



**On The Money**

The Trojans of Kennedy High School bested Paisley 58-34 last week behind the sharp shooting of Tammy Sides (photo by James Parker).

**Prep Spotlight**

**Tatum's Muscle On The Inside Leads Kennedy Over Paisley**

BY SAM DAVIS, Staff Writer

William Tatum, Kennedy's 6-0 power forward, muscled his way to 31 points, leading the Trojans to a one-sided 74-63 win over Paisley last Thursday at the Panthers' gym that really wasn't as close as the final score indicated.

Tatum dominated the backboards against his taller opponents and worked his way to numerous easy lay-ups and tip-ins. Tatum benefitted from some excellent passes from Kevin Besecker, Kennedy's feisty playmaker, on his way to setting a personal career high as well as a season high for the Trojans.

"Tatum is a very capable player," said Kennedy Coach Swandell Cloud. "We've been trying to break him loose all season and today he finally showed us what he could do. It's the first time that he really played hard for a full four quarters all season."

"We've been thinking about making it to the championship, and in order for us to accomplish that, we've got to have strong games from Tatum every time we play," said Cloud. "We were hoping that he would finally give us the spark that we need to win the big games."

Going up against a Paisley front line that had a considerable height advantage, Tatum used his strength and

jumping ability to work free for easy shots in the lane. "Coach told me to post up down low near the baseline and look for the open shot," said Tatum. "I really concentrated on dropping my pivot foot and giving head fakes to get my shots. After I got warmed up, everything that I put up started to go in the hoop."

Tatum had 15 first-half points and, by intermission, the Trojans realized it would be equally difficult to stop him for the remainder of the game. Kennedy's strategy going into the third quarter was to get the ball to Tatum inside, and the Trojans found him there on five of their first six possessions in the second half. Tatum responded by making all five shots, three of which came off assists from Besecker.

"Besecker is going to be a big asset to some senior high program next year," said Cloud. "He's a real heady kid and he knows how to communicate with the other players on the court. When I want to get the team to do something, I tell Kevin and he gets the other players to execute it on the court."

Besecker had 13 assists for the Trojans, choosing to dish off to open teammates rather than take his usually deadly outside shot. The Trojans' team scoring leader was a thorn in the Panthers' side throughout the game, dissecting the Paisley man-to-man defense with his pass-

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**Fishing**

**Getting Fish To Open Their Mouths**

BY GEORGE BOOIE, Chronicle Columnist

As with humans, if fish would keep their mouths shut, they'd never find themselves in trouble. Of course, the fisherman would be denied many pleasures if fish became that smart.

Just what makes a fish strike can be attributed to several provocations, hunger is displayed when fish feed on insects and smaller aquatic creatures, annoyance and anger when other creatures invade their nesting areas. On the other hand, lunker bass too closely.

Since the fisherman depends upon these situations to get the fish to open its



George Boobie

mouth, he has to create them if they are not obviously there. We present our lures or bait so as to what the appetite of the fish or to annoy it to the point of striking.

Identifying your catch is very important, especially if you are fishing fresh waters away from home. In this area, we mostly go after bream, which are the smaller of the sunfish family; crappie, known to us as white and black crappie, but identified in other areas as strawberry bass, if white, and green perch and calico bass or croppie, if black.

If you are fishing High Rock or Badin Lakes, there may be some confusion identifying white perch, white bass and strippers. The white perch is the easiest to identify because of the purple under its jaw and throat, it is also faintly striped.

Now that the white bass is becoming hybrid, it may be recognized as a small stripper.

Whatever your bait or gear, the whole idea is to fool the fish, just remember when you go fishing that you're going after a creature that is wary and, to coax it out of its habitat, one must try every trick available.

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