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Outdoors notebook

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Angler of the Year race heats up

Georgia's Paula Alexander earned her first Academy Sports + Outdoors Women's Bassmaster Tour victory Saturday at Arkansas' **Lake Maumelle**. Juanita Robinson of Highlands, Texas, finished fourth and moved within nine points of the WBT Angler of the Year leader.

Little Elm's Janet Parker finished seventh at **Maumelle**, and Debra Petrowski of Arlington was 13th. Pam Martin-Wells, the points leader for Angler of the Year, finished the tournament in eighth place and has accumulated 850 points toward the title.

Robinson has 841 points in the Angler of the Year standings, Parker is fifth with 784 points, and Petrowski is seventh at 776. WBT's Angler of the Year wins a Toyota Tundra and a berth in the 2010 Bassmaster Classic.

Florida angler wins title in Tennessee

Bassmaster Elite Series pros competed on Tennessee's Kentucky Lake last week, and Florida's Bobby Lane won the \$100,000 first prize. Kevin VanDam of Michigan was second, and 2009 Classic Champ Skeet Reese finished fourth. Kelly Jordon of Mineola, Texas, was eighth, and Byron Velvick of Del Rio finished 10th.

VanDam hold a 15 point margin over Reese for Elite Series Angler of the Year honors. Alton Jones of Waco is third, Todd Faircloth of Jasper ranks fifth, and Gary Klein of Weatherford is sixth.