

Bait firm deal proves city good old boys still have the X factor

GREY hair (or none)? Don't worry – you're never too Gold to be a star! That's the word from two of the city's most successful veterans.

In a result more usually associated with decidedly younger rods, dynamic duo Ernie 'end peg, win everything' Sattler and Paul Chapman – he's more often in the frame than out – have kicked the new year off by gaining commercial sponsorship!

Bait-Tech has moved to back the pair (pictured) with supplies of its products.

And, with so many of today's match anglers a long, long way from being up-and-coming juniors... sponsoring here-and-now successful veterans as sales-inspiring icons could just become a growing trend.

Paul said: "We're talking about supplies of pellets and groundbait, that sort of thing. It's not a big money deal, but we're very grateful to have been picked."

■ WINTER's harsh arrival made it a rubbish weekend for many and even prolific Alders Farm was, following a minus 7 frost, well below form for its winter league final.

Luton's George Kay topped on the day with 78-11 followed by his father Tony 49-8 and Frames Roy Makins on 38-3 – as Luton won the round with 11 points ahead of GOT Baits Red 13 and their Black squad 16.

GOT Red emerged top of the six round 10 teams-of-four-series with 64 points... having averaged around 100lb a man throughout!



● Steve Schubert – MK Vets match second. Pic John Hewison

Tubertini Bagum Baits 100 and Frames 126.

■ EDDIE 'lucky draw' Ford cruised to an Olney Ouse open win with four perch to 3lb for 9-10 as most of the other 36 rods struggled. Barry Glidewell had a 3-4 stripey in his 6-9-12 as Mick Stanley had 5-10 – mostly dace.

■ CRAMMING 20 pegs onto Toombes, MK Vets found the going tough midweek

even before the frosts set in. Paul Chapman celebrated his Bait-Tech signing by including a 6-1 chub in his 6-2... and lost a pike guessed at 20lb! Steve Schubert had 4-8 and Roy Ash 3-2.

■ DATS' match on the Main saw Russ Nash top on 8-12 as Chris Malia caught 2-12-8 and Kevin Osborne 2-9.

■ TOWCESTER's Broadwater Tove was frozen bank to bank, Sunday, but Grenville Reed still managed some 30 roach for 2-14 on punch. Mick Goodridge had 15 for 0-15... and Darren Pannell six for just 0-3-8.

■ CALVERT filled the frame in a low weight interclub with Beacon on the Calverton road Ouse at Stony. Dave Lewis won on 2-11, Ron Hillier had 1-3 and Barry Witteridge 0-14.

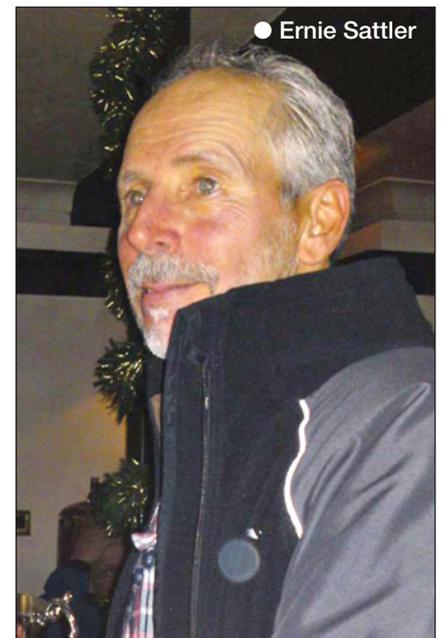
■ EXPECTATIONS of a chub fest failed to become reality in Kings Arms OU Ouzel do as Steve Cable won with just 0-10 ahead of Roger Glindon 0-5 and Dave Howell 0-3.

■ FIXTURES:

Sunday, Brush Mill through Toombes closed for match. Monday February 6 Beacon AGM 7.30pm, The Inn on the Lake (formerly the Beacon). May 5, Terrie Tapp memorial open, Tofts, organised by Bucko, 01327 351780.



● Paul Chapman



● Ernie Sattler