



SEAN COOK FROM JOLIET CENTRAL WITH HIS TWO LARGEST SMALLMOUTH BASS

Rayjus Outdoors - Oak Lawn High School Bass Tournament Results

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Persistence Key on a Day of Record Cold Temps

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The 2014 Rayjus Outdoors – Oak Lawn High School Bass tournament was a character building experience. With record cold temperatures, rain, snow, and wind gusts up to 30mph, anglers were put to the test! In the end, it was **Sean Cook** of Joliet Central High School who won big with a bag of four smallmouth weighing 6.81lbs. "Two inches of rain the day before and a major cold front with high winds made for some extreme conditions and tough fishing. Rapala crank baits paid off again for me," said Cook.

The Oak Lawn High School **Spartan Fishing Team** duo of **John Neubauer** and **Andy Jensen** fished the entire day without a single bite. With 18 minutes left in the tournament, Jensen asked Neubauer to get the net. "My partner John Neubauer always stresses to me to never give up and always have a positive mental attitude. While many teams were pulling into the ramp early, we braved the conditions and with one game changing cast, we qualified for the **Illinois B.A.S.S. Nation** state tournament," stated Jensen.

Third place finishers were **Luke Jasper** and **Tom Rimbo** from Lemont High School. Taking fourth place were **Luke Brozovich** and **Canyon Kenny** from Minooka. Finishing

in fifth were **Bryson Evens** and **Collin Griffin** from Seneca High School. Each of the top five teams will be facing each other again in the Illinois B.A.S.S. Nation state tournament on Lake Springfield in June 2015.

Bass Pro Shops Bolingbrook donated two beautiful pieces of framed art and two tackle bags. The **Bass Pro Shops Big Bass** was awarded to Andy Jensen from Oak Lawn Community High School who caught a 2.39lbs smallmouth bass. Tournament champion Sean Cook from Joliet Central High School was awarded framed artwork and a tackle bag as well.

Each of the 80+ high school anglers who took part in the tournament were presented with a bag of baits from **Rayjus Outdoors** with products from **Lake Fork Tackle**, **Missile Baits**, **Strike King Lures**, **Bedford Sales**, **Rat-L-Trap**, and **Shimano**.

A special thank you to Rayjus Outdoors, the members of **Unique Bassmasters**, the Illinois B.A.S.S. Nation, and all the coaches who brought their teams out to compete at this tournament!



Second Place Spartans

Second place finishers John Neubauer & Andy Jensen from Oak Lawn Community High School with the **Bass Pro Shops Big Bass** of the tournament, a 2.39lbs smallmouth bass caught by Andy Jensen.

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Bass Pro Shops Big Bass

Bass Pro Shops presented Andy Jensen with framed artwork for his big bass of the tournament.

	BOAT #	#FISH	#ALIVE	BIG BASS	TOTAL
Joliet Central	3	4	4	2.37	6.81
Oak Lawn 1	15	1	1	2.39	2.39
Lemont 2	30	1	1	1.37	1.37
Minooka 2	1	1	1	1.01	1.01
Seneca 2	16	1	1	0.94	0.94
Oak Lawn 4	4	0	0	0.00	0.00
Sandburg	5	0	0	0.00	0.00
Reed Custer 1	6	0	0	0.00	0.00
Lincoln Way West	12	0	0	0.00	0.00
Oak Lawn 3	18	0	0	0.00	0.00
Seneca 1	20	0	0	0.00	0.00
Gardner S. Wilmington	27	0	0	0.00	0.00
Lemont 1	21	0	0	0.00	0.00
Minooka 1	17	0	0	0.00	0.00
Sandwich 2	10	0	0	0.00	0.00
Sandwich 4	11	0	0	0.00	0.00
Sandwich 3	23	0	0	0.00	0.00
Reed Custer 2	13	0	0	0.00	0.00
Manteno 1	14	0	0	0.00	0.00
Reavis	22	0	0	0.00	0.00
Brother Rice	9	0	0	0.00	0.00
Manteno 4	26	0	0	0.00	0.00
St. Laurence 2	29	0	0	0.00	0.00
Manteno 3	19	0	0	0.00	0.00
Manteno 2	24	0	0	0.00	0.00
Minooka 3	8	0	0	0.00	0.00
Minooka 4	2	0	0	0.00	0.00
Oak Lawn 2	7	0	0	0.00	0.00
St. Laurence 1	25	0	0	0.00	0.00
Sandwich 1	28	0	0	0.00	0.00



Above: First place finisher Sean Cook with his father Tony Cook.

Below: Third place finishers from Lemont Tommy Rimbo, boat captain John Jasper, and Luck Jasper.



Above: Fourth place finishers Luke Brozovich and Canyon Kenny from Minooka High School

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