31, who has raced in two Winston Cup events this year, will drive Irvan's No. 28 Ford Thunderbird Saturday night in Bristol, Tenn. Qualifying for the Goody's 500 will begin Friday.

The good news on Irvan's medical condition gave his crew the freedom to talk about their driver's unique sense of humor, which came through even during the heat of battle.

When Irvan was running for the lead at Darlington last fall, crew chief Larry McReynolds asked him how the car was handling.

"Yes, Johnny!" Irvan responded. Irvan went on to win the race, and

"Yes, Johnny!" became the team's unofficial slogan.

Yesterday, McReynolds and Jay Smith, the crew chief for Irvan's Busch Grand National team, held up a handmade sign outside the team's shop which said: "Get Well, Ernie! Yes, Johnny!"

Asked what "Yes, Johnny!" meant, Yates said: "Ernie will have to answer that."

Irvan continued to show signs of regained consciousness on Wednesday, responding to questions and requests from the medical staff, his doctor said.

Irvan, 35, remains on a ventilator to aid breathing. But he has progressed since Saturday, when his car slammed into a wall during practice for the Goodwrench Dealers 400 at Michigan International Speedway.

Irvan began opening his eyes Monday afternoon after drugs given him were decreased. He responded with some body movements Monday evening. The ventilator prevents him from trying to talk, his doctors said.

Wallace, younger brother of former Winston Cup champion Rusty Wallace, was chosen to substitute for Irvan from "a thin list" of candidates because of his experience and personality. Yates

said. "Kenny is a guy we knew right off could get the job done," he said. "He will run as long as he wants until Ernie can get back in the car."

"I have mixed emotions," Wallace said during a news conference outside the Yates shop. "I'm not excited about having to do this. But no one could honestly say they wouldn't love a chance to drive the No. 28 car."

Wallace said he wanted to help because he and Irvan are close friends. He also wanted to do something for the racing team, which turned to Irvan 13 months ago when Davey Allison was killed in a helicopter crash.

It was also announced that Winston Cup driver Mark Martin will manage Irvan's Grand National team. He will also drive Irvan's Grand National car Friday night at Bristol.

Wallace has 38 career Winston Cup starts, finishing as high as ninth four times. One of those ninth-place finishes came at Talladega last month. He was runnerup to Bobby Labonte in the 1991 Grand National points race.

"There's no way I can fill Ernie's shoes and drive like he does," he said. "But I feel I can keep the No. 28 car's employees proud of their race car."

PASTRANA

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really a very special kid." So much so that many major motor-cross sponsors throughout the country have sought out Travis. He is currently the youngest full-factory rider in the United States.

American Suzuki supplies him with all his motorcycles and parts. Suzuki is also investing in Pastrana's academic future with \$500 savings bonds for each year he is on his school's honor roll. He has received the college-money for the last two years.

Because of the travel involved with his racing schedule, a home-study program was the most logical way for the sixth grader to continue his schooling. And because the Calvert School offers an accredited program, he will still be eligible for the Suzuki savings bonds.

Pastrana is currently preparing for the MX Sports Winter National Olympics held in Gainesville, Fla., the week of Thanksgiving.

While he is not allowed to accept cash prizes or gifts without it affecting his status as an amateur, all of his racing necessities are covered by sponsors. His local contributors include Annapolis-based companies Pro Art Works, Helmet Designs, Drug Free All Stars, The Athlete's Foot, and Bumpstik Specialty Products.

The Pastranas are currently looking for a benefactor willing to offer them the use of a five-acre plot of land on which to build a new training site.

Anemic Lemieux resigned to taking break from NHL

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The energy's not there, and, right now, the desire apparently isn't, either. On Monday, Mario Lemieux won't be there for the Pittsburgh Penguins — at least for this season.

Maybe longer. On Monday, the Penguins will announce Lemieux will sit out the 1994-95 season at full salary as he rests and tries to recover from the anemia that developed following his 1993 bout with Hodgkin's disease.

