

Tussies win in tight league tussle

TTEAM Tussies could only make third in the sixth and final Meadowlands teams of three league round – but still emerged series champions.

Less than 5lb separated the top three on the day as 'Snowy' Ashington (Team Snowy) won with 59-4 ahead of Swans' Carl Barnfield, 59lb, and 'Das' Saunders (Inbetweeners) 55lb.

Swans topped the 13 team field on the day with 8 points, with Inbetweeners 9, and Tussies on 13 which took their series total to 95 – well clear of SconeZone 106 and Hooters 107.

● TOWN's grand old 'super-vet' Bob Church is home and doing well after a brief spell in the hands of Northampton General's cardiac specialists.

He said: "Their health services can compete with a private hotel – wonderful people." Those wonderful people probably found him a bit of a handful.

While in dock he was insistent he wanted to go fishing right then (understandable) and back home, Wednesday, said: "Don't worry, I shall be fishing again next week. When you've had it done (a stent fitted) you feel as though you could tackle anything."

Best wishes to Bob, and wife Jeanette...who has probably had to lock the doors to keep him in for a while.

● RITCHIE HULL is Makins' individual pole-only league champ, 12 points, with Andy Inglestant runner-up, 16, and Gary Stanley 18. Inglestant won the final round 42-12 as Ron Savage netted 37-6 and Hull 34-4.



■ **INOT** many make roach catches like this. Kevin Folwell had this 33-12 net at Castle Ashby and reckons to top 50lb of redfins in a sitting before April is out. Ambitious? His best roach catch last year went 68lb!

● TOWN piking pensioner, Martin Wright, 69 – who banked 20s in the freeze, had nine Nene snappers with three doubles to 13-8 on the last day.

● A 29-6 Roman lake mirror to Don McInnes was Stanwick's best of week. Gareth Keeting had a 23-2 and Ash Taylor a 20-6, both from Mallard.

Dozens of 4 to 8 lb bream went into car park lake this week.

● OSPREY, Rockhall's, Essex: Matt Grant 80-2, Peter Carter 52lb, Lol Sommers 46-2. WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Tom Griffiths 58lb, Glen Tilson 33lb, Trevor Griffiths 27lb.

● LOCO, Willow lake: Dave Smith 40-4, Dave Battison 27-8, Paul Baxter 19lb. TOWCESTER, Bairstows (all carp): Dave Martin 35lb, Mick Goodridge 12lb, Brian Beard 4-11.

● CASTLE Ashby midweek, Grendon: Frank Pizmenti 36-12, Nigel Baxter 27-4, Mark Davis 27-2. Saturday, Brickyard: Chris

Garrett 25-12, Mick Hewlett 21-14, Kevin Folwell 19-10. Sunday, Grendon: Dick Rogers 25-10, Keith Garrett 22-12, Richard Dunkley 19lb.

● BAG'EM pairs league 4th round, Dog Lane: Daventry filled the frame, Barry Carr-Dean Hancox 24-7-12, Richard Wills-Simon Potter 16-15-8, Jake King-Graham Cheney 11-10-4.



■ **LOOKING** every inch the time-served specimen hunter, Duncan Menzies (above) poses with his 'last-day-of-the-river-season' 7-6 chub from MKAA's Wolverton Ouse.

But he'd only been chubbing for the first time the previous day, and was back on the bank at the behest of neighbour Rob Buckner – who put him on his top swim, gave him tips... and then had to watch as his pupil beat HIS personal best by two ounces.

"I really am happy for him, he's so lit up," said Rob. That's nice – I'd have pushed him in!

Previously a big 'commercial' fan, Duncan is now panting for next winter's river action.

● CASTLE v Irthlingborough, Mill Cotton lake: Fred Prior (I) 18-10, Geoff Rice (I) 15-6, Bob Spencer (C) 12-4. LITTLE Harrowden, Brown's Farm: Mick Dudely 14-6, Tony Granfield 8-5, Dave Spencer 3-15.

● TOWCESTER Vets, Astwell Mill: Andy Jones 8-15, George Cooke 6-8, John Ballhatchet 6-7. COTTON Club, Yardley cut: Rus Lay 7-8, Dave Hadden 6-9, Kelvin MacIlhinney 2-10. COTTON AA midweek, Castlethorpe cut: Dan Brown 6-3, Rus Lay 5-11, Roy Hickey 2-14.

● FLORE & Brockhall teams of 3, penultimate round, local cut: Buster Matthews (Melbourne) 3-4, Fred Johnson (The George) 2-9-6, Jim Tanser (Dolphin Boys) 2-0-13. Bits 'n Bobs top on day and lead league with 61 points.

● OLD Kings Head, Crick Marina: Richard Humphries 2-11, Mick Holmes 2-4, Ian Wills 2-1-12.

● **AND FINALLY:** Carpin Capers open Sundays (not Easter) 8.30am-noon from this Sunday on...Dougie reckons he could make more from over 60s tea-dances. Any takers?

● FIXTURES: Sunday, Nene charity open, Stoke Bruerne cut 01604 414791. April 1, first of six weekly Towcester Sunday Bairstows opens 01327 353263.

● April 15: Bob Church charity fly-fishing Grafham open, international rules, entry £54.50 inc hot meal, 01604 492705.

Matches, catches, even rough patches? If there's a tale to tell call Trevor Johnson on 01908 270000 (office) or 07801 183381 or angling@intermediauk.com (click link to email)