

Following morning without a bite, Andy uses...

A tiny bait to fool big canal chub

PINKIES are not the bait of choice for most big fish hunters. But that tiny offering is what Andy White used to tempt a 4lb chub.

And far from being a washed-out, half starved lump from a raging river – his pristine specimen was caught from the Grand Union at Stoke Bruerne long pound.

Having been bite-less on caster for most of a morning the local lad tried the tiny maggot, watched his float 'bury' within moments of casting, and struck into a fish that would have won Nene's match there two days later with almost a couple of pounds to spare.

● Sunday's Castle Ashby do on Grendon saw Mick Hewlett win with six carp and four bream for 63lb as Keith Garratt and Richard Dunkley tied on 19-14. A Scotland pond match fell to Alan West on 19-14 with Jeff Rice 16-6 and Ian Drage 14-12.

Hewlett had topped the previous day's Brickyard sweep with 41-12 followed by Pete Lovell 26-8 and Mark Moody 25-8.

Midweek had seen Frank Pizmenti with 37-12 on the 'yard as Andy Jones had 22-14 and Lloyd Haynes 21lb. Ron Bull had a blaze of glory on Scotland with 13-12 as Steve Abbo netted 11-14 and Mick Whaddham 11-12.

● Seven carp to bread on the lead for 44lb made Steve Ringer runner-up in a Meadowlands open.

● Carper Sam Ribano had 10 fish to 16lb in a session on Stanwick's Swan pit.

● A gale-lashed White Hart Flore match at Barby Marshes saw Tom Griffiths triumph with 24lb. Rob

Wickham had 16lb and Dave Griffiths 11lb.

● Flore & Brockhall's silverfish teams-of-three leg on Barby Banks saw Dolphin Boys' Ray Ayres with 6-0-12 ahead of Fred Johnson (The George) 4-15 and The Awkwards' Alan Bolton 4-5-4. DBs lead the league one point up on the Regulars.

But spare a thought for the Dolphin crew's Steve Smith who: broke a leg of his box, had his broolly wrecked by the wind, broke his glasses...and then dropped his spare pair irretrievably in the lake. The game lad still weighed 1-11.

● Attleborough Sports' Derek Rainey and freelance Chris Fowkes tied on 4-14 in the 42-peg Wellingborough league second round on the Foxton to Thedingworth cut, with W'borough's Ivor Stokes on 3-

13. SAS and Jets tied for top team spot.

● TOWCESTER vets, Astwell Mill: Gerald Green 14lb (three skimmers and a load of roach) John Balhatchett 8-14, Walt Ashby 6-14.

● TOWCESTER, Wappenham Water: George Cooke 5-8 (two bream), Mick Goodridge 3-4, Tony Hirst 3lb.

● NENE, long pound cut: Chris Howard 2-11, Brian Beard 2-9, Paul Minney 2-2.

● OLNEY, Ouse: Steve Glidewell 0-14 (winning the annual points series), Barry Glidewell 0-9 (including an 0-4-8 roach which won the 'big fish' trophy, LOL), Pete Hawley 0-4... ■



■ RIGHT fish wrong place: this 4lb chub should be more at home in a river – but it chomped Andy White's bait in the canal!