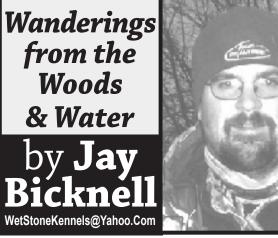
# **The Little Fishing Tournament**



a writer, especially a weekly column writer. It was like start going off! My hands still writing found me instead of hurt from unhooking fish. I me finding writing. When it comes to weekly columns, sometimes it can be difficult little fish can be. to find a story. I'd much rather have a story find me versus petitive. So when the ladies me finding a story. The ones of the church started keeping that find you are the funniest to write about. This week, the and the fish his older sister story found me.

week to ask if I could be the Master of Ceremony (MC) of the fishing tournament that he was hosting for his church (Lower Red Lick Holiness my two oldest trying to win at Church) on Saturday. The catching little fish. Who knew MC job was to have been done by Doug Brock. Doug fun. couldn't make it because he was at the Hospice Compassionate Care Center battling cancer. (Please keep Doug in your prayers.) To be honest, I blessed! Looking back on it, wasn't real thrilled to take on I am sure God cleared my the job due to being so busy. I accepted the job even though blessing. This Little Fishing I thought it would really cut Tournament got me to thinkinto my busy schedule.

that a patio we were planning to work on Saturday had been put on hold until Monday. So I got up Saturday morning and got for the most part caught up with the honey dos by 12. The fishing tournament started at 1 and I needed to be there at seemed to get freed up!

The tournament got kicked off with some great guitar and banjo picking. There was also some great singing. I was really enjoying the tournament and it hadn't even got started yet! Everybody was laughing and having a good time.

So the little fishing tournament got started. Now I call it a little fishing tournament because all that's in my dad's

I never planned on being the person fishing. It didn't take long for the whistles to guess you had to just be there to see how much fun catching

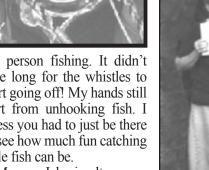
My son Jake is ultra-comcount of the fish Jake caught Bailey caught, it was on. I My dad called me early last think Bailey edged him out 11 to 10. Jake said he lost because I wasn't unhooking and re-baiting fast enough. I was having a blast watching little fish could be so much

I wish Doug could have made it to the Little Fish Tournament. By me getting to fill in for Doug, I sure was schedule so I could get the ing about how many bless-I found out on Friday night ings we miss out on because we get so busy. Don't get too busy to miss out on God's blessings.

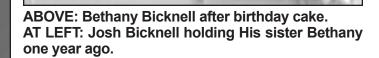
I got a blessing and a miracle one year ago August 13th and five years ago August 19th. Bethany and Joshua are two of five miracles I have re-1230. My busy schedule just ceived. Happy Birthday, Beth and Josh. Love Dad!

> Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation.









# Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

pond is little bluegill that will bite as soon as the bait hits the water. The way this worked, whoever caught a fish had to blow a whistle. When the whistle blew, then dad, Wild Bill Isaacs or myself were to unhook fish and re-bait for

seed and unsalted peanuts with white proso millet to toss on the ground. Sure, squirrels do get some peanuts, but so do brown thrashers, blue jays, tufted titmice and cardinals. Ground feeding is a wonderful way to bring birds into your backyard. Happy birding! E-mail: birdingbits@cfl.rr.com © 2014 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

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## Smoots latest to show 'timing is everything' is never lost on a ball coach



#### **Bob Watkins**

Calm before the (football) storm.

Timing. Army field officers, director at the local funeral parlor, sundry real estate and insurance agents aside, few careerists understand the precise value of timing better than a ball coach.

In Lexington last week, Mark Stoops waited for warm breezes off the Bahamas to turn; fan buzz for Kentucky's basketball team to downgrade to a dull roar, and media to move roundball mania to rightful place in August - below-the-fold or back on page three.

Stoops checked his watch, grabbed a news cycle from the merry-go-round and announced Kentucky's starting quarterback. Patrick Towles.

