

DAVID THOMAS FRITTS IV



When professional fisherman David Fritts says he caught a bass that was thiss biggg, you'd better believe him.

Perhaps the most recognizable fisherman in Davidson County, Fritts came by his profession honestly. Shortly after graduating from North Davidson, Fritts joined the South Lexington Bassmasters in 1975-76 to fish competitively, and life was never quite the same for him after that. Soon, he was fishing for High Rock Bassmasters and won his first big open event at Kerr Lake in 1981, beating out 400 other entries.

Victories started following him like bass after crankbait. He won a Red Man regional tournament in 1985 at Lake Sinclair, GA. He continued his strong performance with regional victories in 1986, 1988 and 1989. He also had nine Red Man regular season tournaments along the way. He also competed and won on the Hungry Fisherman, Coors and Hardee's team circuits.

Then, in 1989, he elected to compete fulltime.

That turned out to be a great life decision. He fulfilled a pro fisherman's dream: he won the Bassmaster Classic in 1993, which proved to be a major boost to his career. He followed that the following year by being named the B.A.S.S. Angler of the Year in 1994.

In 1997, he won the Forrest Wood Cup to become one of the few professional fishermen to win both the Classic and the Cup in a career.

Along the way, Fritts has won 20 FLW events, five Bassmaster tournaments, and five Hungry Fisherman events. In all, he has more than 50 tournament victories and more than \$2.3 million in winnings.

Fritts also began a second career, of sorts, designing crankbait lures. Fritts is highly regarded as a crankbait fisherman, so it's no surprise that his lures are nearly as successful as he is.

