

# Andrews leads week's big fish charge with 14-11 Ouse barbel

**SOME** highs... and lots of lows. That was the week that was as water temperatures plunged – falling 4 degrees C in six days!

And with a full moon for good measure, fishing was always going to be hard going. But some – with a mix of skill and luck – still came up smiling.

■ Paul Andrews lead the charge with Olney's best barbel of the year, a cracking whiskers which took the club scales round to 14-11.

■ And Mike Ford – who has only recently 'discovered' Bradwell lake – used worms to tempt tench of 8lb and 6-8 there...while his young son, Michael Junior, had a 5-2.

■ Carp were moving on Furzton where Egidijus Kavaliauskas (pictured right) landed a 24lb common while Carl Bean had a 27 and Danni Grobber a 15.

■ And when Simon Godfrey took his 9-year-old son Connor (pictured below) to Tear Drops with 3 metre whip and maggots, the lad got busy with a perch shoal, landing this two-and-a-half pounder among others.

■ But elsewhere, especially in river matches, it ranged from dour to dire...

Towcester's opening Tove match of the season saw Mick Goodridge and Barry Harris tie on just 4-4 with Mick Boddily on 4-3.

■ The Stone Park Ouse looked spot on for Kingfisher's match – but John Harvey needed only 2-8 to win with Robin Letts on 2-1 and Steve Chilton 1-15-8.

■ Ernie Sattler won MKAA's 'get-together' on Toombes with 8-11-12 of bits as Paul Chapman had 8-4-8 at the other end. Somewhere in the middle Steve Schubert, sat on the 'golden peg', saw his chances of the accumulator dosh disappear as he netted 4-12-8.

■ Calvert's Potash Farm, Beachampton, do went to Didder Hefferon on 8-7 as Jim Lewis had 6-15 and Derek Bishop 4-9.

■ In midweek MK vets did better than many, on the Mill Road canal, as Gordon Metcalfe won with three bream and bits for 9-8 – pushing Ernie Sattler, 5-8, into second followed by Alan 'Castlethorpe' Ford on 4-10.

■ Towcester vets trounced Dick Stafford's Old Geezers (D's SOGs) in a silverfish clash at Heyford fishery. Six Tows totalled 25-10 to seven SOGs'

20-10 and monopolised the frame as George Cooke had 8-2 and Graham Martin 6-14 while Tosh Saunders (also Tows) tied on 4-8 with the other crew's Dick Stafford and Fred Burford.

■ Even Osprey – given to weighing in 'tons' – had a slow day at their Piddley lake 'office' with Barry Mason on 75-8 ahead of Nick Darke 44-8 and Adam Wayman 26-8.

■ With two rounds to go, Maver MK – aka MKAA Matchgroup – face an uphill struggle if they are going to make the Castle Ashby AT league top two and get through to the semis.

Sunday's fourth round saw them slip a place to third overall.

■ *Word has it that early in the New Year Bletchley will have a new tackle shop... right where MK Angling Centre used to be!*

■ **FIXTURES:** Saturday, Olney Ouse charity open 01234 240061; Saturday's MKAA junior session cancelled; Tuesday Nov 19, Olney Ouse open.



● Egidijus Kavaliauskas with 24lb Furzton common



● Connor Godfrey with 2 1/2 lb Tear Drops stripey (and very big smile) 'on the whip'

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