

Father – Son make it to B.A.S.S Nation Championship!

By Terry Vance

Jeff Lugar and his son Travis Lugar fished in the Academy Sports + Outdoors B.A.S.S. Nation Eastern Regional June 20th - 22nd at Pee Dee River Basin - Carroll Ashmore Campbell Marine Complex - Georgetown, SC.

The tournament had 173 boaters & 173 nonboaters where the leading boater and nonboater from each of the 18 competing teams earned a berth in the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship.

Jeff Lugar earned a spot fishing for Team Virginia catching 11 bass for a total weight of 17lb 7oz. His son Travis Lugar also earned a spot on the nonboater side for Team Virginia catching 9 bass for a total weight of 15lb 7oz. Travis also won big bass for the tournament which was 5lb 1oz which earned him \$250.



Travis Lugar showing off Big Bass of the tournament weighing in at 5lb 1oz caught on Blitz Buzz Phrog.

Prior to the tournament I checked in with Jeff to see how his practice was going and if the [Blitz Buzz Phrogs](#) he took were working for him. He said he caught some nice fish in practice on them and hoping they are there for the tournament.

On day one Jeff ended the first day in 7th place catching a limit with a few bass caught on the Blitz Buzz Phrog and Travis ended up with in 34th place. Catching 3 bass.

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Jeff Lugar day 1 fish he caught.

On day two Jeff's fish slowed down and Jeff moved down to 34th place overall and 3rd place for team Virginia. Travis was paired up with a boater that said they are going to be fishing duck wart and he asked his dad if he should go with buzz bait. Jeff told Travis no, you need to throw the [Blitz Buzz Phrog](#) so you can go through the cover and while still producing that plopping topwater sound. Travis caught 3 bass for a total weight of 8lb 1oz with one of the bass being 5lb 1oz on the Blitz Buzz Phrog which ended up being big bass for the tournament.

Day 3 was a grind for both Jeff and Travis and they managed to catch enough fish to put them both on top for Team Virginia and earn them a spot to the Championships in December.

Congratulations Jeff & Travis and good luck in December!