

Serial match-winner Jason shows the way in style...

As he storms to league title win!

A CRACKING 131-8 of carp saw Jason Shirley win the Meadowlands individual series final round – and the league title – in storming style.

His weight was almost half as much again as that of runner-up Neil Russell (95-4) who finished 2 points adrift of Shirley overall while James Hipkiss was third on the day with 85lb and third in the league (16).

● White Hart Flore's Barby Banks match saw Gary Muddiman win with 44lb as Glen Tilson had 40-8. Dave Griffiths and Robin Wickham tied on 31-8.

● Castle's Canons bottom pond was on fire for silvers, Sunday', with all 20 rods making double figures. Alf Gillard had 17-14 just ahead of Jeff Rice 17lb and Bob Moore 13-12.

● Towcester's Darren Emery topped a session on the local Grand Union with a 3lb perch.

● Chris Garratt topped Castle Ashby's Brickyard do, Saturday, with 23-12. Frank Pizmenti had 15-14 but was one unlucky man as, seconds after the final whistle, his tip went round and he banked a 15lb carp which didn't count. Mick Hewlett had 15-12.

Pete Gibson won, midweek, on Scotland with 16-12, beating Alan Worth 15-14 and Keith Bishop 14-12. Sunday's Grendon open fell to Steve Shakespeare 17-12 followed by Hewlett 16-14 and Garratt 14-10.

● Towcester's town Tove saw Les Goodridge win that club's sweep with 10lb of quality roach (and one perch) on the punch as Tosh Saunders had 6-4 and Andy Jones 6lb.

● Dave Haddon won with 8-10 when Glebe fished 'Ashby's Scotland pond, with Paul Latter on 8-3 and Marcus Annable 6-8.

● Nene's Banbury Lane canal Christmas do went to Ron Collins with 6-9 of skimmers. Brian Beard had 4-14 and Baz Eaton 4-10.

● On Olney's Ouse Nigel Porter won a 27-pegger with 4-6 – though 3-6 of that was one perch. Nigel Bass had 3-9 and Keith Ford 3-8

● Towcester vets' Castlethorpe Navvi cut do went to John Balhatchett with 5lb as Graham Martin netted 3-12 and Graham Green 2-15.

● Osprey visited Lakeside, near Towcester, Sunday, but took tools rather than rods and spent the day upgrading the 24 platforms and making sure they are all permanently numbered for the new year. Well done lads.



■ NICE ONE:
Chris James
with superb
trout-fed 24-8
pike. From
Chew or
Rutland? No –
just up the road
at Ringstead!

● Finedon fished Ringstead lock on the Oundle Nene where Sam Corteze won with 2-6-8. Paul Brand totalled 2-1 and Dave Edwards 1-14-8.

● Flore & Brockhall must have needed a microscope, rather than scales, to work out their canal sweep results. Gareth Abrahams had 0-6-15, Rob Rawlins 0-6-6 and Paul Humphries 0-6-2.

Threequarters of an ounce separating the three of them? They really must have some fantastic scales to hit that level of accuracy on a windy towpath.

What did that other grumpy old geezer used to say? Ah yes: I REALLY can't believe it...

Happy Christmas folks...

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