

Two big chub brighten a dour week on the rivers

WITH river sport up and down like a soap-star's reputation, some luck-less rods reckon the upper Ouse is suddenly devoid of big chub.

Well it aint necessarily so!

Leaving aside numerous 'lumps' found during Environment Agency netting (Buckingham to Adams Mill this summer) and some caught from so-called 'private' stretches by secret squirrel types – at least two good ones have come out this week.

Adam Short used 'sizzling sausage' to bank the 6-10 pictured, from Olney's Ouse. And club junior George Wheeler, also pictured, landed this mint-condition 5-11 from the mill area...fishing a lure for pike with dad Charlie. Well done that lad.

■ Looking destined for the Castle Ashby AT league also-rans after the previous round, Maver MK (MKAA's matchgroup) roared back, Sunday, to win on the day.

Hot favourites Starlets trailed in joint 4th from seven teams of 10 and, with one round to go, would really have to foul-up to lose their league lead.

But with only the top two going on to the semis, and just one point now separating Maver and Guru in their struggle for runners-up spot, the final leg is set to be a real battle.

■ Matchgroup-men Pete Patton and Steve Wroe won sections and made the final in Stafford Moor's 'silver maniac' festival.

■ MK vets' midweek pairs at Alders went to Charlie Lancaster and

Paul Barnes (209-15) with John Hewison and Mick Wilson (174-10) and Terry Lancaster and Dave McLennan on 155lb.

■ Towcester vets' Wappenham match went to John Balhatchett – 17-11 of carp and skimmers – as Gerald Green and Mick Read had 7-1 of silverfish apiece.



● Young George Wheeler with lure-caught 5-11 Ouse chub

■ White Hart Dagenham have got club-outings sussed when they come to fish the Stony Ouse – with a minibus and a big box-trailer for their kit. Sunday's Toombes and Brush Mill visit saw Jim Ryan with 16-8 (including a 2-4 perch). Martin Searle had 6-12-8 and Barry Neale 5-14.

■ Riverside on Newport's Lovatt saw Ernie Sattler net 10-15-8 of punch roach as Mark Haynes had 10-11-12 and Tony Richardson 7-11.

■ Calvert fished the Ouse in Buckingham where Austin Maddock won with 4-5. John Weatherall had 4-1 and Mick Penwell 2-5.

■ Dace and chublets for 3-11 put Mick Goodridge top of Towcester's Tove sweep. Mick Boddilly had a 1-14 chub and Tosh Saunders 0-4.

■ Kingfisher's organiser Paul Hack had high expectations after catching several chub from the Ouzel midweek. But in Sunday's club match... Mick Reynolds needed just 2-5 to win with John Harvey on 1-7 and Jeff Dougall 1-5.

■ Lucky it was vouchers, and not a real turkey, up for grabs in Linford's Christmas canal match otherwise – with Roy Hefferon and Eamon Burke tied on 1-0-8 – sharing the top prize might have been difficult. John Hough had 0-15.

■ **FIXTURES:** Saturday, MKAA junior session, Bradwell canal, meet 1pm, 01908 320007: Sat Dec 7, MKAA Christmas match, Ouse, details 07703 556788.



● Adam Short with his 6-10 Ouse lump on 'sizzling sausage'

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