

Fishing in a torrential downpour, Seb shows cut's true potential...

As he nets a monster marina mirror

FEW deny that the Grand Union holds some huge carp – but where do they hang out most of the time?

Boat marinas linked to the main cut – usually out of bounds to all but those in typically small, limited-membership, clubs – are the usual suspects.

And Seb Hodge showed just what can be caught in among the long term-moored boats when he banked the 28lb 'marina monster' pictured (and a 16, both on fish-meal boilie) from just such an 'aquarium' in the Blisworth area.

● Castle Ashby's Grendon pond is back in the big bream business. Its slabs have kept their heads down since the early spring to such effect that some feared the worst.

But then, in Sunday's match, they reappeared out of the blue as Chris Garrett netted 52lb which, with other fish, saw him win with 60-8.

● Reports from Gilders show Nene's Newton Blossomville Ouse is producing some really good perch – together with cracking roach sport.

● Lakeside saw Jeff Dugiud top Osprey's do with 153-12. Mick Jones had 96-4 and Ian Millin 71-8. The charity event raised £750 which is set to be matched by McDonalds.

● White Hart Flore's Spring Pools match went to Mark Griffiths with 78-8. Gary Muddiman had 69lb and Dave Griffiths 58-8.

● Five carp for 59-11 put Tony Borrelli top of Potterspury's local lake sweep as Dave Smith caught 39-14 and Les Goodridge 23-8.

● Topping Saturday's Castle Ashby Brickyard match with 36-2 was Chris Garrett's birthday celebration. Andy Jones had 34-6 and Courtney Hewlett 31-4. Gary Millward had won on the 'yard,

midweek, with 37-12 as Phil Wintle took 32-12 and Alan West 28-12.

● Castle's Canons silverfish round fell to Alf Gillard, 21-2, with Jeff Rice on 19-8 and Stuart Cheetham 15-15.

● Nice roach ruled Little Harrowden's Willow Creek do on the Nene. Mick Dudely caught 12-2, Ken Taylor 7-8 and Jim Broadbent 6-15.

● Nene's canal long pound, Stoke, bream showed for the second week running as Ron Coles won, Sunday, with 11-8. Dave Gibbins had 7-10 and Andy Webster 6-4.

● Steve Bull topped Olney's Two Brewers Ouse open with 11lb. Ernie Sattler netted 9-11 of roach with Lee Jones on 9lb of bleak.

● A 4-14 eel – which some specci types would give their teeth to catch – helped Bill Boyd to a 5-14 win in Finedon's Irthlingborough Nene do, Simon Higgs had 1-5 and Steve Amos 1-4-8.

● Hampered by cold water floods, the county vets' Crescent lake match was dour. John Lewis had 3lb and Bob Spencer 2-13. Ron Coles and Paul Lafflin both weighed 2-10.

● Flore and Brockhall's 'heartbreak bridge' lived up to its name as Rob Rawlins won with 1-4. Steve Smith had 1lb as Paul Humphries and Gary Abrahams tied on 0-8.

● Fixtures: Nov 9 Olney Ouse open, 01234 240061 ■



■ At 28lb Seb Hodge's 'marina monster' mirror is one big canal fish



■ Steve Bull on his way to winning Olney's cup match on the Ouse
Pic by Ron Bull