

**Catching is hard work for some as fish get fussy on...**

# **Long boiling hot days of summer**

**T**HE longest – and hottest – days of the year: soaring weekend temperatures really hampered sport on many waters.

But there are always exceptions...and Lakeside near Towcester was in sizzling form as Osprey had a ball with Keiran Chavder winning their match with 150lb. Rob Napper netted 126lb and Chris Lovelock 95lb.

And – despite parked-car temperature gauges reading into the 30s (90s in old money) – that was the day after the small venue had hosted a Crockett & Jones match won by Gerry Wilmott on 66-12 with Phil Brown getting 46-7 and Max Romane 42-12.

● DAVENTRY didn't do too bad with Tofts' brown fish, either. Carl Hulley had 113-6 followed by Josh Palmer 112lb and Kevin Ross 90-12.

● CARP fed for Castle on Canons Top as Alf Gillard weighed in 102-12 with Dave Smart 98-12 and Pat Neil 86-4.

● ROYAL Oak had a share of low weights at Barby Banks, but Gary Stanley still found 82-12 with Ben Taylor on 67-9 and Wayne Sharman 62-4.

● FLORE & Brockhall's day – ALSO on Barby Banks – hit a new low, even for them. Steve Smith won with just 9lb, ahead of Rob Rawlins 7lb and Ken Cadd 4lb...

● TOWCESTER's Flecknoe match went to John Broughton, 68lb. Jim Walsh caught 44lb and Bob Eales 43-12.

● LITTLE Harrowden's Waterloo sweep saw Stuart Cheetham net 65-14 with Dave Chamberlain 59-10 and Stan Atter 50-12.

● FINEDON's Dennetts do was won by John Sumpter, 56lb of carp to 16lb. Barry Lawrence had 39lb and Roger Brain 30-11.

● WHITE Hart Flore found it hard at Bishops Bowl as Mick Wheeler topped on 50-8. Chris Camplin had 42-4 and Joe Adams 42lb.

● CASTLE Ashby: Brickyard, midweek, Joe Roberts 35-10, Steve Gee 35lb, Phil Wintle 19-14; Saturday, Brickyard, Kevin Taylor 35-12, Pete Gibson 27-14, Frank Pizamenti 22-8; Sunday, Grendon, Bob Reed 99-12 (14 carp off the top), Courtney Hewlett 76-10, Chris Garrett 45-12.

● ON Towcester's Astwell Mill, midweek, Les Goodridge had 14 tench and four good bream. Mike Sando caught tench and TWO rudd topping 2lb each on worm and corn.

● AT Stanwick Martin Warner banked carp of 36 and 23lb on Elsons while Dave Adams had a trio of 20s to 24-6 on Swan. There are some places going on the Kislingbury syndicate water – 07974 300015 – which has produced three different 30s in six weeks.



■ **FLY BOY:** Town's Nick Wright with five Ringstead rainbows for 14lb. He returned 16 others caught the same day

● TROUT: Northants Flyfishers' annual Julian Davies pairs trophy at Pitsford, Sunday, went to Barry Jones and Les Pickett with five trout for 10-2. Terry Bayes and John Mills had 9-3 with Grant Gibson and Ash Cooper 9-2.

● FIXTURES: Sunday, Family Fishing Day at Barnwell Country Park 11am to 4pm – introduce a friend to fishing – 07791 786251; Tuesday, Olney river open, call 01234 240061 ■

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