

'Matchgroup' win after nail-biting count-back in Castle Ashby round

MAVER MK ('Matchgroup') – following two rounds in the doldrums – finally hit the go-button to win Sunday's Castle Ashby AT winter league leg.

And that puts them in third spot at the halfway mark, just two points adrift of joint leaders Guru and Castle Ashby Youth in the eight team table.

But Sunday's result was on a knife edge all the way to the end of a nail-biting count-back as, with MK tied on the day with Guru on section points, the latter eventually lost out on total weight by 115lb to 104lb.

Now, with just two points spanning the top three teams it looks set to be neck and neck affair all the way to the title.

■ SO many people still pack their carp kit away as soon as autumn sets in – but not David Hollis. And that paid off for him when, Sunday before last, he braved gale-force winds lashing Willen to bank the cracking 38lb common pictured right.

■ ON the other hand serious chubbing is just starting for many, and Paul Andrews landed Olney's best of season to date when he caught the superb 6-4-8 (pictured below) from the club's Ouse.

■ LODGE Lake is still doing the business for carp AND silvers. Arthur Terrill had nine bream and a tench for 30lb, plus 10lb of roach, all on waggler a couple of rods out – and in three short day sessions totalling 12 hours Sam Willis had seven carp to the low 20s.

■ CARP, stillwater chub and barbel made up the weights when Osprey fished Pidley Fishery. Pete Archer won with 101-14...just two ounces clear of Ian Warby! Darren Cannock had 73lb.

■ MK vets do saw a runaway win for Paul Chapman with 41-10 from Canons Ashby, midweek. Ernie Sattler had 27lb and John Harvey 13-5.

■ SILVERFISH are at last

starting to show on deeper parts of the local Ouse. MKAA's get-together on Amptill's Stoke Goldington section – where one swim was 17 feet deep – saw bits making the weights as Steve Chilton had 10-6-8, Bob Gale 9lb and Steve Wills 8-12.



● WINTER may be coming but big carp are still feeding: Dave Hollis with his Willen 38



● PAUL Andrews with 6-4-8 chub from Olney's Ouse

■ TOWCESTER, Castlethorpe cut: Les Goodridge 6-1, John Balhatchet 5-11, Wayne Robinson 5-5.

■ CALVERT, Ouse, Buckingham: Dave Lewis 4-1 (a chub plus bits), Tony Richardson 3-13, Dawn Green 3-7.

■ LINFORD, wharf cut: Mick Hefferon 7-6, bream and bits, Didder Hefferon 3-3, John Hough 2-2.

■ FIXTURES: Sunday, MKAA 'get-together' (MKAA members only), Toombes and Hollands Ouse, 'golden peg' now £154, 07703 556788; Nov 8 RBL charity open, Olney Ouse, 01234 240061.

New GoneFishin open pairs league on MKAA's canal, four rounds Nov 9 & 23 and Dec 7 & 21st, MUSTpre-book on 01908 313158.

Places up for grabs in Osprey's 12 match commercials series, 07796 757171.

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