

Old guys joke turns really serious for the rest as 'Ashby Youth's...

# 'Grey power' dominates AT league

**T**HE old guys STILL rule! Boom! Boom! And the joke is turning to alarm for the other seven - 'younger' - teams trailing in Castle Ashby Youth's winter league wake.

Sunday's AT second round saw 'Youth notch a clear win, making it two in a row, with the rest - the current best being Guru who are already three league points adrift - wondering just what they can do to stop the 'grey-heads' charge.

'Youth are sitting, if not pretty, at the table top with a perfect two point score. Guru have five and Royal Mail six. 'Ashby's A Team and, incredibly, the mighty Browning, are jointly holding up the rest on 15.

Youth's Richard Dunkley had a runaway individual win with 77-14 followed by 'Mail's Courtney Hewlett 43lb and Maver MK's Phil Wintle 40-10. 'Youth totalled 48 points on the day and 'Mail 43, with Guru and Black Horse both on 38.

● FISHING teenage twins Charlie and George Wheeler (several big chub already to their credit) have been back on Olney's Ouse, with the latter baggin an after-dark 14lb carp (pictured), the best from the area for a long while.

● Best of a week of Stanwick 20s was Mark Hackett's 28-8. Lee Currie had 27 fish to 24lb over four nights, plus a trio of decent bream and tench...PLUS a cracking 4lb crucian.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Dave Walker 64-8, Dave Griffiths 48lb, Gary Muddiman 47-8.

● CASTLE Ashby Brickyard opens: midweek, Mick Wadham 22-12, Ian Hutton 18-14, Frank Pizamenti 14-10; Saturday, Chris Garrett 97lb, Bob Reed 92lb, Baz Bright 44-12.



■ FLASH, bang, wallop, what a picture! Schoolboy Charlie Wheeler's great night-shot of twin bro George's 14lb river carp!

● FLORE & Brockhall, Dog Lane: Dave Ayres 34lb, Jim 'dolphin boy' Tanser and Steve Smith both on 22-4.

● TOWCESTER, Flecknoe: Bob Eales 31-5, Graham Martin 22-8, Kev Elliott 20-8. Last week's club open raised £180 for Macmillan Nurses, thanks partly to a farmer donating money from match-day parking in his field. Well done that man.

● COUNTY vets silverfish, Canons Bottom: Alf Gillard 17-12, Nick Antonacci 17-4, Pat Neil 13-10.

● CANONS silverfish league opener: Malcolm Hobbs 16-2, Pat Neil 15-14, Jeff Rice 14-8.



■ OLD geezers and EA good guys rebuilding an Adams Mill spawning bed

● FINEDON, Ringstead back brook: Paul Brand 3-13, Steve Amos 3-8-8, Bill Boyne 3-5-8.

● VETEREN river-men Mike Sando, Phil Oxley and myself joined Environment Agency fishery team good guys IN the Ouse at Adams Mill last week, regenerating spawning beds by blasting silt out of the gravel with high-pressure water jets (pictured right) and removing tough reed roots.

Two tree trunks were installed to create fast flows over the gravels to help keep them clear and oxygen-rich; plus brushwood bundles staked in to reinforce a 40 yard length of bank badly damaged by crayfish tunnelling ■

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