

Dick notches storming win and proves west is best as he...

Blows the others away at 'Ashby!

WHEN the wind is in the west the fish bite best runs the old saying – and Richard Dunkley won't argue with that after winning on Castle Ashby's Grendon, Sunday.

Pegged into a strong westerly, he conquered casting difficulties to net 19 carp for 113-4 on method and krill pellet to finish way ahead of Mick Hewlett 48-12 and Chris Garrett 42-6.

Silverfish matches on the Brickyard and Scotland saw Phil Gimbit win on the former with 44-4 (Frank Pizmenti 26-12 and Mark Moody 18-6) while Keith Bishop topped on Scotland with 25-12 as Dave Matthews had 18-8 and Steve Bull 16-6.

● Anyone drawing deep water in White Hart Flore's Barby Banks do might as well have gone home. Rob Wickham had 36lb, Dave Griffiths 13-8 and Mark Tottenham 10-8.

● Winner Jeff Rice was in a world of his own in Castle's C a n o n s silverfish match – winning with 28lb of roach and skimmers. Stuart Cheetham was best of the rest with just 1-11. Fred Prior had 1-7.

● An unfancied peg yielded 43-4 for Jason Redgrave in the latest Bishops Bowl pairs round with Richard Wills on 42-8 and Rob Bassett 29lb. James Taylor and Steve Allison were top pair but Bassett and Derek Cullip lead overall with three rounds to go.

● A somewhat s e c r e t i v e Gilders' customer tells shop staff he has had three double-figure nets of roach to 1-4 in three sessions on Nene's cut.

● Browning's Red, Gold and Black teams, in that order,

filled the frame in Wellingborough's latest canal league round at Foxton.

Jets' Tom Boyce topped the 43 peg field on 4-13 with Red's Paul Cowern on 3-2-8 and Black's Colin Harris 3-1. Gold lead the series on six points.

● Towcester's Astwell Mill produced another win for Mick Goodridge with tench and roach for 12-8. John Broughton netted 6-8 and Tosh Saunders 6lb.

The club vets' Dog Lane outing went to George Cooke, 7-12, with Saunders 6-9 and Mick Reed 6-6.

● Numbers of carpers have been on the banks at Emberton Park lately. Fish to at least 23lb are said to have been landed.

● **River Monsters** television series presenter Jeremy Wade is doing a tour of one-night shows and the nearest is set for Kettering on March 20. Go to www.rivermonsters.tv or call 01536 414141. £16 a head.



● Nene's do on the cut at Gayton went to Bas Eaton with 3-9 of roach. Chris Howard had 3-2 and Andy Law 1-15.

● 'Quiet' just about describes Flore & Brockhall's Flecknow teams-of-three round with Rob Rawlins (Regulars) 2-8-11, Steve Smith (Dolphin Boys) 1-10-4 and Tony Ward (Awkwards) 1-2. Dolpins were top team on the day.

● **TROUT water openings:**

Saturday, Elinor, ticket prices as last year, qualifiers for Ian Barr/Airflow Bank Masters March 15 and April 5 www.ianbarrflyfishing.co.uk – Ringstead opens March 15, daytickets £22 ■