

55-POUND STRIPED BASS.

Frank Henes Lands Big Fish at Allenhurst, N. J.

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ASBURY PARK, N. J., June 28.—There is a most remarkable run of big striped bass in these waters, greater than any month of June in years. The run of big fish began on June 15 by J. H. Wortman taking a striped bass weighing 20 pounds and 3 ounces.

The run reached its top-notch fish on Thursday last when the Asbury Park Fishing Club records were broken by Frank Henes of Allenhurst landing a striped bass weighing 55 pounds. This fish was landed on the beach at Allenhurst. Two people were required to carry it. The fish was 54 inches long and 29 inches in girth. Mr. Henes was offered \$15 for the fish but declined it.

Since June 15 twenty-six big striped bass have been taken. In the aggregate they weighed 830 pounds, which makes the average about 32 pounds each.

Striped bass are extremely fond of shad roe. When striped bass are not hungry they are just as delicate in the sort of food they snap at as the most epicurean fish that swims. So shad roe, tied up in mosquito netting is a lure that will attract particularly the big fish. The marine worm found at low tide on the salt water beaches, and known as the bloodworm, is a good bait. So are shedder crab and shrimp.

To the eastward, according to Robert B. Roosevelt, menhaden and lobster are the favorite baits; in Pennsylvania and New York, shrimp, crab and squid, and in the Southern States, killies, herrings and other small fish. The artificial baits are the eelskin, imitation squid, and gaudy bass-fly. The eelskin used mainly along New England shores is attached to a handline, and cast into and drawn rapidly through the boiling surf of the ocean; the squid is towed with trolling tackle behind the sail or row boat, in the quiet waters of the Middle States; while the fly is used with stout rod and long line wherever the fresh current of some river haunted by fish falls directly into the salt water of the sea.

For casting with menhaden from the rocks, New London Harbor, Point Judith, West Island, near Newport; Monauk Point, and Newport Island are favorite localities, while the Little Falls of the Potomac at the Chain Bridge, near Washington, where the green waters dash over the sunken rocks and eddy around the cliffs that rise perpendicular from the river's brink, furnish the finest fry fishing for striped bass in the world.

In fresh water salted eel tail is a favorite bait for taking striped bass, and the spoon or spinner is also a good lure, but live minnows are preferred to all other baits. For surf fishing shedder crab well fastened to the hook is a very killing bait.

The scallop is an excellent bait early in the fall. The bass seem to be attracted by the gaudy colors and will take the scarlet ibis or other red and white fly in fresh or brackish water without hesitation.

A bright spinning spoon or metal or natural squid is also readily taken. Summed up, these are all good baits: Shad roe in mosquito netting, sand, white, and blood worms; shedder crab, shrimp, spearing, small eel, soft calico crab, menhaden, white part of mackerel belly, minnows, and flies.

Their mode of capture differs according to the locality. From the rock-bound coast of the Eastern States the adventurous anglers, perched upon some projecting rock, cast the simple bait into the crested wave, amid the thundering surf of the stormy sea. Along the sandy shores and in the tranquil inlets of the Middle States, gut snells, sinker, and float come into play in the rapid tide-ways, and among the numerous lagoons and bays of the Southern States the clumsy but effective hand line is employed.

Still fishing for striped bass should be done in shallow water near the mouths of rivers. Sometimes it is followed with good results from docks, bridges, and piers, but usually from an anchored boat. This sort of fishing will not bring the big fellows, but often results in good-sized fish as we know them to-day. The striped bass has a powerful pair of jaws, set with teeth like needles, which cut through anything but wire.

THREE STATE CONVENTIONS.

New York Motor Cyclists Will Meet at Elmira This Week.

The next State F. A. M. convention to be held is the Ohio meet, June 20 to 22, at Cleveland. An interesting programme is being prepared, and a large attendance is expected. Five tours from various points in the State will enter Cleveland. At this meeting the trophy will be presented to the Cleveland Motor Cycle Club, which this club won, by giving to J. Leo Sauer, on his transcontinental lecture tour, the largest number of new memberships of any club.

At the same time this meet is being held in the East, California riders will also hold their first State convention. About 3,000 motor cyclists are expected in San José at this time, and dances, barbecues, clam bakes, and beach racing are promised for the entertainment of the visitors.

Closely following these events will come the New York State Federation of American Motor Cyclists convention, Friday and Saturday. This will be held at Elmira. In addition to the regular business of the convention, the tentative programme calls for a motor cycle parade, with prizes for the best decorated outfits, fireworks, a banquet, and a dance.

Immediately after the convention New York motor cyclists will conduct a membership campaign. The rules of the contest have not yet been decided upon, but State Commissioner J. A. Hall has offered an \$800 player-piano as an award to the winner.

MOTOR CYCLISTS AT ELGIN.

First Road Race to be Held Near Chicago on Friday.

Motor cyclists all over the country are looking forward to the first annual national motor cycle road race to be held at the Elgin, Ill., course Friday under the auspices of the Chicago Motor Cycle Club. This is the first national contest of this sort staged this season, and it will be closely followed by the big motor cycle event of the Summer, the F. A. M. Convention at Denver, July 23-26, at which time a number of road competitions will be held.

The Elgin event is of especial interest to motor cyclists all over the world, as it is the first time that riders of every class will be brought together in competition. Board track, dirt track, and road riders are all eligible to participate. And already more than fifty of the foremost motor cyclists of this and other countries have entered, and other names are rapidly being added to the list.

One of the youngest riders who will take part in the competition is a Columbus, Ohio, boy, Raymond Snyder, who is just 17 years old. However, he handles his machine with the skill of a veteran and feels confident that he stands a good chance of carrying home the first award, which is \$500 in gold.

The distance covered in the contest will be 250 miles, and will be a severe test of both machine and rider.

Crescent A. C. Loses at Lacrosse.

Lacrosse players of the Crescent Athletic Club lost the final game of their Spring season yesterday at Bay Ridge. The victors were the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, and the final score was 6 to 4. The first period of play ended 4 to 3 in favor of the men from across the border.

The New Moon players started the contest with a rush, and it looked as though they were going to score an easy victory. Inside of the first ten minutes they had tallied three goals. The Canadians then found themselves, and before the half had ended they had tied the score and had forced themselves to the front.

The second half was exceedingly rough. Toward the end of the game Wall and Colligan got into a fight, and both were ordered out of the play for two minutes. Little "Saw" Kennedy also joined the tilters, he being punished for tripping. The line-up:

Montreal.....	Goal.....	Crescent.....
Colligan.....	Point.....	McIntyre
Hamilton.....	Cover point.....	Dobby
Griffith.....	First defense.....	Cyplot
Brady.....	Second defense.....	J. S. Kennedy
McNamara.....	Third defense.....	Andrews
MacDonald.....	Centre.....	Klep
.....	Third attack.....	V. Kennedy
.....	Second attack.....	Wall
.....	First attack.....	Walbridge
.....	Outside home.....	J. O'Rourke
.....	Inside home.....	Campbell

Goals—Walbridge, (2.) Wall, Kerr for Crescent, (2.) for Montreal. Substitutes—Oates, Kerr and Kerr for Campbell. Referee—L. Mes, Crescent A. C. Time of halves—Twenty-five minutes.