

Good old boy Rob beats bad back to land 18lb beauty on a size 16!

THERE are carp twice the size of this 18-2 common in Furzton – but it was still a REAL red letter day catch for Rob Wilkinson!

For the 74-year-old battled with it for more than 30 minutes, having hooked it on three maggots and a size 16 to 4lb line on light waggler rod, before mate Rob Nursaw (who took the picture, right) could net it for him.

But he paid a price for his fun. Already suffering from a chronic bad back, he said: "I could hardly stand up for two days afterwards... but it was worth it."

■ Across the city, on another of MK's great lakes, Steve Lindop (pictured below) bagged an 11-2 bream – possibly MKAA's best of season so far – from Willen on boilies, and a 13lb carp.

■ By the time you read this, this year's MKAA books should be on sale in local tackle shops.

■ Alders' Sunday do saw the carp mad on feed as Josh Blavins won with a mind-blowing 295lb ahead of Richard Brain 267lb and Trevor Price 241lb... and Jim Stubbins' 206lb was ONLY good enough for 6th!

■ Osprey's Lakeside pairs sweep saw Gary Page and John Lawrence win with 165lb as Page made top spot with 105lb followed by Neil Fenner 81lb and Keith Steadman 80lb.

■ A shoal of bream right next to Bowlers bridge helped Maver Image's Tom Boyce to a runaway win in MKAA's spring canal league third round – with fish to 4lb for 25-4. Squadmate Dan Jones

had 12-5 and Ampthill's Stuart Kately 10-8.

Image made top spot on the day, 38 points, beating Browning Red 37 and Gonefishin Left 33.

With one round to go, Left are right on top of the 14-team table (99 points), followed by Red 90, Ampthill 89 and Image 88.



● Rob Wilkinson with 18-2 carp on a size 16.
Picture by Rob Nursaw



● Steve Lindop with 11-2 Willen bream

■ And another canal bream shoal, this one at Manor Fields, saw Dave Mclellan top MK vets' do with 22-6... John Hewison had 4-14 and Ernie Sattler 4-13.

■ Bucko's Holmes Farm charity pole championship round went to Jake King 50-7, as Lloyd Hayes had 49-10 and Jack Chennell 49-4.

■ Towcester's Wappenham Water open saw John Balhatchet with 38lb of carp (and a 3lb barbel) with Kevin Nightingale on 35lb and John Broughton 31lb.

■ DATS' Tuesday evening do went to Ernie Sattler from an end peg – again – on the Navvi cut with 8-15 which included a 4-14 carp. Gary Britton 6-6 and Mark Haynes 4-5.

■ Roy 'Didder' Hefferon topped Linford's wharf canal do with 3.05 kilo ahead of Mick Hefferon 2.01 and Steve Fennell 1.75.

■ Newport's Abbey Pits spring league opener, last week, saw Jim Drakulic top individual with 9-7 as John Hewison had 8-13 and Paul Abbott 8-11. Dizzy's Drawbags took top team spot with 21 points as Lakes Lane Lads had 18 and Team Drak 14.

■ Fixtures: Sunday, Towcester open, Bairstows, 07973 861174.

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