

Four Angling Trust league teams warring for second spot as... **RAF's 'air-strike' steals a win!**

DOWNHILL into its last leg Castle Ashby's AT league has become a REAL nail-biter – with no less than four teams spanned by just two points!

All four are fighting for the crucial second place, as it will be the runner-up squad – together with can't-be-beat-even-if-they-don't-turn-up leaders Starlets – which goes through to the semis and a chance at the big money national final.

Sunday's fifth round saw Garbolino RAF making a precision 'air-strike' to win on the day with 55 points and haul themselves into the top five.

Maver Milton Keynes, also coming back from the dead following two early blow-outs, had 45 and Chiltern GotBaits (CGB) 40.

Starlets stumbled to fourth with 38, but lead the series points on 10, with MK on 18, 'Ashby A Team 19, and CGB and RAF both on 20. 'Ashby Youth have 26 and Royal Mail 27.

Youth's Mick Whaddham won on the day with 42-2 ahead of Mick Dixon and Baz Bright – both RAF – on 28-10 and 24-14.

● The latest Meadowlands' league round saw Craig Casemore top with 77-10 of carp as Phil Hull had 72-6 and Darren Sanders 58-4.

● Thick frost didn't stop White Hart Flore finding some fish at Barby Banks as Dave Walker had 76lb, followed by John 'rockin' Berry 74lb and Drew Adams 38lb.

● Wednesday's 'Ashby Grendon open went to John Kent – 19 bream for 44-8 – as Roy Woodward netted 38-12 and Allan West 36-9. Saturday saw Chris Garrett beat bro Keith 44-12 to 35-6 with Paul Hardman on 25-4.

● Perhaps not wanting to be out in foul weather seven days a week, Royal Mail Northampton fished their last match of the year, Sunday, at Canons. Dave Gibbs caught 20-14, Andy Forbes 11-8 and Darren Mason 6-8.

● Nene's Newton Blossomville Ouse match was a day for real river anglers as Chris Howard had 11-10 of roach and dace with Paul Minney on 8-3 and Les Ramsden 7-9.

● Olney, Ouse, pike 'n perch match: Adam Crouch 12-5,

Glenn Crouch 12-1-8, Pete Hawley 10-4.

● Jack Morrison charity memorial, Mill Cotton lake: Jeff Rice 5-15, Fred Prior 5-7, Pat Neal 4-6.

● Glebe, Ringstead Nene, everyone caught: Kevin McIlhinney 5-5 roach and perch, Glen Kirton 5-4, Dave Haddon 5-3.

● Towcester, Gayton arm canal: Kevin Elliot 3-4 punch roach, Mick Goodridge 3-2-7, Tony 'I'm so brilliant' Hirst 0-8...

● Flore & Brockhall, diamond bridge cut: Steve Smith 2-3, Rob Rawlins 1-13, Gary Abrahams 1-1



Well, have you ever dreamed...

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■ **Inset: Brixworth's Mike Sando (on box) explaining to Frank how, despite having a mountain of gear with him...he's left the important bit at home – again!**