The anemia drained his energy during the Penguins' playoff loss to the Washington Capitals last April, and momentarily caused him to consider retirement.

Some of his friends, including several associated with the Penguins, are speculating whether Lemieux, 28, will ever play hockey again.

"Mario's just not in the frame of mind now to play hockey," said a close friend who spoke on condition of anonymity. "His leg strength isn't there and the desire's not there right now."

The Associated Press reported July 31 that Lemieux was preparing to tell the Penguins he wasn't healthy enough to play for an indefinite period. Lemieux and Penguins board chairman Howard Baldwin met four days later, just before the two-time Stanley Cup playoff MVP began a series of medical tests.

Lemieux has missed more than 100 games over the last five seasons due to periodic back problems but led the Penguins to Stanley Cup championships in 1991 and 1992.

Right now, a more immediate concern than his back is a lack of energy and strength — apparently leftovers from the radiation treatments he had for Hodgkin's disease, a cancer of the lymph nodes.

"When he developed anemia, that was obviously very serious," Tom Reich, Lemieux's agent, said. "If you or I developed anemia, it's no big deal. But when someone with Hodgkin's disease develops anemia, it's a whole new ball game. The downside of the back is one thing, but the downside of Hodgkin's is something quite different."

Lemieux has spent most of the summer playing in numerous charity and celebrity golf tournaments, including the Mobil Celebrity Invitational in suburban Boston last week.

There, a fan asked Lemieux if he was going to play this season, and he replied, "I don't know. You'll know in the next week or so."

Later, Lemieux told The Boston Globe, "Basically (the anemia) causes me to be fatigued. I was really fatigued all during the playoffs. They still can't figure out what it is."

The four-time NHL scoring champion would be only 29 if he returns in a year.

Annapolis runners to get new twist on revamped Ten-Mile Run course

RUNNING



By GABRIELLE CUSTER

As luck would have it, major portions of the Naval Academy are still under construction and will be closed to runners during the Annapolis Ten-Mile Run, necessitating a little last minute revamping of the course.

As promised, however, we bring you the new and improved Annapolis Ten Mile Run course complete with map just in time to review it before the race.

The race is scheduled to commence at 7:50 a.m. Sunday with runners lining up on Taylor Avenue for the start.

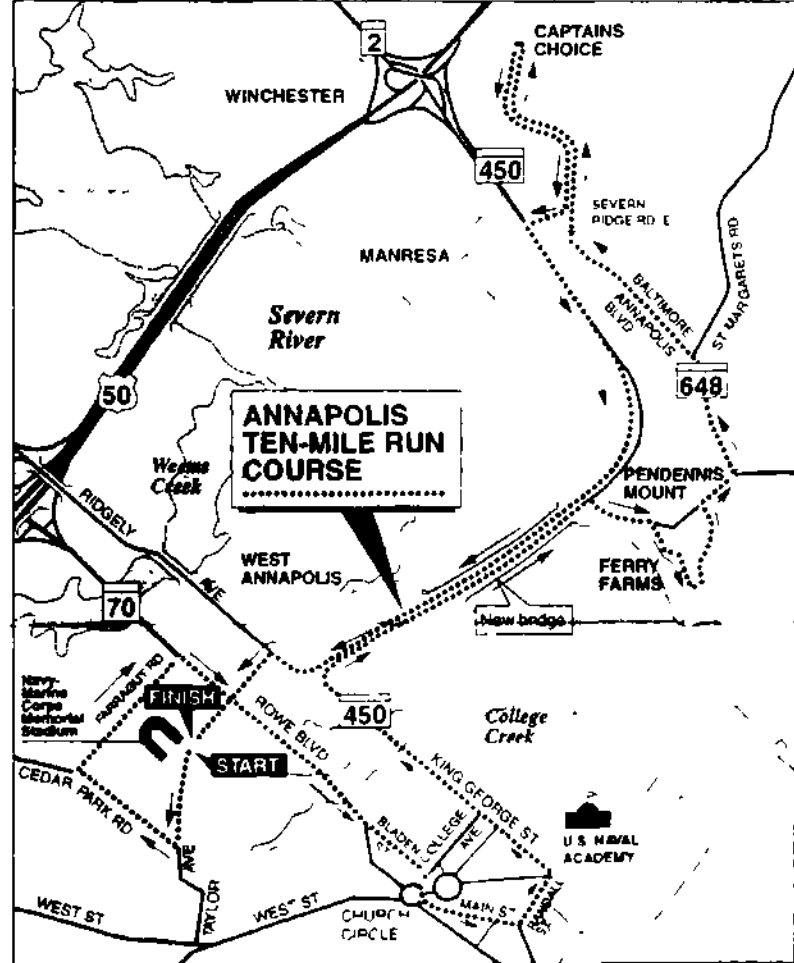
This is different than in previous years when runners started inside the stadium parking lot and should eliminate at least one hairpin turn, said race director Sue Briers.

