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BROWN IS BACK! ROD TAKES DAY 2 AT ONEIDA LAKE



DAVE LIVINGSTON
2ND PLACE
14.56 LBS.



ROD BROWN
1ST PLACE
14.60 LBS.



JAKE ZAREMSKI
3RD PLACE
14.48 LBS.



CD Renovations

ONEIDA LAKE

A&P MARINA, CICERO, NY
ANGLER OF THE YEAR SERIES - AUGUST 12, 2018



JAKE ZAREMSKI
3rd Place - 14.48 lbs.

Rod Brown took the second day at the CD Renovations Angler of the Years Series at Oneida Lake on August 12, 2018. Rod swapped positions with *Dave Livingston* and came to the scales with 14.60 lbs. for the win.

Rod said, “Day two I was on top water & a Ned rig bite. Why the change away from the drop shot, I couldn’t say. On day two I should have pushed the top water more, but that didn’t fit my plan. I wasted



BILL WITTMAN
5th Place - 12.08 lbs.

an opportunity by trying to get a bottom bite going (dropshot) that wasn’t there in my morning area.”

Dave Livingston was .04 lbs. from back to back wins. Dave came in 2nd Place with 13.56 lbs.

Dave said, “Day 2 was much harder, since I had hit my primary spot pretty hard Saturday. By 10:00 am I only had one fish, and by 11:00 am I only 4 fish. So I made the decision to run all the way east and try a long shot area that had produced in practice. Fortunately it was holding some good fish, and by 1:00 pm I had 2 good fish and 3 small fish. So I made the final decision to go to a shoal/Island that was on the way back to the launch, and was able to cull out the small fish in the last half hour of the tournament. I really didn’t think it was enough to place very high, but this lake was tough on everyone Sunday.

I had great non-boaters both days. *Brent Russell* on Saturday, who has an amazing background (ask him about his experiences in Hawaii), and *Rich Calabrese* on Sunday who stayed positive all day despite the tough fishing and some early setbacks (We’ll talk about the Talon incident later).

Taking the 3rd Place spot was *Jake Zaremski* with 14.48 lbs.

Jake said, “On Day 2 I started in the same spot as Day 1. After a half hour of topwater, crankbaits and a dropshots, my co-angler, *Dalton Forte*, and I realized this spot was not going to work as it had the previous day. We ran to a large flat in 12 feet of water and began casting a dropshots to grass patches that scattered the huge area. Just as we were getting ready to leave, three schools of fish came up chasing bait at the same time. I have fished this area for three years now and have never seen schooling fish there. With knowing how hard the fishing has been and the number of fish we saw, we decided to stay on this flat the rest of the



TOM HALEY
4th Place - 13.94 lbs.

day. My first fish came on a 3.8 Keitech FAT Swing Impact in AYU on a 1/4 oz. VMC swimbait hook while the school was busting. I managed two more fish while they were schooling on the same setup. Around 9:00 AM, the sun came out and the amount of fish school dropped drastically. We both switched to a dropshot and spent the rest of the day following the bait around that I was seeing on my graph. I managed to catch my fourth fish, 4.25 lb. smallmouth (that was good for lunger), when I wasn’t paying attention to where we were. We had drifted off the 12 foot flat and down to 25 feet of



Jake’s depth finder shows the bait ball that the fish he was targeting were feeding on.



WILL ROGERS
6th Place - 10.75 lbs.



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Place	Angler	Fish Caught	Fish Weighed	Penalties	Lunker	Total Weight
1	Rod Brown	5	4	0.25		14.60
2	Dave Livingston	5	5	0.00		14.56
3	Jake Zaremski	5	5	0.00	4.25	14.48
4	Tom Haley	5	5	0.00		13.94
5	Bill Wittman	5	5	0.00		12.08
6	Will Rogers	4	4	0.00		10.75
7	Rich Bush	5	5	0.00		10.52
8	Steve Sanca	4	4	0.00		10.25
9	Tige Noni	5	5	0.00		9.82
10	Mark Harold	4	4	0.00		9.25
11	Pat Carr	5	5	0.00		9.18
12	Kyle Sweers	5	5	0.00		8.78
13	Tom Hughes	4	4	0.00		8.63
14	Kurt Keller	5	5	0.00		7.59
15	Brian O'Neil	4	4	0.00		7.07
16	Matt James	3	3	0.00		7.07
17	Jon Skirment	4	4	0.00		6.08
18	Fred Ratcliffe	3	3	0.00		5.17
19	TJ Valle	2	2	0.00		5.11
20	Todd Keller	3	3	0.00		4.7
21	Brent Russell	2	2	0.00		3.79
22	Tyler Muhs	2	1	0.25		3.73
23	Merritt Diamond	2	2	0.00		3.66
24	Dylan Mackaravitz	2	2	0.00		3.21
25	Dave Fenlon	2	2	0.00		3.06
26	Dalton Forte	1	1	0.00		3.05
27	Mike Wall	2	2	0.00		2.78
28	Orlando Roman	1	1	0.00		2.69
29	Drew Damtoft	2	2	0.00		2.44
30	Bob Manley	0	0	0.00		0
	Boater					
	Non-Boater					
	Amateur					

