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## Gary Parsons Sets New PWT Records

In-Fisherman Professional Walleye Trail pro angler Gary Parsons set an unprecedented record – he won three Johnsonville Angler of the Year titles. His sixth place finish at final Super Pro tournament, the Optima/Berkley Pro-Am on Cass Lake presented by Minn Kota, sealed the record.

He also won the \$35,000 Angler of the Year prize: \$25,000 from Johnsonville Brats and a \$10,000 bonus from Mercury Marine, the powerful outboard brand he has used since his first foray on PWT waters.

During 2007, the Glidden, Wisconsin pro has a win on Lake Winnebago, an eighth place finish in Dryden, Ontario, two ninth places at Chamberlain SD and Escanaba, Mich., the sixth place trophy at Cass Lake, Minn., and a 28th money finish on Mille Lacs, for nearly \$140,000 in winnings this season.

His PWT lifetime totals are nearly \$600,000. This year he also captured the Regional Series title, presented by MotorGuide. He was Angler of the Year in 1993 and 1994, won three PWT tournaments on South Dakota's Lake Oahe, has 27 top 10 finishes, and has cashed checks in two-thirds of the 109 PWT tournaments he's fished. Only two other pro anglers, Mike Gofron, Antioch, Ill., and Ron Seelhoff, Burlington, Col., have two Angler titles.

"Winning is the name of the game, and Parsons has swung for the fence many times over his career," said Jim Kalkofen, PWT executive director. "This year, he's hit homeruns nearly everytime up to bat, and his five top-10 finishes in one year sets another record."

Pros share their secrets about how deep, leader length, size hooks, lures being used, electronics, boat positioning, finding fish, tactics and more each day. Walleye fans attend events in person or via computer: [www.professional-walleyetrail.com](http://www.professional-walleyetrail.com) for stories, photos, standings and accurate, up-to-the-minute scores posted on the Mercury Live Leader Board as anglers cross the stage.

NOTE: Media and fans may download photos and news items from the website. Parsons' photo is on the Lake Winnebago Johnsonville Pro-Am page and on the Cass Lake Optima/Outdoor Channel page with the Angler of the year trophy.

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### Gary Parsons PWT Career Highlights:

- **Total Winnings:** \$599,412 (ranked 2nd)
- **Johnsonville Brats Angler of the Year Titles:** 1993, 1994, 2007 (PWT record)
- **Most Top 10 Finishes in a Year: 2007:** 1st, 6th, 8th, 9th, 9th (PWT record)
- **Total Top 10 Finishes:** 27
- **Total PWT Victories:** 4
- **Qualified for 16/18 Mercury Championships**
- **Total Number of 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Finishes:** 3
- **Total Number of 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Finishes:** 4
- **Total Money Finishes:** 73 of 109 tournaments (67%)

**Hometown:** Glidden, Wisconsin

**Passion:** Walleyes & Whitetails

**Best Asset:** Tremendous Support from wife Mary.

**Proudest Moment:** Watching son Chase become a PWT pro angler with 6 top 10 finishes in first 3 seasons. (2<sup>nd</sup> at 2005 Mercury Championship)

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