The runners will go out Taylor Avenue to Cedar Park Road then turn right onto Farragut Road and right again onto Rowe Boulevard. This area of the course will be closed to motor vehicle traffic from about 7:45 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Once on Rowe runners will head for the State House turning right onto College Avenue and clockwise around Church Circle to Main Street. At the end of Main runners will turn left past the Market House and down Randall Street towards the Naval Academy.

Instead of turning into Gate 1 at the academy however this year runners will turn left and follow King George Street all the way to Route 450.

After turning right onto Route 450 runners will cross the just completed



Seyvern River Bridge turn right and run through Ferry Farms coming out on Old Annapolis Boulevard. Runners will stay on Old Annapolis Boulevard past the intersection with Seyvern Ridge Road (the old course turnaround) to a turnaround just before Route 450.

From there the runners will retrace their steps back to Seyvern Ridge Road and down Ritchie Highway to the bridge. Once across the bridge the course remains the same as in previous years going down Route 450 and turning right onto Annapolis Street left onto Taylor Avenue and back into the

stadium. The new course adds several extreme hairpin turns in addition to the hairpin added by the new bridge and should not be undertaken by those not properly trained. Brakes are a must.

Motor stops will be provided on Rowe Boulevard near College Creek on King George Street near College Avenue at the entrance to Ferry Farms and on Ritchie Highway.

Be sure to watch this space next week for race results and interviews with the winners.

ROSECROFT ENTRIES, RESULTS

Table listing horse racing entries and results for Rosecroft, including race numbers, names, and times.

45-year-old Foreman primed for shot at title

LAS VEGAS (AP) — With George Foreman emerging a victor from four promoters have resumed efforts to hype the aging former heavyweight champion's latest bid at the title.

Ticket sales resumed yesterday for the Nov. 5 fight against champion Mike Tyson. It is not before promoters found time to bash the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation.

You're going to see a different George Foreman, a George Foreman who will understand how to even if he's not 40, said Henry Holmes, who is Foreman's lawyer. He's been emboldened by the comments made about

him and the feeling that there was something wrong with him. Foreman actually is 45 but that hasn't hurt ticket sales so far for the fight.

We're on our way to a total sellout, said Dennis Fainback, special events director for the MGM Grand hotel casino. The response to this fight has been unprecedented. We've already sold \$1.4 million in tickets to other casinos.

Fainback said the MGM had been forced to refund some early ticket sales following the WBA's decision earlier this month to deny an official sanction of the proposed bout.

But a Nevada judge's ruling on Friday that the WBA acted capriciously in denying the sanction cleared the way for Moore to make the first defense of his WBA and International Boxing Federation titles against Foreman.

Ultimately the question was accountability, promoter Bob Arum said. The judge wanted to know who these people (the WBA) are and why they keep changing their rules.

WBA lawyer James Binne said during the court hearing that fight promoters were sucking blood off of Foreman's reputation and that Foreman could wind up severely injured if he stepped into the ring against Moore.