

*Duo's concentration on long underrated Nene stretch...*

# *Produces a mega river bream!*

**A NINE-pound bream is big in most people's books... but when it comes from a river, then it is one very special slab!**

So Gilders' staffer Dan Todd has reason to be chuffed with his latest catch – which took the scales to 9-1 – from Northampton Nene's Cogenhoe Nene stretch.

While the river further downstream has been making headlines with big barbel, Dan and fishing mate Paul Bond have been banking a succession of 6-7lb slabs.

"We fish boilies on the lead," said Dan, "we don't get that many fish, but they're good ones."

● The 53 peg Pete Nimmo memorial, part of a big Bishops Bowl event, raised a staggering £2,800 for the air ambulance and Macmillan Nurses charities – bringing the annual fest's total to some £20,000.

Derek Cullip won the match with 73-13 as Mark Griffiths had 61lb and venue-owner Shaun Smart 48-12.

● Osprey were fund-raising, too, their Lakeside match making £400 for Help the Heroes as the owner waived his venue fee. Mark Wilson, Neil Riddy and Ian Millin were the winning team with Chris Lovelock top individual on 110lb.

● Ringer bros Phil and Steve were 7th after day one of the €30,000 five-day 'world pairs champs' in Ireland.

● Wellingborough Nene finished 8th in Saturday's 56 team Trent & Mersey canal Division 1 'national', with Milton Keynes 19th.

● Stanwick produced half a dozen 20s this week, biggest Aaron Aston's 25-8.

● WHITE Hart Flore's Lakeside do saw Dick Spriggs win with 150-8 followed by Pete Scott 148lb and Mark Tottenham 119-8.

● Sunday saw Mick 'old geezer' Hewlett making a rare top spot appearance, in Castle Ashby's Grendon open, with seven carp for 59-2. Dick Rogers 44-6 and Bob

Reed 40lb. Saturday, Grendon, Gary Millward 48-10, Rogers 42-8, Chris Garrett 32-4; midweek, Brickyard, Alan West 42-8, Hewlett 39-4, Frank Pizmenti and Keith Bishop tied on 35-12.

● RUSHDEN, Cranford: Steve Oswick 54-12, Dave Ross 37-4, 'Pav' 32lb.



■ DAN Todd (right) with 9-1 River Nene bream, and Paul Bond with 6-7

● TOWCESTER v Flore & Brockhall, Bairstows: Tows won by 28lb to 18lb. Mick Boddilly (T) 3 carp 19lb, Steve Smith (F&B) 12lb, Darren Pannell (T) 6-8. Flore legend Rob 'don't even ask' Rawlins had 1lb from a 'flier' peg.

● NEWPORT open, Abbey pits: Paul Abbott 19lb (roach), John Hewison 14-9, Myles Philips 6-10.

● NENE points, Ouse, Newton Blossomville: Paul Ramsden 7-13 (a tench, a chub and bits), John Balhatchett 4-8, Tom Newbury 3-1.

● Most AW reservoirs now opening, or open, for piking – see [www.anglianwater.co.uk/leisure](http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/leisure)

● **FIXTURES:** Sep 22, Olney Ouse 60 peg open – GUARANTEED £500 top prize 07795 124165 or [ronbull444@hotmail.com](mailto:ronbull444@hotmail.com); **ALSO** on 22nd, County champs, teams of 8 on the Yardley-Stoke cut, call Tom Griffiths 01604 470190.

● **TROUT:** Elinor averaging 2.82 (437 fish for week); Grafham 2.69 (617) best 6lb rainbow; Pitsford 2.4 (275); Rutland 2.1 (276) best a 6-10 brownie ■

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