

Experimental transfer of County Cup to their 'home' commercials...

# Gifts White Hart Flore a walkover

**WHITE Hart Flore whitewashed this year's County Cup – careering to the top in both team and individual honours.**

With the match held, for the first time, away from its traditional canal and river venues and on what amount to 'Hart's home waters, it was predictable that they would do better than well.

But the scale of their victory – on the Barby Banks and Tofts 'commercials' they fish week-and-week-about – left many grinding their gums in frustration.

Fielding no less than four of the 13 teams of eight, 'Hart took all top three team spots AND five of the top eight individual places...plus the bulk of the pools payout.

The annual match had been shifted to 'carp-puddle' type waters in a bid to try and boost flagging attendance...but with it so clearly favouring one group, there is bound to be 'considerable debate' over whether or not the experiment is repeated next year.

Top teams: 'Hart Black (pictured by Mick Wheeler) 86 points, 'Hart Green 77, 'Hart Red 75, Irthlingborough Black 71.

Top rods, Barby Banks: Dave Walker 'Hart Black 51lb; Paul Jackson 'Hart Green 41-8; Steve Bull 'Hart Black 32-8; Ron Collins Northampton Nene 32. Top rods, Tofts: Mark Griffiths (overall champion) 'Hart Black 95-2; Ian Wills Old Kings Head 93-12; Jim Boyle Browning 80lb; Dave Griffiths 'Hart Black 79-4.

● TOWN's Jamie Cartwright starred on the small screen, Saturday, appearing on Sky Sport's Tight Lines doing a specimen bream feature on Bluebell Lakes in the north of the county.

● STANWICK produced eight 20s this week, biggest Alan Broom's 25lb common from Elsons.

● OSPREY, Lakeside: two anglers both topped 200lb but lost out to Ricky Green (135lb) following disqualifications for breaking the club's '65lb maximum-per-net' rule. Second went to Brian Ritchie with 112lb followed by Tony Wynick 103lb.

● CASTLE Ashby opens: Brickyard, midweek, Mick Waddham 45-10, Bob Reed 38-4, Mick Hewlett 35-6; Brickyard, Saturday, Martin Greene 57-12, Steve Hutter

27-4, Waddham 19-6; Brickyard, Sunday, Amer Jawad 50-6, Steve Reid 50lb, Tony Morrietti 49-6; Grendon & Scotland, Sunday, Kian Wardle 22-10, Alan Robinson 22-9, Greene 21-7.

● FINEDON, Dennetts: Barry Lawrence 23-2, John Joyce 19-10, Steve Amos 16-1.



■ TOP DOGS: White Hart Flore Black walked all over this year's County Cup. Picture: Mick Wheeler

● FLORE & Brockhall had a great day on Muscutt Mill cut: Dave Ayres 7lb, Paul Humphries 6-2, Steve Smith 5-4.

● FISHING Olney's Ouse, Dave partridge banked a 2-9 perch and Paul Andrews a 13-5 carp.

● TROUT: Elinor, best 8-5, 484 fish at 4.4 per rod; Pitsford, best 4-6, 279 at 4.1 per rod; Ravensthorpe, best 4-7, 76 at 3.4 per rod.

● FIXTURES: Sunday, Towcester open, Castlethorpe canal, 01908 563617; October 14, Olney Tuesday Ouse open, 01234 240061.

● SATURDAY morning: national carp fishing guru Alan Blair is due to be tying rigs and chatting with customers in GoneFishin, Wolverton ■



■ LARK in the park – Norman Westbrook with 22-4 Abington Park mirror

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