

Osprey swoops for Lakeside haul

A FEW warmer days really brought carp and silvers Ahard on feed for Osprey AC at the tiny Lakeside fishery near Towcester.

Sweetcorn on the long pole was the winning way as Matt Grant finished with 128-8 followed by Mark Brown 116lb and Chris Thomas 96-6.

● The tiny Ouzel in Newport Pagnell saw the top four in a teams-of-three round – all in a row near the iron bridge – total more than 100lb... of roach! Mega redfin catches have become an annual event there as the fish migrate up from the Ouse.

Old Scrotes' Paul Caton had 29-12 with Team Drak's James Drakulic on 25-13, Olney Red's Kevin Osborne 23-14 and Paul Chapman (MK Angling centre) 23-12.

● ON Olney's Ouse Buster Matthews had five chub to 6-7 for 24-8, and Ian Rawlings five pike to 16-15.

On stillwaters Martin Lyle had eight double-figure carp for way over 100lb at Bishops Bowl as Carl Cook bagged four pike to 20-10. Don McInnes had a brace of 18lb carp from Stanwick's Mallard and Alex Osborne four to 15lb.

● CASTLE Ashby's Sunday Grendon match went to oldie Bob Reed with 76-5 as Keith Garrett had 65-6 and Grant Howie 54-8. Chris Garrett had won the previous day on 'Brickyard with just 8-4 with Read on 7-5 and Ian Hutton 6-4. Alan West topped a Grendon midweek with 47-8 followed by Mick Waddham 37-4 and Steve Dawkes 31-14.

● LONG over-shadowed by his sons (Steve's just won Tunnel Farm's league) Geoff Ringer made a two page feature in this week's *Angling Times* on roaching at Clattercote. Life, sort of, in the old dog yet...



■ **Bill McDonald with his second 3-12 perch in three weeks! This one came from the Ouse near Newport.**



■ **EARLS Barton's Rob Buckner fished MKAA's Wolverton Ouse for this 7-4 chub plus a 6 in the same session, which he describes as 'the stuff of dreams'. He said: "I used stinky blue cheese and garlic paste. My girlfriend hates it when I mix it at home..."**

● MEADOWLANDS teams of 3, 4th round: Ian Bagg (Tornados) 67lb, Neil Russell (Swans B) 56-8, Pete Heaven (Tussies) 54-8. Dynamite Baits lead, two rounds left.

● MAKINS pairs 4th round: Dave Pritchard 49-12, John Smalley 25-12, Kelvin Mills 22-12. Smalley and Hughes lead, two rounds left. BISHOPS Bowl open: Roy Quayle 46-2, Mick Gibbs 26-2, Andy Poole 21-10.

Midweek vets: Dave Walker 33-10, Tony Smith 26-7, Tom Payne 24-15.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Vinny Atkinson 43lb, Dave Chapman 42-8, Andy Sibley and Glen Tilson both 16-8. LOCO, Home Farm, Lubenham: Tony Smith 49-6, Dave Smart 32-8, Roy Quayle 18-12.

● GLEBE, Peatling Pools: Mark Collier 29-1, Paul Elingham 11-2, Dave Jones 9-8. NENE points series round, Stoke long pound: Chris Howard 15-6 skimmers on punch, Brian Beard 6-3, Baz Eaton 5-9. Steve Johnson leads into final round.

● COTTON, Gayton cut: Russ Lay 6 perch for 13-6, Marcus Annabelle 9-12, Roy Hickey 8-8. TOWCESTER, Tove: Andy Jones 9-6 (3 chub), Pat Jacquest 4-3, 'Tosh' Saunders 3-13.

● HEYFORD silverfish open: John Hewison 7-15-12, Dick Stafford 5-7-8, Ian

Wills 2-13-4. FLORE & Brockall, diamond bridge cut: Paul Humphries 2-14, Steve Smith 2-9, Gareth Abrahams 1-12. FINEDON, Bluebell Nene: Dave Roberts 1-11, Steve Amos 0-13, Sam Corteze 0-9.

● TROUT: Elinor opened with a bang as 135 rods shared 1,215 trout (692 returned) topped by Tony Pointer's 13 pounder, with 64 over 4lb. Ringstead: 81 rods caught 272 fish. Opening dates: Ravensthorpe Saturday, Pitsford Friday March 9.

● **AND FINALLY: fishing the Ouse Mike Sando (who'd already blanked elsewhere) jumped up when his seat began sinking through a 'crust' on some very soft mud – and promptly sank up to his waist!**

Dangerously stuck, he wriggled for OVER AN HOUR before abandoning his chest waders and crawling through the goo to firmer ground. Barefoot, he carried his kit across a field to his car and drove back to rescue said waders.

Covered head-to-foot in cold, stinking, slime and now surrounded by flocking sheep convinced he was a farmer with food, he roped his waders to his car and drove slowly forward.

Those waders stretched and stretched (permanently) until, suddenly free, hitting his car with a mighty thwack.

Shivering, and with his motor as muddy inside as out, he was leaving... when another angler asked if he'd had a good day!

Anyone wanting a set of chesties now suitable for a very skinny giant should approach Mike. Carefully...