

By George - the lad's landed a carp most can only dream of!

A FISH so big that most life-long anglers can only dream of one this size – yet George Swan has been there and done that... at the age of 11.

He's pictured – almost obscured by the massive bulk of the 47-6 carp known as 'power station' – which he landed from tackle company boss Kevin Nash's Church pool.

Despite his tender years, he hooked and played the monster un-aided, only needing help to lift his landing net and the enormous mirror on to the bank, plus a hand from 'Ditch' Ballard to hold it for the camera.

Young George also banked three 29s, a performance which would have made his granddad – the late Division 2-winning MKAA Matchgroup's captain, Frank Swan – proud of him.

George shared the trip with his dad, GoneFishin co-proprietor Richard Swan, who 'made do' with four to 36-6 while Mick Harnett, also managing to get in on the act, had a 28 and a 21-8.

■ VETERAN pole wizard Ernie 'end peg' Sattler (pictured right by Ian Smith) topped LBC's Furzton sweep with 37-1 – mostly quality poled roach. Terry Davis had 30-12 of feeder bream and Steve Schubert 14-15.

■ TWO other city 'grey-heads' – Gary Britton and Dave Shultz – fished for Team Raiders in the weekend's Division 2 on the Stainforth and Keadby cut. Gary made 4th in section and Dave 11th as the team missed promotion in 20th spot.

■ STEVE Wells

had his 'best mornings fishing ever' by stalking the full length of Whittings fishing a small spinner for 'more perch than I can remember'.

■ OSPREY were on form at Lakeside, Greens Norton, as Mark Wilson won with 119-12 ahead of Neil Fenner 95lb and Chris Lovelock 95lb.

■ CARP (presumably local lake escapees) are showing on Olney's Ouse. Rob Mynard has caught an 18-6 mirror and junior Phillippe Lee a 12-6 and 8-14 brace.

■ CALVERT took the top two spots and the match against Steeple Claydon on Jubilee lake as James Lewis netted 24-9, Jack Robinson 13-7 and Tom Michaels 12-8.

■ BRIGHT sun, little colour and no wind stacked the odds against MK vets in their float-only Furzton match. Alan Ford won with 10lb as John Hewison had 6-14 and Mick Harnett (waggler at 40 yards) 6-6.

■ SUNDAY's 'North Bucks Fed annual' on Linford's wharf canal fell to Roy Hefferon with 11-2 of bream followed by John Hough 5-14-8 and Mick Hefferon 3-4.

■ AUSTIN Maddock topped Beacon's Navvi cut do, 7-6, with Les Smith on 4-6.

■ DATS' Tuesday evening match saw Richard Lattimer win with 3-13-8 on Deans Road cut. Jack Jones had 3-13 and Ernie Sattler 2-10-8.

■ HEATHER Pirie won Olney's junior sweep with 4-1 – way ahead of Charlie Mynard 2-3 and Phillippe Lee 1-14-8.

■ NOW run by Towcester, Wappenham Water – where I had seven carp to 11-4 on dog biscuit Thursday evening – is still available as a dayticket water.

■ FIXTURES: Aug 14, Olney river open, 01234 240061.



● George, far left, with the 47-6 'power station'



FURZTON FESTIVAL

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