

# MK squad's last-gasp ticket to AT winter league semi-finals!

**I**t went right down to the wire – and a count-back – but **Maver MK** have won through to next year's AT winter league semi-finals!

Sunday's final Castle Ashby round saw Starlets (chock-full of England internationals) win again to romp off with overall top spot.

But Maver – MKAA's matchgroup, still clawing their way back from a disastrous earlier round – made second on the day.

That put them level on points with Team Guru and, on the basis that they'd had a win and two 2nds to Guru's win and one 2nd, the MK side snatched overall runner's-up spot and the remaining ticket to the semis.

Maver's Roger Clutton said: "It was pretty tense for quite a while while they were doing the results, but the main thing is we're through."

*MK could have been clear second had England manager Mark Downes (fishing for Starlets) not got himself disqualified in an earlier round. That folly had enabled Guru to gain an extra team point and finish level overall with MK's lads.*

■ Pictured (right) with perch of 2-6 and 2-3 Jez Scott has been known to wait a long time for bites...like a couple of decades. Having taken a break from the sport in '93 he is only just getting back into it.

Fishing the cut at Wolverton he landed the two stripeys shown plus two more over a pound and a 2lb bream, among others, for best part of 13lb.

Red and white maggots under a waggler 15 feet out did his trick.

Welcome back, Jez. Enjoy.

■ Further along towards Stoke Bruerne Mike Sando, pictured below, was into a larger stamp of predator – landing a 19-2 pike on deadbait. Another good meal and it could have been a 20.

■ Osprey found carp, mad on at Arran's lake, Essex. Mick Darke had 239lb with Tony Winnock on 198lb and Lol Summers 175lb. All bar three of the 24 rods beat 80lb.

■ 1, 2, 3 reasons to be cheerful! 'Golden rod' Austin Maddock won his



● Jez Scott – back to angling with a bang following 20 year lay-off



● Mike Sando with 'hungry' near 20 from the cut.

third Calvert match in a row, Sunday – with two Claydon carp and three bream for 26-5 – topping the club's Christmas match AND scooping the golden peg kitty.

Barry Witteridge had one ounce – and the other nine blanked. Bet Austin didn't dare ask why they were not all smiling!

■ MK vets' festive do, Riverside Ouzel: Martn Cunniffe 12-15, Bob Gale 12lb, Kev Osborne and Steve Chilton both 6-9.

■ Towcester, town Tove: Kevin Elliot (dace and a goldfish!) 13-8, Tony Hirst 7lb, Mark Read 5-7.

■ DATS', Stony main: Rus Nash 10-0-12, Kevin Osborne 7-12, Bob Gale 7-8.

■ Linford, boatyard cut: Steve Funnel 5-13-8, Mick Hefferon 4-10, John Hough 4-9.

■ TOWCESTER vets, Navvi canal: John Balhatchett 5lb, Graham Martin 3-12, Gerald Green 2-15.

■ A Bedford winter league leg on Olney's river was won with 9-4-12 (inc a big tench) Sunday followed by weights of 2-9-4 and 2-3. Bad day at 'the office' for the rest...

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