

Monster Ouse chub coming to fore after parade of big perch!

BIG perch after big perch – sometimes almost 30lb at a sitting – that was the Ouse around Stony before Christmas (another two page spread in this week's *Angling Times*).

But since the turn of the year it is as though someone has thrown a switch... and the river is now yielding big chub after big chub!

THIS week it was MKAA fishery officer Phil Oxley's turn: bagging a 7-1 (pictured) on breadflake during a Saturday afternoon session upstream of Old Stratford.

That eclipsed the 6-13 banked a week earlier by Keith Ford in the 'hangover' open which, for seven days, had been reckoned to be the largest authenticated chub from upstream of the A5 – ever!

■ AND keeping up the run Roy Hefferon, fishing for Raiders, netted a 6-4 on caster, plus a five, on Toombes on his way to being top weight in Sunday's MKAA winter league first round with 12-2. He also lost three other good fish.

All four top weights came from a row of pegs with Eddie Ford, Olney, on 9-5, mostly perch, followed by Mike Buchwalder (GoneFishing) 7-10 and Dave Pearson (Amphill Green) 6-8.

Top teams were GoneFishing 20 points, Raiders 19, MK Angling Centre Black 17 and Amphill Black 15.

With a full moon and the river temperature dropping 3 degrees in as many days (though at 5 degrees it was still 5 warmer than the same time last year) back-up weights were down with a match average of 2-9.

■ SOMEWHERE (my guess is Adams or back of Newport) downstream of Stony, specci ace Jamie Cartwright has had a 7-12 Ouse chub from a 'club controlled stretch'... on floatfished double maggot!

■ CITY lad Mark Haynes got the peg in Towcester's Tove open, rattling out six chub on worm for 21-3! With four pegs in a row at Shutlanger providing the top three weights, John Mobly had 11-7 and John 'the Bishop' Broughton 3-7.

■ BEACON found small fish feeding on Stony Island where Austin Maddock won with 6-15 ahead of Brian Cooke 3-15 and Les Smith 3lb.

■ ONE of the few giving Furzton a whirl, Neil Pancholi fished FBI fishmeal-based boiles for carp of 20-8, 18-7 and 16-11.



■ BACK on the Ouse, Calvert fished a scratchy section at Buckingham where Mark Penwell won with 3-13. James Lewis netted 2-1 and Dave Lewis 1-3.

■ MK Vets did little better midweek on Newport's Riverside, despite Ken Mott, Roy and Mick Hefferon putting in a lot of work opening up 34 swims. The rumour is Ken now has a zimmer with a motorised weedcutter... LoL.

On a cold and windy match day 20 fished with Barry Witteridge top, 2-1, followed by Roy Hefferon 1-13 and John Harvey 1-1.

■ FIXTURES: Sunday Jan 15 Olney Ouse open 01234 240061. Monday February 6 Beacon AGM 7.30pm, The Inn on the Lake (formerly the Beacon).