

Lucas Oil Pro Stephen Johnston Grabs 3rd on Four at Lake Sam Rayburn in the Walmart Bass Fishing League



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When he pulled up to the bank after fishing all day in classic East Texas winter (cold/wet/windy) conditions on Lake Sam Rayburn, Lucas Oil Pro Stephen Johnston thought that he might pull out a check on his catch of four fish. He knows that even on tough days on the legendary lake, you have to have five in the live well to compete but was hopeful that his one “big un” would keep him in check range. Turns out that his 7 pounder combined with another 9.15 pounds on the remaining three fish vaulted him to 3rd Place

overall in the field of 166 professional anglers competing in the event.

In his struggle to catch those four fish, Johnston said he tried to be patient knowing that the bite was slow. He said that he only had two other bites all day, two fish that didn't quite measure, and knows that the elusive fifth keeper bite definitely cost him the win. The first place bag weighed in at 19.6 pounds so one more keeper fish for Johnston would have done the trick. “It's gut wrenching really”, said the Pro, who is a regular competitor and guide on Sam Rayburn. “To be out here as much as I am, and still only bring in four is beyond aggravating, but it does happen and this is just one of those days unfortunately. It was really tough on everyone” he said.

This event was the first stop in a five tournament series in which the Lucas Oil Pro will compete. The next stop will be on the Red River in Louisiana in April before coming back to East Texas in the summer. Points earned in each event will qualify the top 50 anglers in the division for a regional tournament from which the top six will then go on to compete in one of the longest running championships in all of competitive bass fishing – the Walmart BFL All-American.

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