

# Harley's joy as first roach gives him the fishing bug!

**LAST week it was veterans being picked to fish for England – this week it's 5 year old Harley Heslop (pictured) making the top of the column.**

It's hardly a specimen but, at around 12 ounces from the city canal, this roach would be welcomed by most seasoned anglers, especially in a hard match – and in Harley's case it was double bubble as it was his first ever fish and he caught it all by himself.

The Tattenhoe lad had gone fishing with his dad, and now he can't get enough of angling... hooked for life. The sport could do with a few thousand more like him!

■ MALCOLM Talbot had an arm-aching week at Alders with 185lb carp-net win, Saturday, which followed a second with 149lb, midweek. Gary Thorpe was runner up Saturday with 167lb followed by Josh Blavins 161lb – the latter having won Tuesday on 168lb with Vic Nugent third, 114lb.

■ OSPREY's division 1 league second round, at Lakeside near Greens Norton, saw city lad Neil Riddy short poling the margin to win with 121lb of carp and silvers. Mark Wilson had 108lb with Ian Millin – current league leader – on 93lb.

■ BROWNING Red still lead the MKAA spring league despite slipping to third on the day in Saturday's Tinker's Bridge canal third round.

Garbolino Black Horse's Rob Dzialak won with 7-15 as Amphill's Dave Pearson came close with 7-13 and Maver MK Black's Paul Abbott had 6-12.

Amphill were top on the day with 37 points, followed by MK Black 36 and – also on 36 but adrift on weight, Browning Red. 'Horse are second overall.

■ CASTLETHORPE Navvi perked up for John Balhatchett when he won Towcester vets' midweek trip with 15-5 of skimmers and

roach. Terry Robinson had 6-5 and Tosh Saunders 4-12.

■ TWO small carp and a net of roach and skimmers put Fred Johnson top of Flore & Brockhall's Wappenham Water do with 13-8. Steve Smith had 8-9 and Rob Rawlins 3-9.

■ DATS' first Tuesday evening match of the 'summer' saw Gary Britton win with 11-2 on the club's Navvi length as John Hough had 4-14-8 and Jack Jones 4-8. Ernie Sattler had an impressive 2-8-8 roach-something hybrid, but still didn't make the frame... which amused some.

■ WHEN MK vets fished a near-flooded Tear Drops, good old boy Mick Reynolds won with 7-7 of silvers and a decent tench. Barry



● Harley's delight at his first-ever fish



● MK Vets' Barry Witteridge

Wlitteridge (pictured right) just missed on 7-4 followed by Ken Mott, 6-13.

■ TOWCESTER were chip-shopped (battered both sides) when they finished third against Royal mail and Finedon in their Peatling Pools Super-cup heat.

■ FIXTURES: Furzton lake closed to angling Friday June 1 through to and including Monday June 4.

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