

# 'Black spot' hits new best

**WEATHER?** Don't even go there – but Ritchie Evans got the goods before the heavens opened... in the shape of a carp known as 'black spot'.

Though not looking it in the picture, he was over the moon with the mirror – at a record weight of 30-1 – from Tall Trees at Aspley Guise.

And that really was a last gasp capture as the run came just five minutes from what would otherwise have been the end of a bite-less session.

OVER at Furzton Steve Lindop landed a 22lb mirror and a 21lb common in the same session.

BUT matchmen got among the big carp, too. Gary Britton lost two biggies in MK Vets' Canons Ashby midweek do – and then landed a lifetime's best 21-9 common, pictured by John Hewison.

But that still left him short of the frame as Ernie 'not him again' Sattler had 54-12 ahead of Paul Barnes 48-8 and John Harvey 43-11.

England team vet Terry Lancaster topped Alder's latest Tuesday open with 128lb, just beating Trevor Price – who a week earlier had been giving him tips on the venue – on 126lb and Richard Brain 117lb. Sunday's weather saw different results as Nigel Hargreaves won with 48lb. George Kay had 46lb and Colin Fisdyke 42lb.

OSPREY's trip out to Pidley saw Ian Warby with 69lb followed by Loll Summers 66lb and Mark Carter 43lb.

HOWLING winds wreaked havoc with the MKAA spring league second round on Manor Fields cut before the match even started, as a tree crashing down in the car park made two teams decide it would perhaps be safer not to fish.



Craig Bennett, Browning Gold, won with three bream for 7-9 as team-mate Matt Collerson had 6-11 and Ampthill Green's Stuart Keightley 6-10.

Browning Black won on the day, 40 points, with MK Angling Centre on 36 and Browning Red 33 – the latter now leading the league on 76.

JOHN Balhatchet topped Towcester Vets' Wednesday Wappenham Water

match with 12-5 as Tosh Saunders netted 7-6 – including a 3-8 barbel – and George Cooke 7-4 of roach.

ALSO at Wappenham, Sunday, Flore & Brockhall's do went to Steve Smith with carp, and roach to 1-2-8, for 10-12 as Rob Rawlins had 5-10 and Gareth Abrahams 5-3.

TOWCESTER's float-only Bairstows open saw Mick Goodridge on 3-8 with Wayne Robinson 2-14 and Dave Martin 2lb.

CITY man John Timothy fished buzzers to net a 5-14 brown and a 6-3 rainbow within 20 minutes at Grafham, last week.

BEWARE: if you are rod licence dodger – or illegally fishing rivers in the close season – EA enforcement officers are out feeling collars... especially around Caldecotte lake and along the Ouzel.

FIXTURES: Tonight (Thursday) MKAA junior teach-ins start, Galleon canal 5pm, all equipment supplied but wear suitable clothing and bring a seat, call 01908 320007.

Tuesday May 8, DATS evening league starts, Groveway canal, 5.15 draw. Wednesday May 9, DATS AGM 7.30 Stony Football club.



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