

'Lowdowns' build runaway Meadowlands lead to leave the...

Others fighting for second place

TTEAM 'Lowdowns' have really got the low-down on the Meadowlands teams-of-three series with a 17 point lead and – with one round to go – the battle is all for second place.

Hooters' Adam Waklin topped Sunday's leg with six carp and 55lb of skimmers for 89-4, while Lowdowns' Glen Maxwell had 64-8 and Ringers' Geoff Ringer 60-12.

Team Guru were top on the day and second overall on 74 points with the Cherry Pie Trio in third on 96.

- Over at Makins Barry Bird topped the pole-only individual series penultimate round with 69-12 and leads overall. Ritchie Hull had 34-2 with Chris Fowkes just two ounces behind.

- Big perch are being caught from local rivers where some hardy 'die-in-a-ditch' types are doing their damndest to fish before the legal running water season closes a week tomorrow (Friday March 14).

On the Tove Mick Goodridge topped Towcester's sweep with four perch – all over 2lb and best 2-12 – for 9-4 as John Harris had five for 6-8 and John Broughton 2-4.

Stripes were also feeding in Olney's Ouse, midweek, where a 'secret squirrel' type landed samples of 2-7, 2-11...and 3-4! Dave Partridge had a 2-6.

And back wandering the town Nene with lure rod Gilders' Dan Todd has been catching more perch, this time to 1-9, with a few near-doubles pike for good measure.

- Decent fish have been coming out of Abington Park lake where Vince Battams had nine slabs for 36lb and Malc Bunyard three plus a carp for 19lb.

- Stanwicks' Elsons saw Craig Waddington net carp to 20-4.

- WHITE Hart Flore, Spring Pools: Tom Griffiths 34lb, son Dave 33lb, Robin Wickham 31-8.

- CASTLE Ashby: Brickyard, midweek, Steve Abo 21-14, Mick Hewlett 11-14, Frank Pizmenti 9-14; Sat,

Brickyard, Steve Bull 17-10, Pizmenti 16-12, Dick Rogers 10-2; Sunday, Scotland, Keith Bishop 23-12, Alan West 16-14, Steve Keech 14-8, Grendon, Josh Line 12-14, Steve Shakespear 10-14, Ted Taylor 7lb.



■ **HAPPY LAD: Vince Battams with nine Abington Park slabs for 36lb**

- COUNTY vets, Canons bottom: Alf Gillard 12-12, Paul Lafflin 11-8, Bob Spencer 9-8.

- NENE, Weedon steps cut: Dave Gibbins 7-11, Bas Eaton 5-14, Brian Beard 5-4.

- FLORE & Brockall, local cut: Rob Rawlins 97 fish...for 2-15, Gareth Abrahams 2-6, Steve Smith 1-12.

- FINEDON, Stanwick carp park lake: Paul Brand 2-13, Dave Roberts 0-9, Dave Ross 02.

- TROUT: Ravensthorpe's opening day was a real red-letter job for Brian Coleman and Pat Flynn who – sharing a boat – had rainbows of 10-12 and 6-12!

Ringstead's opening day best

was John Jarman's 8-pounder, while Pitsford produced a 6.3 rod average with Nigel Woodhead landing a 5lb rainbow.

- **FUTURE of the Nene? If you care BE THERE TONIGHT at Lings House, 7.30 to help identify projects – from car parking to habitat and funding – to improve angling on the river. Email james.roche@anglingtrust.net or call 07791 786251 for details ■**

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