

**Daventry and White Hart Flore land more than 4,000lb of carp...**

# In clash of the bagging machines

**ALMOST two tonnes of carp! That was the mind-blowing result of a clash between bagging rivals Daventry and White Hart Flore.**

And that was WITHOUT Tofts' bigger carp putting in an appearance.

Home side Daventry's 22 men averaged more than 100lb each for 2,297-4 with the visitors' 22 getting 1,961-2 and - having gone in some 200lb down from the previous leg - finishing 91lb adrift overall.

'Hart's Tom Griffiths said: "With almost 2,000lb you would have thought we'd have a walk-over, but no - we still haven't beaten them on Tofts."

Steve Bull (WHF) won with 236-10 as clubmate Dave Griffiths had 186-4 and old Daventry warhorse Mick Turner 178lb.

● Bankside prattlers may have written the upper Ouse off as a big barbel water due to its aging whiskers population, predation, and lack of successful spawning, but have just been proved wrong by the Environment Agency.

Working on a short section of Adams Mill - which still holds the UK record at 21-1 - an EA survey team found a number of doubles to 13lb and, upstream near Wolverton, more to 12lb.

They also found juvenile mini-barbel thought to have been spawned in the river, which is heartening given the thousands of pounds and hours the EA has put into spawning habitat improvements.

● A Diawa side - including town's Geoff, Phil and Steve Ringer - won, 6 points clear of 'The Press', in the 13 team Angling Trust Masters match on a Leicestershire fishery.

● Les Goodridge was NOT popular in Towcester's Bairstows do. Chased along the bank by angry wasps, he left a few with each angler he passed...

Drama over, his bro, Mick, won with 39lb as Tosh Saunders had 12lb and Steve Smith 10lb. Visiting Flore & Brockhall 'star' Rob Rawlins was last with 1-8... and three wasp stings.



■ **ANOTHER future UK record? This 13-pounder was one of several doubles found by the EA at Adams Mill**

● This week's run of big carp at Stanwick included at least nine 20s topped by Dean Handley's 32-2 mirror and Andy Barnsley's 29 common.

● CASTLE Ashby: Brickyard, Wednesday, Dean Bowler 44-8, Mick Boddily 26-4, Keith Bishop 25-8; Brickyard, Saturday, Keith Garrett 39-8,

Courtney Hewlett 36-4, Frank Pizmenti 32-8; Grendon, Sunday, K Garrett 44-12, Chris Garrett 21-12, Paul Russell 20-6.

● LITTLE Harrowden, Canons: Dave Chamberlain 36lb, Darren Childs 34-14, Ken Taylor 26-5.

● NENE, Bishops Bowl: Dave Gibbins 34-8, John Balhatchett 32-2, Paul Ramsden 31-4.

● OLNEY Ouse open: Les Wallis 8-1, Pete Hawley 6-8, Lee Jones 4-12.

● CASTLE silverfish, Crescent lake: Andy Webster 6-5, Pete Laughton 5-11, John Lewis 4-2.

● TOWCESTER vets, Navvi canal: Gerald Green 5-8, Graham Martin 3-4, Pat Jaquest 3-1.

● FIXTURES: Saturday, Furzton Festival 'float only' match and Monday (bank holiday, Aug 26) Frank Swan memorial open, also Furzton - call 01908 506678 for either. September 1, Olney open, 01234 240061 ■



■ **THE FUTURE? Mini-Ouse barbel thought to have been spawned in the river**

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