

# 'Great Britton' Gary sets the pace in league opening round

**IN A CLASS of his own! That was Gary Britton as he bagged 22-7 of roach in Sunday's Newport teams-of-three opener.**

Fishing caster on the whip 6 metres to hand for Team Caster, he paralysed the opposition on a gin-clear Lovatt at Riverside.

Five pounds adrift, Olney Red's Kevin Osborne landed 17lb of bream and perch with Martin Greene – Goneffishin Red – on 9-6.

But with league places decided on points, Team Caster only just scraped home, on 31 points, as Team Raiders clocked 30 and Old Scrotes 26. Thirteen teams fished.

■ BLETCHLEY's Bill McDonald (pictured right) had a new personal best, using his MKAA season ticket to access Oxford & District's River Cherwell, in the form of a 3-12 perch. Using worm on the lead he also had three around the pound. A trip to the Royalty on the Hampshire Avon late last year had seen him get a PB 12-4 barbel.

■ BARRY Mason (pictured far right with part of his catch) won the latest sell-out Alders open with 203-12 of carp on bread and lead. Josh Blavins had 128-7 on maggot with Mal Talbot on 111-11.

■ OSPREY's long haul to an Essex lake saw Mark Wilson top with 69-12 of carp ahead of Barry Earnshaw 63-14 and Matt Grant 53lb.

■ WHITE Hart found some nice fish on the Stony Ouse as Don Brown had eight Brush Mill bream on floatfished worm for 26-6. Martin Searle had 6-1-4 of perch – including a 3-11-4 – and Dennis Walden a 3-7-8 chub from the weir.

■ A TOUCH of rain set the Lovatt up nicely for MK Vets' midweek – and Ernie Sattler showed his class by bagging a 3lb bream and a mass of bits for 19-3. Nigel Steele totalled 16-14 and Les Smith 6-6.

■ ALSO midweek, Fred Kingslake, practising for a match, managed 11 chub for 40lb from Whittings.

■ STEVE Schubert had a runaway win in DATS' Stony Island do – landing four chub to 5-3 for 11-13-8 and losing three bigger ones. Don't ask... the others all blanked!

■ STEVE Emerton topped Beacon's Stony Ouse match with 10-2 of perch as Austin Maddock had 3-4 and Gary Allen 2lb.

■ EVERYONE had at least a couple of pounds in Towcester's Castlethorpe cut match with Graham Martin on 5-7, Mick Goodridge 4lb and Darren Pannell 3-1.



● Bill McDonald with new PB 3-12 perch from the Oxford Cherwell

■ CALVERT's Buckingham Ouse match was also a 'no drynets' affair as Roy Ash had 2-15 and bro Rupert 1-7.

■ FIXTURES: Monday, Beacon AGM 7.30pm, The Inn on the Lake (formerly the Beacon); Feb 12, Pete Hobson memorial pike match, Mount Farm, tickets £10 from MK Angling Centre.



● Alders open winner Barry Mason with part of his 200lb carp catch

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