

Sunday may have felt like tail-end of Hurricane Sandy –

But, if you were daft enough...

MEADOWLANDS winter league opened with a bang – with the top three totalling almost 300 lb.

And that was despite co-inciding with one of the worst autumn Sundays in years as what felt like the tail end of Hurricane Sandy lashed those brave – or daft – enough to sit it out!

Lee Davis won with 107-12 of carp on poled corn as Lee Heaven had 91-8, Barry Byrd 89-6, and Karl Barnfield 77lb.

● OVER on the Stony Stratford Ouse Martin Cunniffe bagged, in an MKAA match, the fish of a lifetime...a 2-1-0 river roach! Yes it is an ill wind which blows no one any good.

● FOLLOWING three straight wins in the seven team Castle Ashby AT league Starlets stumbled, finishing third, Sunday, but still have a match in hand over the best of the rest.

'Ashby Youth's Steve Abbill won with 67-13 from the Brickyard as Andy Johnson (RAF) had 49lb with Steve Hemmingway (Starlets) on 44-13.

Chiltern GotBaits were top on the day. Starlets lead on 6 points, 'Ashby A Team have 13 and Maver MK 16.



■ **THIS 30lb common was a new PB for Kevin Brennan and a record for Bishops Bowl's Mitre pond.**



■ **DON McInnes with 26-6 PB pike on popped-up mackerel tail from Stanwick, reported through Carpin Capers.**

midweek saw Paul Hardman win with 27-12 ahead of John Kent 24-12 and Geoff Ringer 24-3. On the same pond, Saturday, Hardman won again with 38lb. Dick Rogers had 31-8 and Grant Howie 29-12.

● THE other side of the county Dave Smart topped the Bishops Bowl winter league opener with 26-1. Keith Haynes had 20-14 and Ray Gregory 15-13. The Ugliers were top team.

● BETWEEN floods Pete Hawley used deadbait to land Olney's best-of-season Ouse pike at 15-15.

● FLOODWATER pouring in from the top lake made Castle's match on Canons bottom a grueller. With water rising over the platforms Nick Antonacci won, 14-8, as Andy Forbes netted 10-9 and Fred Prior 4-12.

● COTTON Club's Weedon cut do went to Marcus Annable 4lb. Tony Pickering had 2-8 and Dave Hadden 2-2.

● STOKE cut long pound was full of muddy run-off, for Sunday's Nene open, but Dave Gibbins caught 3-8, Tom Graney 3-6 and Paul Minney 3-3.

● TOWCESTER fished the Shutlanger Tove, Sunday – and suffered! The river rose so fast Mick Goodridge had to move his box back three times while winning with a chub and bits 2-11. Matt Brafield had 2-2... and the rest went home early!

● ON Flore & Brockhall's cut Rob 'it's a gift I have' (!!!!) Rawlins won for the second time in a row with 2-10. Paul Humphries had 2-6 and Steve Smith 2-3.

● FIXTURE: Saturday (Nov 10) Olney Ouse open 01234 240061.

● EVEN Lakeside – heaving with fish – was knocked off form by the weather, and D a v e Chapman won White Hart Flore's do with 'only' 42lb. Dave Griffiths had 38lb and Dave Adams 32lb.

● 'ASHBY'S G r e n d o n