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# BIANCHI & VALLE COME OUT ON TOP WITH 22.18 LBS.



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Just before blast off at Conesus the morning of the 2nd Open.

**R**ochester Bassmasters and Tradewins Financial second Open team event went as smooth as the first Twenty teams submitted weights.

Jim Bianch and T.J.Valle took 1st Place by .51 oz. over the Team Jake Zaremski and Dan Patane. Bianchi and Valle had 22.18 lbs and Zaremski and Patane weighed 21.67 lbs.

Bianchi said, "I've really enjoyed these spring tournaments because as much as general Spring fishing is fun, having a little something extra on the line brings out the competitor in all of us. And any time you can fish with the RB guys, it IS a 'big deal'.

After practicing I knew this was not going to be a normal Conesus Lake in the spring. I would have predicted 25 lbs. normally this time of year. However practice showed the fish to be extremely inconsistent. I spoke with some guys who said it was turning on fire but I just didn't see it so I was a bit concerned I missed the boat. The largemouth did not seem predictable at all regardless of depth or presentation. Sure, you could catch some good ones doing several things but none of it seemed dependable or duplicatable to me. Many smallmouth were on beds but it was very hard to find the bigger ones and sight fishing conditions were poor given the cloudy water and the fact the sun has not shown itself seemingly in the past

six months.

T.j is fun to fish with and we laughed most of the day. We ended up with a mixed bag of LM and Sm and our biggest fish was a LM. We caught smallies on beds as well as pre spawn smallmouth and our largies were pre spawn. It was surprising to me to also see spawning LM in the 58 degree water temps but none of them seemed to be the big fish.

Thanks again to **Steve Levine** and everyone who makes these events possible."

Jake Zaremski and Dan Patane put 21.67 lbs. on there scale. Jake said, "First of all, thank you to Steve Levine and everyone that helped put on the two catchand-release style tournaments this year. Both tournaments went extremely smooth and were a lot of fun. In practice we found that there were a lot of fish shallow up and down the entire lake, but it did not seem like the bigger fish had pulled up yet. We started our day on Conesus on an offshore area with a mix of soft and hard bottom. On one of the first casts, Dan hooked up with a solid 3-1/2 lb largemouth to start the day. Within the next 3-4 casts Dan hooks up again with our largest fish of the day at 5.30 lbs. After seeing Dan catch a couple good fish on a jig, I switched from smaller square bills and swim baits to different color ned rigs and larger football jigs. After beating up our first spot for a couple hours, we ran to another



Dan Pantane

offshore area but had trouble locating anything there. We left those two offshore areas and ran to a rocky point like what we had found in practice. We managed to pull a solid 4 lb largemouth on a jig off that rocky point but failed to catch another fish from that area. We ran back to our first area and quickly boated another 4 or 5 largemouth which brought our limit to around 19 lbs with two 3-1/2 lbs largemouth that we knew we would need to cull to have a chance. Again we left our starting area to search for a big bite. We ran a few docks looking to see if any big females had pulled up. There were a decent amount of



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Place	Boater	Partner Weight
1	Jim Bianchi	TJ Valle 22.18
2	Jake Zaremski	Dan Patane 21.67
3	Dylan Mackaravitz	Drew Demptof 19.29
4	Tige Noni	Rob Browe 18.18
5	Tom Hughes	Ronnie Penders 17.72
6	Pat Carr	Steve Lauffer 17.50
7	Stephen Sercu	Layton Cummings 16.68
8	Bob Manley	Kyle Sweers 16.28
9	Orlando Roman	Will Rogers 14.78
10	Paulie Caldwell	Dave Rowe 14.64
11	Jim Missel	Don Tripoli 14.26
12	Andrew Weber	Andrew Frossini 14.18
13	Matt James	Kurt Keller 13.60
14	Kevin Kinnear	Dave Fenlon 12.82
15	Brandon Stewart	Mike Mcdeid 11.80
16	Steve Levine	Liane Livote 11.57
17	Tyler Austin	Gramps 11.30
18	John Norton	Ralph Reed 10.82
19	Todd Keller	Don Wenzel5.70
20	Wes Vyverberg	Marty Vyverberg2.90



John Norton



Marty Vyverberg



Ralph Reed



Liane Livote, Steve Levine's partner. This photo is from a day of practice.

smallmouth that had pulled up but nothing over 3-1/2 lbs that we could find. With about an hour to go we ran to our first spot again and culled one more time with another 4 lb largemouth. Conesus was a great venue for a preseason tournament and we really enjoyed the tournament. Congratulations to Jim Bianchi & TJ Valle for the win and catching a great bag.

**Dylan Mackaravitz** and **Drew Demptof** took 3rd with 19.29 lbs., one good fish from the win.

Dylan said, "Our day started out on a bad note, the old '79 Merc didn't wanna start. But after some

love and persuasion we got her to go. Me and Drew Damtoft first started by working a point which had several smallmouth beds and we picked up 2 quickly on some jerkbaits (5:53, 6:00). We then focused on hitting single beds with finesse applications and filled out our limit of 18lbs by 8:30. We then tried to find some areas with bigger largemouth but came up with nothing. Once the sun came up we moved in shallow to look at docks, and saw several bigger largemouth under docks, but they were uninterested. We finished off the day hitting one more smallmouth bed where we saw

a bigger fish the day before; and got her to bite (13:45). Finishing our 5 fish limit of 19.3lbs. Thanks to Rochester Bassmasters for putting on a new style tournament. We look forward to more like it!"



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