water where I found a large school of fish suspended 5 feet of the bottom. My fifth fish came on the same dropshot on a rocky shoal that came up to 13 feet of water surrounded by 20 feet of water. In the last half hour, Dalton and I ran docks because unfortunately he had not caught a fish all day. With about 15 minutes to go, Dalton hooked up with a good largemouth under a dock that wrapped itself around a dock post. Luckily he was able to pull the fish out and land his 3.05 lb. largemouth with minutes to go. Thanks Dalton for being a great co-angler on Day 2.”

4th Place went to **Tom Haley**. Tom caught 13.94 lbs. and said, “You know my Day 1 was terrible because I took advice from **Kurt Keller**. Initially I ran east 4-5 miles, but my partner, **Merritt Diamond**, and I only managed to catch 1 small fish each. As Kurt suggested, we headed back towards the ramp. Right away we saw a few fish and within 10 minutes I lost a 2 pound smallmouth and then boated a largemouth just under 4 lbs. Since we had no confidence in other spots it made my decision easy, so we just put our heads down and fished. I managed to catch 6 keeper smallmouth and the 1





RICH BUSH
7th Place - 10.52 lbs.

took Kurt's advice and saw what Mark Harold was buying at Dick's after Day 1. Glad I was able to salvage a good finish following 3 of my worst days of fishing (7 bass in 3 days) at Oneida."

Bill Wittman took 5th Place with 12.08 lbs. Bill caught most of his fish on a jig and dropshot in 12-20 feet of water

Will Rogers had 10.75 lbs. for 6th Place.

Will said, "Day 2 started the same way as day 1. SLOW! However, instead of only catching 1 fish I was able to boat 4 on day 2. I started in the same area, which produced a couple 4 lb. fish and showed a few other good fish that went unhooked on Friday. Oneida lake is one of my favorite fisheries, but I'm seriously rethinking that after the brutal 3 days of fishing I had there. I concentrated all of my time in 1 foot of water or less. Throughout Day 1 and Day 2 I never lost a fish, but I did have many blow ups on this set up, I tossed back a weighted Senko, a jig and the toad

many times, they never came back for it. During practice they always came back. I threw a Zoom Horny Toad on 65 lb. Segaur Smackdown braid on a Douglas Xmatrix 755 rod with a Daiwa Tatula sv reel.

Day 1 the 5.87 lb. lunker hit in about 3 feet from the boat on that exact set up and without thinking I boat flipped it onto the deck. After I realized its size I knew that was stupid, but it worked out for me this time. I want to thank my wonderful wife Lauren who supports me 100% while I chase these fish. She also helps fund my passion so for that I am very thankful. I want to send a shout out to **Mike Pikulinski** at **Douglas Rods**. He's been my go to guy for all my rod needs there. He and the rest of the Douglas staff are always there for you when you need them most. Anyone out there that hasn't given this rods a try yet do yourself a favor and borrow one of mine for a day on the water and I'm sure you'll be more than impressed. See you all at Sodus!"

