

Stablemates' no-show nobbles 'Horse A - leaving Irthlingborough...

To win County Cup in fine style!

BLACK Horse were a shoo-in to win Sunday's County Cup – until Lady Luck dished out a big dollop of poetic justice!

Horse's B-side didn't turn up...leaving Irthlingborough with an end-peg to one side of each of their men, and an empty peg on t'other.

And they used what was effectively a double end-peg ace to show the Horse's younger A-side 'super stars' a clean pair of heels – romping home three points clear (89 to 86). Browning and Northants Odds & Sods tied on 69, the latter fourth on weight.

With the 14 team 112 peg match (a really big one by today's standards!) on Nene's Yardley to Grafton cut, Irthlingborough's Andy Webster walked it with 16-8 of Bozenham bream.

Horse's Dan Webb had 9-6, Wellingborough A's Pete Laughton 7-3, Horse's Andy Cureless 7lb and Irthlingborough's Geoff Rice 6-14.

● Northampton Specialist Group's Jamie Cartwright (reporting through Carpin Capers) got it right on the night when after big bream, netting a 12-8 slab and then adding a 32-2 carp. The latter was an 'accident' to him as he had been breaming. Guess not all accidents are bad, then?

● MK's Roger 'the roach master' Clutton scooped Olney's £500 top prize open – with 11lb of Ouse redfins – having only got a ticket for the sell-out 60 pegger the previous evening after a friend cried off.

At the next peg Neale Shearn had 10lb of roach. Ernie Sattler weighed 9-1 and Mick Burrell 8-8.

● Abthorpe's Dick Morgan had 12 bream to double figures and three carp during a Willen lake overnighter – and twice as many in a similar session a week earlier. Big bream, and carp to 35lb, have been caught from the south lake in recent weeks. Nearby Caldecotte lake

produced a cracking 9-8 tench for carper Dave Seath.

● If you left a set of scales at Silver lake, call 01327 860373. Mike Sando had four carp and 9lb of silvers for over 40lb there, Sunday.

● Big double-figure roach nets – fish to 1-14 on seed – have been reported (through Gilders) from the Newton Blossomville Ouse.



■ **WHAT a night!**
Town ace Jamie Cartwright bagged a tea tray-sized 12-8 bream (below) by design...and then added this 32-2 'accidental' carp



● Stanwick's best of week, a 23-15 common, fell to Ed Clark.

● ROYAL Oak, Packington: Neil Russell 95-4, Wayne Sharman 88-12, Phil Hull 50-6.

● CASTLE Ashby: Brickyard, midweek, Bob Reed 42-4, Mick Hewlett 36lb, Lloyd Haynes 34lb; same pond, Saturday, Andy

Pell 59lb, Martin Greene 28-12, Pete Randell 25-12; Grendon, Sunday, Chris Garrett 63-8, Reed 30-6, Hewlett 25-4. AT league practice opens start October 6.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Flecknoe: Rob 'I've finally cracked it' Rawlins 41lb, Ken Cadd 30lb, Steve Smith 24lb.

● FIXTURES: October 6, Towcester open, Navvi cut, 07915 613862; October 12, charity open on Nene's Stoke canal, tickets £10 include pre-match breakfast and post-match buffet at the Navigation, Stoke, optional pools, 07803 209099 ■

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