

# Bob's Gale-force Citizen Cup win

**B**IG fish showed right along the line in Sunday's **Citizen Cup** – and the top prize could have been almost anybody's right up to the final whistle!

Fished on Olney's Ouse – with the club guaranteeing £1,200 in cash prizes – it was a 60 peg sell-out... though when the wind-driven rain began lashing down at midday, some must have wished they'd stayed home.

But local Bob Gale wasn't one of them as, with three big tench and some bits on worm on the lead from the Weston Road stretch, he had top weight at 14-5-12.

Clutching the £500 top payout and trophy, he is pictured through the gloom of a steamed-up mobile phone which had just been brought into a warm pub after five hours out in the rain.

And just a roach or two short of a winning net, Nigel Porter ran him oh so close with 14-1, a good part of which was two chub best 4-13. Alan Hursey included a decent tench and a big perch in his 9-2 as Chris Malia had 8-11 of bits.

Several of the usual suspects failed to make the frame this time, with the likes of Eddie Ford blowing his chances of the big dosh as he apparently lost a brace of big chub. Altogether now – aaaah...

■ IT IS not just youngsters who can get all bright-eyed over a modest 'first' fish. The look on life-long angler Darren Emery's face (right) says it all as the Towcester lad shows off his first-ever butter-yellow crucian carp, caught in Milton Keynes.

■ MK Vets' got in on Cosgrove cut before Thursday night's dramatic temperature drop for their midweek, and made the most of it. Dave McClellan won with 10-5 of skimmers on maggot, pinkie and caster. Barry Witteridge had 8-13 and Paul Chapman 6-7.

■ THANKS to Mercedes doubling the sum raised, last week's John Tipple memorial match on Alders produced more than £500 for Willen Hospice.

Top rod on the day was Keith Ashby with 186-6 followed by Troy Hillier 159-8 and Loll Tompkins 82lb.

■ TOWCESTER's team of eight made joint 6th in the 13 teams-of-

eight Northants County Cup match on the cut at Yelvertoft. It was a dire day as the 104 peg match was won with just 3-14 (2lb of which was one perch).

■ AND it wasn't that much fun for Kingfishers (nee Royal Mail) on Furzton where Keith Harrison scraped together 6-13 of bits ahead of Del Rowlandson 4-7 and oldie Mick Reynolds 3-13.

■ JAMES Lewis found the Claydon lake bream to win Calvert's do with 18-15... way ahead of second-placed Rupert Ash on 3-2.

■ STEVE Funnell won Linford's Wilderness cut section do with 3-6 – largely two perch – as John Hough had 3-2-8 and Mick Hefferon 2-4.

■ FIXTURES: Saturday, MKAA individual league final round, Toombes and Hollands Ouse, 07703

556788; October 16, Olney Ouse Tuesday open, 01234 240061.



● Citizen Cup £500 winner Bob Gale  
Picture Ron Bull



● Lit up like a Christmas tree: Darren Emery and his first ever crucian. Magic!

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