When high noon comes for Tennessee Martin August 30 at Commonwealth Stadium, a big ole Kentuckian – 6-feet-5, 238-pounder UK fans appreciate from - will succeeds Alabaman three-year college guy. Jalen Whitlow and Californian Max Smith.

May UK fans presume A Kentuckian at quarter-

back, we'll be better."? This week, with Planet special. Bluegrass State Football back in proper orbit, the August countdown and media exposure resumes.

 $\sqrt{\text{First out of the box}}$ , Western Kentucky opens C-USA on a Friday night. For fire-'em-up purposes and Big Mo, the home opening Hilltoppers are a touchdown-plus underdog to Bowling Green. Grrr.

 $\sqrt{\text{Next day Kentucky's}}$ game will be "OK, Stoops, let's see what ya got." followed by the proverbial "do we need to line up for **Big Blue Madness tickets** or wait?"

 $\sqrt{\text{Rounding out Labor}}$ Day weekend, Louisville gets Miami in Cardinal Stadium for a Monday night prime timer. Second coming of fallen angel, images of contrite Bobby Petrino.

### **TIMING II**

Big Blue Bahamas. Kentucky brought home five wins and a (coaches) win at the end.

Just what the doctor ordered.

A two platoon to dazzle then run competition to exhaustion and submission. Included a comeuppance in game six, letting coaches bring home a prize too. A video titled perhaps, "See, you guys got work to do."

 $\sqrt{\text{Alex Poythress's play}}$ reflected joy and maturity Derek Willis, on any college team except one he's on, is a starter.

 $\sqrt{\text{Rookies Karl Anthony}}$ 

Towns and Tyler Ulis are style players – savvy, unselfish, relentless, skip the showboat and feel the game.

Jersey numbers. If Power Five has its way, makes its pay-to-play rules, popularity of Towns number 12 and Ulis number 3 could boom into big walk-around-cash ... and three-and-done.

Timing.

Meanwhile, all the world may be a stage, but only the cunning know how to seize it, bask in glow of The Solo. Produced by ESPN, written and directed by and starring John Calipari.

In Nassau, ESPN shamelessly handed Calipari a six day selfie. When Jay Bilas wasn't doing straight man for Cal-speak, Kentucky's coach was doing play-byplay and color, cheerleading (recruiting), working a camera or getting face time atop the bleachers alongside assistant Tony Barbee.

Real stars of this show? Kentucky's two-platoon Wildcats.

Teams on UK's schedule will quake. The tsunami is coming. None on the schedule, I can see, should beat Kentucky without help. Help?

 $\sqrt{\text{Playing time unhappi-}}$ ness.

 $\sqrt{\text{The Is. Injury or ill}}$ ness.

 $\sqrt{100}$  Too much media and fan attention.

 $\sqrt{\text{Coach whine (on )}}$ court) at game officials.

 $\sqrt{\text{Paranoia. Calipari's}}$ lower-expectation-tweet warning last week? Sabotage. Sabotage?

 $\sqrt{\text{Jav Bilas. ESPN's}}$ college hoops pied piper fell in love in Nassau. His swoon over Kentucky leaves one to wonder about Bilas' welcome when he shows up in Durham, Ann Arbor, Syracuse, Louisville and others?

 $\sqrt{\text{Bilas'} \text{UK locker}}$ room talk to players was remarkable. A seminar in truth, possibility and reality. Maybe part II will deal with "... when the ball stops bouncing."

### KID TO WATCH DEPT.

Brent Bach was a skinny 6-1 shootist for Augusta High school's Panthers last winter. Averaged 31.2 points a game and named second team all-state.

Next, Bach will play at Bellarmine U. for Scotty Davenport. Kid's numbers beg a visit to attitude. In a press release, here is Bach's approach. "I want to improve ... I know I have a long way to go. I have to get bigger and work on my passing. There are several really good big guys on the team ... I want to be able work with them and make them happy, too."

Context. Thousands of Kentucky kids have taken the right and realistic attitude to college, one said this: "I could run, jump and hustle, put the ball on the floor. I got out on the break, filled the lanes."

Was 64 years ago. Kid's name was Cliff Hagan. Pure Kentucky.

And so it goes.

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