

Meadowlands carp stocks defy the frost to come on feed...

For 'ton-up' pairs match result

UNLIKE those in most other waters, Meadowlands' carp have been well on feed despite the harsh frosts.

And the top three in Sunday's pairs do weighed almost 300lb between them as Ben Taylor scaled 108lb, James Hipkiss 97lb and Steve Daly 89-12.

Hipkiss and Bas Byrd were top pair with four points, followed by Ian Lillystone and Chris Harrison on six.

● But elsewhere the sudden cold snap made the going really hard for most local matchmen, as White Hart Flore found out at Spring Pools. Tom Griffiths was top rod with 29-8 ahead of Bert Isles 28-12 and Paul Jackson 25lb.

● Castle Ashby's Sunday Grendon sweep saw Dick Rogers with 25-2 as Keith Garratt had 18-8 and Keith Bishop 15-12. Andy Jones had won the day before on the Brickyard with 21-12, followed by Rogers 20-8 and Chris Garrett 19-8.

● Despite the changeable conditions things have been better, for some, on the specimen front and Billy Scott set a new high for Willen lake – in Milton Keynes and popular with town dayticket anglers – with the cracking 42-12 common pictured.

And at Stanwick Gus Davies had fish to 24lb from Elsons with 'Olly' Cruden getting 34 to high doubles in a session on Swan.

● FINEDON, Brown's Farm: Barry Lawrence 19-4, John Sumpter and Gary Scott both 13-6.

● COUNTY vets midweek, Canons top: Paul Lafflin 17-12, Pat Neale 13-8, Jeff Rice 10-4.

● CASTLE silverfish second round, Canons top: Lafflin 17-4, Neale 13-2, Alf Gillard 11-8.

● TOWCESTER vets midweek, Dennett's lake: Graham Martin 15-10, Tosh Saunders 14-10, George Cooke 10lb.

● FLORE & Brockhall teams-of-three final, Barby Marshes: Regulars' Rob Rawlins (with 'lucky' keepnet)

14-5, Brian Johnson (The George) 13lb, Alan Boulton (The Awkwards) 9-3. League top three: Dolphins 48, Regulars 47, Awkwards 46.

● ABINGTON, 'Ashby Brickyard: Glen Kirton 9-12, Rus Coleman 9-11.



■ **MONSTER:**
This 42-12 Willen Lake fish gave Billy Scott's 2014 carping campaign a real kick-start

● NENE, Dodford cut: Bas Eaton 3-15, Pete Lawton 3-11, Dave Gibbins 3-1.

● Greens Norton-based John Buxton, 'Bucko' charity match organiser, is now advising the Angling Trust on its 'national' for the disabled. This year's event is at Bridgenorth – applications on 01159 061301.

● **AGM:** N'ton Nene April 14, 7.30pm, Yeomen of England, Wootton – motions in in writing by Monday.

● **TROUT** match: Mid Northants Troutfishers first bank-fishing sweep of the season (Pitsford) Barry Jones 9-5, Dave Marchant 8-6, Richard Slater 8-1.

● **VENUE form:** Ringstead, best fish 9-2 rainbow; Elinor 1,070 fish, 6.5 per rod, best 8-6; Rutland, 950 fish, 8.3 per rod, best 8-8 brownie; Ravensthorpe 515 fish, 7.6 per rod, best 6lb; Pitsford 521 fish, 3.6 per rod, best 5-8 brownie; Grafham 333 fish, 6.28 per rod, best 7-2.

● **FIXTURE:** Grafham April 19: Frank Cutler Memorial (Bob Church open) 01480 810531 ■



■ **WHAT** a lot of spots it's got – Dave Strudwick with 9-2 Ringstead rainbow

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