

Fishing

With
George Booie



Take cognizance of the fact that we are into a new year or you will be dating every thing 1976 instead of 1977. In a short time we will get used to the idea, but right now I am marking off the days until we enter the opening of a new fishing season.

I will be watching the days as they grow longer and the unseasonable temperatures that will bring the fishing out of its winter slump.

Did you receive fishing gear among your gifts? If so, don't be reluctant to give the new equipment a try on the first day you feel the weather is favorable. This is the time of year to check out the shorelines and shallows. The water is probably clear enough that various structures can be seen. There is no foliage on the weeds so pockets and port-holes show up easily. Undercuts at the banks are ideal hide-outs for big bass. Memorize the layouts or make an understandable map of all likely productive spots.

Select the least obvious land marks to enable you to

pinpoint your favorite fishing areas. Stumps, tree laps, fallen trees, boulders and even an old rubber tire will be good cover for most fresh water fish. Locate such structures and you have made the first steps toward good fishing.

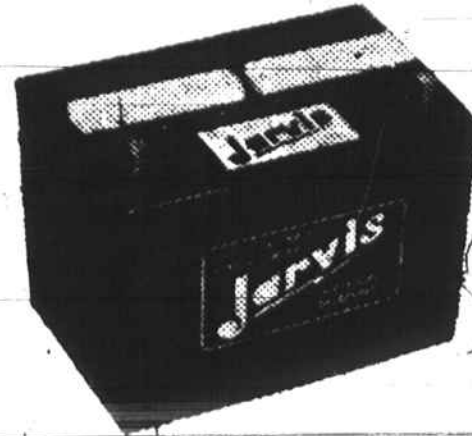
For those fishermen who have boat landings, piers, or boat houses, now is the time to begin baiting those areas. Fishing in the privacy of your boat house can be as productive as any spot on the lake. Even the pier offers better fishing when boited. More fish are naturally caught where food is plentiful. There is no limit on the pan fish variety, but the bass has a limit on size and catch.

The legal size on bass is 12 or more inches. Anything less can get you in trouble with the North Carolina Wildlife Department. One can get a citation and fine for having more than 8 bass in one's possession on any given day. First make sure that you are able to recognize the largemouth bass and when in doubt

always measure it for size. Another no-no is to fish without a proper fishing license. Get a booklet on fishing laws of North Carolina when you purchase your license.

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Rams Beat NCCU - Lose To Spartans

The Norfolk State Spartans used the clutch shooting of senior guard Chesley Haywood to hand the Winston Salem State Rams an 85-84 setback Saturday night January 8th at the Winston Salem Coliseum. Haywood, a substitute, and the only senior on the Spartan squad hit two straight baskets with less than two minutes left in the game to seal the Spartan victory.

The Rams came out hot early in the game and after a 2-2 tie rolled to three ten points leads in the first 20 minutes remaining in the half but Haywood scored all five of his first half points after that and Norfolk closed to within four (43-39) at intermission.

The Rams came out after halftime and scored the first two baskets building their lead to eight at 47-39. The Spartans however, came roaring back and tied the score at 49 all on a Jerrell Wilkerson basket at 16:05. From there Norfolk rolled to a 75-68 lead with 7:21 remaining, but then the

Rams rallied scoring nine straight points and pulling ahead 77-75 at the 5:11 mark. From that point the teams traded baskets with neither getting more than a two point lead.

Stenson Conley gave the Rams a one point edge (82-81) when he converted the front end of a one-and-one at the 2:51 mark.

Haywood then scored on two long jump shots giving the Spartans their margin of victory.

George Gibson scored with :03 seconds left to make the final 85-84.

The Rams now 5-3 overall and 2-2 in the CIAA were led ins coring by Don Helton who netted a game high 27 points. George Gibson added 19.

Carlos terry 18 points and a game high 16 rebounds, Mike Robinson had 15 points and 12 rebounds and Stenson Conley 5 points. No other player scored for the Rams who used only seven players with Mike Brown and Pete Martin playing sparingly.

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