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## ROCHESTER BASSMASTERS CAYUGA LAKE SCALE TOURNAMENT



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**O'BRIEN &  
SMITH  
WIN BIG  
WITH 30.92 LBS.**



**R**ochester Bassmasters and Tradewins Financial first Open team event went without a hitch on Cayuga Lake. The weights were impressive and I believe all the teams had a good time.

**Casey Smith and Chris O'Brien**

We had a fun day catching about 40-50 fish throughout the day. We targeted typical prespawn areas in 5-6' of water or less and fished a handful of areas during the day.

We rotated through baits during the day based on the conditions and caught fish on jerkbaits, spinnerbaits, swimbaits, and jigs.

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Rochester Bassmasters Points Tournament Director, **Tige Noni** summed up his day at The Tradewins Financial Cayuga Tournament.

Tige said, "To sum up this day, I will refer to a quote from my partner, **Rob Browe**. "Most days of fishing you're following the birds trying to find the fish, today the birds are following us!" The week prior during our only practice day, the opposite was true. We had found fish, just not the right size we would need or any real pattern. We did, however, find plenty o' pickerel during our practice day.

Surely, we were not confident going into the tournament and could not have predicted what would happen. We talked about a game plan on tournament Saturday and both agreed with a starting point. I think by the third

or fourth cast we both agreed that we had made the right choice when Rob landed our first fish (5.86lbs) then a second (2.66lbs) then a third (6.32lb lunker). At one point, I asked him if I could try casting over there! By 7:15, we had a limit of fish that weighed over 20lbs.

We stayed on the same spot that had a combination of current and rock for probably 4 hours and decided it was time to go to some other areas and try to upgrade. We still needed to cull a 2.66 lber and a 2.75 lber. The first spot we went to had an angler on it, so we continued on to other areas. The next two spots were not good, one was chocolate milk colored and barren, the other had temperatures that were 10 degrees cooler than a week earlier. So, plan C, try to find areas that had the right water temps. until we stumbled onto fish. Long story short, we ended up back on the area where we stopped earlier that had the other angler on it and this time they were gone.

After fishing it for 30 minutes or so, we had culled with a 5.36, a 4.78 and then a 5.26. Giddy and jacked up with the best day of fishing we have ever had we stopped at a few other spots but just could not get rid of our smallest fish (the 4.78 lb. rat! HA. To be fair, our smallest was actually a 4.80 but I wrote the wrong fish on the scorecard. Glad we didn't lose by .02 lbs!!!). We had a 27.56 lb. bag and were kicked in the teeth back at the weigh in by a monster 30.9lb bag.

Congrats to Casey and Chris for absolutely smashing them!

All of the fish we weighed in were caught on a strike king 2.5 square bill in less than 3 feet of water. I believe one of the keys to getting bites was running the bait parallel to the shoreline rather than perpendicular.

All told, we caught somewhere around 14-16 bass on the day and one giant carp (NO Pickerel??). An unbelievable day of fishing. With 22 boats in the tournament, there were thirteen 20+ lb bags caught (almost 14 Kurt and Matt!). Since neither of us have sponsors, we just want to say thanks to *Sqwincher*, *Yeti cooler talks* and *Jack Links Jerky*.

Also to our families for allowing us to spend lots of money on what we love to do.



**Tige Noni**



**Rob Browe**



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Place	Boater	Partner	Weight
1	Chris Obrien	Casey Smith .....	30.92
2	Tige Noni	Rob Browe .....	27.56
3	Pat Carr	Steve Lauffer.....	25.10
4	Tom Hughes	Cam Alldredge .....	23.70
5	Todd Keller	Don Wenzel.....	23.64
6	Matt Ferrante	Terry Gartz .....	23.57
7	Alex Korol	Jennifer Monroe .....	22.92
8	Jim Missel	Don Tripoli.....	22.40
9	Jim Bianchi	TJ Valle .....	22.18
10	Brandon Stewart	Mike McDeid .....	21.76
11	Tom Haley	Tom Booth .....	20.48
12	Jake Zaremski	Wes Vyverberg .....	20.36
13	Rod Brown	Bill Wittman.....	20.10
14	Matt James	Kurt Keller .....	19.98
15	Dave Livingston	Steve Levine.....	18.72
16	Daniel Patane	Zach Cappon .....	18.00
17	Tyler Austin	Gramps.....	17.94
18	Greg Mitrousis	Rebecca Mitrousis.....	17.60
19	Bob Manley	Kyle Sweers .....	15.82
20	Orlando Roman	Liane Livote .....	15.63
21	Nate Kaplin	Evan Kaplin .....	9.58
22	Kevin Kinnear	Rob Harris.....	6.02
23	Paul Caldwell	Dave Rowe.....	5.02



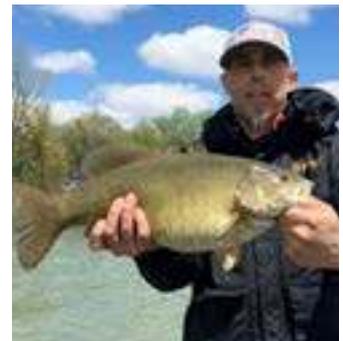
Jake Zaremski



Wes Vyverberg



Matt Ferrante



Terry Gartz



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