

Town's stars on big prize trail

TOWN'S brothers Ringer are on the glory trail again with both men closing in on big money finals.

From an original field of 100 Phil is into the last eight of a competition culminating in a £5,000 two-man head-to-head final, and won his section in this week's heat with four bream for 8-9 on a flooded river Don.

The same day Steve bagged 70lb of slabs to win his section on Earlswood, gaining a place in the £5,000 top prize 50 peg British Waterways final due to be fished on the same water.

● Away from the match scene, bivvie-talk is all about a 62lb-8 catfish having been banked from a small lake just north-west of the county border... but the pond's owner is denying all knowledge.

● Back with the matchmen, Osprey's Sunday on Arrans Lake in deepest Essex must have been tougher than a day at work as - in blazing temperatures - 20 anglers landed best part of TWO TONNES... 4,386lb of fish!

The six hour match (with a half-time weigh-in) went to Loll Summers with 435-6. Kieran Chadea had 378lb and Mark Williams 302-14... with 200lb nowhere near the frame!

● Big on another front, a recent cancer charity match at Bishops Bowl raised £4,200 and, over seven years, the series has raised some £30,000.

● Daventry's Toft's 41 peg charity open raised, with help from a cluster of sponsors, £740 in aid of Macmillan Nurses. Ivan Mills won, 119-10, followed by Rich Wills 91lb and Graham Cheney 90-14.

● Roach came to the fore in Towcester vets Stockton ressi match with the top seven netting around 120lb of quality redfins. John Ballhatchett had 36-2, George Cooke 25-4 and Tosh Saunders 19-14.

● Abington Park lake is still boiling for some. Dave Huth waggled his way to seven bream for 25lb as Vince Battams had 17lb and Richard Hawkes an 8lb brace.

● WAPPENHAM Water (Silver Lake) is under new management, starting Wednesday.

● LANES Meadowlands open; Adam Waklin 106-12, Gaz

Davies 87lb, Craig Casemore 57lb.

● NENE points round, Canons; Paul Ramsden 103lb, Brian Beard 79-4, Steve Johnson 74-4.

● COTTON, Stockton; Dave Hadden 82-3, Russ Lay 50lb, Marcus Annable 33lb.

● CASTLE Ashby: Grendon Sunday, Mick Whetherall 78-12, Richard Dunkley 58-6, Grant Howie 54-10; Brickyard Saturday, Bob Reed 63-8, Frank Pizmenti 50lb, Mick Hewlett

33-8; Grendon Wednesday, Paul Hardman 48-8, Reed 32-8, Gary Millward 32lb.

● DAVENTRY, Barby Banks; Deano Hancox 67lb, Paul Knappman 65-08, Pete Palmer 50-10.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Bishops Bowl; Paul Jackson 46-8, Dave Walker 45lb, Mick 'carpet slippers' Reynolds 34-8. Dave Smart is said to have landed some 900 tiny rudd for 27lb!

● KINGSMILL AC, Waterloo; Tony Wickham 38lb, Alan Burns 21lb, Mark Waddams 17-12.

● TOWCESTER,

Bairstows; Pat Jacquest 20-12, George Cooke 10-12, Les Goodridge 3-3.

● NEWPORT, Abbey pits open; Paul Abbott 17lb, Steve Drakulic 13-7, James Drakulic 11-2.

● OLNEY, Ouse, Tuesday open, Jim Martin 11-15. Les Wallis 11-12, Dave Partridge 9-9.

● KETTERING, Pilton Nene; Tom Halfpenny 5-12, Dave Mabbutt 5-8, Brian Garrett 5-2.

● FLORE & Brockhall, 'all bridge canal; Rob 'super hero' Rawlins 5-10, Paul Humphries 4-2, Ken Cadd 3-9.



■ **SOME fishery owners are more methodical than others. Each size-able carp in Stanwick's regular stockings gets its own 'rap-sheet' - complete with police-style mugshot as it goes in - so growth records can be kept. This week's top fish out was Lee Smiley's 33-10 common from Elsons.**

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