

As league gets underway Castle Ashby's 'more mature stars' win by...

Doing what it says on the T-shirts!

OLD Guys Rule! That's what it says on the popular brand of T-shirts – and the old guys of Castle Ashby's 'Youth' side proved it, Sunday.

Leaving several 'crack' teams trailing in their wake, they topped the opening round of this year's new-look six-leg Castle Ashby AT Winter League, seemingly without raising too much of a sweat and while taking two of the top four individual spots.

Team Guru's Kian Wardle took top weight – 16 bream plus some tench and roach all on corn and pole – for 48lb with 'Ashby A Team's Dick Rogers, also on the brickyard, getting 30-10. 'Ashby Youth's Keith Garrett landed 29-12 with team-mate Richard Dunkley next up on 29-5.

'Youth finished on 43 with Guru tied on points with Milton Keynes but going second on weight by 112-13 to 91-11.

This year has seen a reduction from 10 to eight anglers per side, while the number of teams has increased by two to 10.

● STANWICK's mirror known as spike has been caught by Craig Murby at a new high of 33-2. Neil Alexander had a 31 common, also from Elsons, in a week which saw at least five other 20s landed at the complex.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Tofts: Kevin Follwell 135-8, Paul Jackson 101 and, on a 'busman's holiday', Barby Banks owner Richard Bubb 94lb.

● COUNTY vets, midweek, Canons Top: Bob Spencer 91lb (12 carp), Pat Neil 84-8, Paul Lafflin 37-12.

● TOWCESTER vets, Dog Lane: carp ruled, Geoff Cooke 59-11, Chris Howard 28-12, Graham Martin 26-13.

● MOBBS Miller, Peatling Parva: Stuart Cheetham 42lb, Paul Nicholls 39-10; Tony Granfield 25lb.

● CASTLE Ashby opens: midweek, Scotland, Bob Reed

25-12, Keith Bishop 22-14, Pete Gibson 19-11; Saturday, Scotland, Mike Dizailie 54-12, Grant Howie 25-6, Shaun Smart 17.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Tofts: Kelly Humphries 15-2, Brian Johnson 7lb, Paul Humphries 6-6. Rob Rawlins...one gudgeon. No, it really is not nice to laff at the lad's misfortune. Ho, ho...



■ WHAT a brace!
Denholme Reid bagged these perch of 3-4 and 2-12 in consecutive casts at Dovecote, near Newport Pagnell

● WITH 38 fishing Towcester's annual charity open on Castlethorpe cut, this year's event attracted a near-record, for modern times, entry – though four decades back it used to pull in some 350 rods.

Tommy Boyce, who like me can probably just about remember the 350 peg era, won with 7-10 of roach and skimmers. Steve Wright had 6-11 and Loll Breach 4-6.

● CASTLE, Crescent Lake silverfish do: Jeff Rice 5-4, Bob Spencer 4-12, Geoff Lewis 3-8.

● FOLLOWING proliferation of red signal crayfish in Abington Park Lake, the club is asking everyone who fishes there to get as many out as they can and humanely 'dispose' of them in their bins at home.

● FIXTURES: Tuesday October 14, Olney Ouse open, 01234 240061 ■

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