

Mike's practice made for perfect performance in Drennan KO final!

DIDN'T he do well! Mike Buchwalder is pictured moments after becoming national Drennan Knock-out champ – and winning £5,000.

And man behind the camera John Hewison (turning into quite an angling-world news 'snapper') has caught him just as the eyes are beginning to glaze over with the shock of it all...

A whole summer of knock-out rounds had culminated in a two-day head-to-head against Lee Kerry on Worcestershire's Docklow Pools – matches Michael (right) won 141lb to 75lb and 78-9 to 48lb.

Following a depressingly slow first day start he'd roared into the lead with a succession of big carp – and never looked back.

How did he floor the bookies favourite? "I did the work and he didn't," said Mike. "In practise I found you had to clear the weeds to fish a shallow shelf right in the margin."

He did that, and piled in £50-worth of corn, caster and worms. Kerry didn't, finished with £1,000 runners-up prize...and broke his £3,000 pole. Bet ne was unhappy lad!



■ Seven-year-old Dio Rennie (left) looks almost as pleased with his Wolverton Mill mirror. Dad Dave said: "He needed some incentive to hold a

big, slimy fish, and I said that if he did it I would try and get his picture in the paper."

■ Hartwell's Andy McConnell blew his rudd PB through the roof, Monday, with an incredible 3-2 'gold platter' on free-lined crust from

Seven Acres, near Towcester. He is still walking on air.

■ *IF you STILL haven't got a rod licence be afraid – very afraid. An Environment Agency 'hit squad' will be making a big purge (not necessarily only daylight hours) in and around MK in the near future. Get caught and it serves you right!*

■ Phil Bardell won Castle Ashby's midweek open with 37-12 of roach and rudd. Then Maver MK's Ian Smith made second in Sunday's 70 peg AT opener there with his side runners-up.

■ Osprey, Decoy lake: Tony McGregor 70lb, Mike Clarke 68lb, Rob Napper 48lb.

■ Towcester vets, Dog Lane: John Balhatchett 58-3, Mick Boddilly 33-12, Terry Robinson 16-6.

■ MK vets, Ouse above Stony sluice: Paul Chapman 9-11 (small silvers), Alan Ford 8-15, Ernie Sattler 5-8.

■ Kingfisher AC made the most of

freshly opened up swims on the Ouse at Stony: Steve Chilton 7lb (end peg AND picked up £62 golden peg dosh), Robin Lett 5-12 – and two pole sections smashed by 'off path' cyclist... Colin Chart 5-10.

■ Towcester, annual Castlethorpe cut charity open (30 pegs, which was way up on last year's entry): Paul Hamilton – on a bit of a run this year – 4-2, Paul Keele 3-5, Paul Chapman 3-1.

■ Club get-together, Linford's wharf canal section: Ron Dorrell and John Hough (both Linford) 3-11 and 3-1-8, DATS' Nigel Steele 2-8.

■ **FIXTURES: Sat, MKAA junior coaching Lodge Lake 1pm.**

Also Sat, charity open Stoke-Yardley canal, £10 ticket includes breakfast and post-match buffet 07803 209099.

Tues Olney Ouse open 01234 240061.