Rich Bush took the last spot in the Top Seven with 10.52





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2018 STANDINGS

ANGLER OF THE YEAR SERIES

Place	Angler	Erie	Chaumont Day 1	Chaumont Day 2	Sodus Bay	Oneida Day 1	Oneida Day 2	Cayuga Day 1	Cayuga Day 2	Total	AOTY
1	Pat Carr	21.26	20.03	17.24	15.60	9.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	83.31	74.13
2	Dave Livingston	23.21	15.96	0.00	17.99	14.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.72	71.72
3	Rod Brown	21.80	18.32	6.58	16.41	14.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	77.71	71.13
4	Tige Noni	17.58	20.80	20.74	6.23	9.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.17	68.94
5	Steve Levine	22.45	15.59	15.22	10.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.76	63.76
6	TJ Valle	18.58	20.02	19.96	0.00	5.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.67	63.67
7	Jon Skirment	20.53	16.04	18.04	6.73	6.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	67.42	61.34
8	Mark Harold	18.77	14.98	15.28	12.23	9.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.51	61.26
9	Jake Zaremski	19.68	0.00	13.62	13.17	14.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.95	60.95
10	Will Rogers	23.72	14.94	9.00	5.87	10.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	64.28	58.41
11	Rich Bush	19.48	9.16	17.67	7.47	10.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	64.30	56.83
12	Matt James	15.85	17.43	15.22	7.55	7.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.12	56.05
13	Bill Wittman	19.74	11.53	12.53	6.35	12.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.23	55.88
14	Tyler Austin	16.45	14.05	10.89	13.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.89	54.89
15	Dylan Mackaravitz	18.08	14.88	15.05	6.85	3.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.07	54.86
16	Kurt Keller	18.03	15.56	10.17	9.68	7.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	61.03	53.44
17	Nate Kalpin	18.21	9.91	15.90	8.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52.50	52.50
18	Brent Russell	15.38	15.15	16.94	4.29	3.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.55	51.76
19	Jim Bianchi	23.71	18.15	7.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	49.32	49.32
20	Dom Cerasuolo	18.91	19.75	7.97	2.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	49.14	49.14
21	Scott Killingbeck	23.14	9.44	15.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.52	48.52
22	Jim Shamp	21.61	8.03	14.71	3.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.31	48.31
23	Chris Burns	6.17	23.05	13.42	4.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.41	47.41
24	Orlando Roman	19.21	5.72	12.17	9.76	2.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	49.55	46.86
25	Kyle Sweers	12.61	11.20	13.42	9.52	8.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.53	46.75
26	Tyler Muhs	17.14	14.77	7.69	5.74	3.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	49.07	45.34
27	Merritt Diamond	18.11	4.04	14.10	5.89	3.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.80	42.14
28	Zach Imm	18.26	10.82	12.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.77	41.77
29	Drew Damtoft	13.48	13.54	11.48	2.34	2.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.28	40.94
30	Ray Law	24.29	10.81	4.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.98	39.98
31	Dave Fenlon	18.68	8.80	4.68	6.88	3.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.10	39.04
32	Todd Keller	17.51	8.44	0.00	7.52	4.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.17	38.17
33	Matt Ferrante	17.60	7.73	9.57	2.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.61	37.61
34	Kevin Kinnear	15.58	10.84	0.00	8.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.58	34.58
35	Fred Ratcliffe	14.71	9.18	5.26	0.00	5.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.32	34.32
36	Rich Zajac	6.83	2.91	15.96	8.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.20	34.20
37	Bob Manley	15.62	0.00	10.78	6.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.96	32.96
38	Terry Gartz	18.57	10.92	2.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.52	31.52
39	Tom Haley	16.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.58	30.58
40	Wes Vyverberg	9.72	13.80	6.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.15	30.15
41	Dalton Forte	13.06	4.22	3.36	0.00	3.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.69	23.69
42	Devon Talbot (A)	0.00	9.62	7.46	4.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.79	21.79
43	Mike Wall	0.00	7.22	0.00	10.18	2.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.18	20.18
44	Vlad Kasha	18.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.65	18.65
45	Sean Brown	16.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.38	16.38
46	Tom Saile	14.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.87	14.87
47	Dennis O'Brien	7.67	4.81	0.00	2.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	14.70
48	Steve Sanca	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.02	10.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.27	14.27
49	Brian O'Neil	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.20	7.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.27	12.27
50	Craig Carr	10.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.70	10.70
51	Dalton Talbot (A)	0.00	3.78	5.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.76	9.76
52	Rich Calabrese	0.00	0.00	3.74	5.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.40	9.40
53	Marty Vyverberg	0.00	7.15	1.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.98	8.98
54	Tom Hughes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.63	8.63
55	Fred Blom	0.00	4.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.38	4.38
56	Don Goerlich	2.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.84	2.84
57	Justin Keller (A)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
57	Bob McEaney	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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