

Is a golden spell on cards as our rivers start fining down?

DON'T delay. Get on the river and make the most of the tail – hopefully – end of the floods.

As the Ouse and Ouzel began slowing to run-off conditions this week, some braved the mucky brown stuff for cracking catches.

On the Ouzel Paul Hack set a new PB with a magnificent 6-13 chub – and lost two which he reckoned were even bigger!

And near Caldecotte lake Roger Stratton (right) found flood scouring had made room for him to trot a big juicy worm... and bank this superb 5-15 summer chub.

On Olney's Ouse Keith Mitchell bagged five bream to 7-9 and two river tench to 6-3 for well over 40lb. Then Sean Mynard had a PB 6-7 tench... which Dan Shaw topped with a 6-10.

■ ON a rising Tear Drop 1, worm brought me a 5-9 tench (pictured below) from a swim just vacated by a guy who, having failed to catch, told me that no-one had seen a tench on that lake for a couple of years... Ha!

■ THE spod is back – and winning! Re-allowing the baiting method in MKAA matches (proposed by Ian Smith) was passed at June's association delegates' meeting. And on Saturday the individual league second round was won by... Ian Smith spodding his way to 44-2-8 of Furzton bream. Phil Bardell had 25-12 and Chris Malia 17-10.

■ ALDERS' open went to Martin Greene with 194lb of carp as Gary Thorpe had 140lb and Paul Laws 129lb.

■ BIG hemp roach showed in numbers in DATS Tuesday evening league on the New Inn canal with six over a pound caught.

John Hewison won with 6-12-8 of roach with Ernie Sattler, back on an end peg, 6-7-8 and Mark Haynes (three redfins over a pound) 6-1-8.

■ FURZTON was slow for MK Vets, midweek. Paul Barnes won with 17-4 as Dave Lewis had 13-3 and Ian Greenhood 7-3.

■ TOWCESTER's Dog Lane Napton outing saw Matt Brafield with 18-12 ahead of Graham Martin 15-9 and John Broughton 15-7.

The club's vets hit Stanwick where Mick Read had 9-12 of roach. Gerald Green and John Balhatchett tied on 6-4.

■ COLIN Chart won Kingfishers' match on a rising Tear Drop 4 with 12-7...after stirring up his swim by falling in! And topping the TD 2 section was a load of baloney – baloni sausage that is – for John Harvey as he used the stuff to net two bream for 7-5. Keith Harrison had 3-8, a tench caught a minute from the final whistle.

■ Was their journey worth it? Gary Allen won Beacon's Wyboston south lagoon do on 4-1 with Steve Emmerton 2-

8 and Brian Cooke 2-4.

■ PLACES (£40) available in Des Butcher's 30 rod Haversham Mill Ouse syndicate, 07917 186462.

■ FIXTURES: July 14 John Buxton charity match, Shearsby, 01327 351780. July 17, Olney Tuesday Ouse open 01234 240061.



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