

*Dour day at Stoke comes good...*

# As Lady Luck smiles on Wayne!

**LADY Luck MUST have been smiling on Wayne Robinson in Nene's Stoke Bruerne canal open, Sunday.**

For most of the match – a trolley for the upcoming May 3 Angling Trust Pairs – he was going nowhere with little more than a pound to show for his efforts.

But then his float dipped and he found himself attached to a big beefy fish – though that joy turned sour when, with a boat heading towards him...the lump promptly dived into far-bank roots.

Lucky break number two came as a spectator advised Wayne to 'pull or bust' as he would lose the fish for sure when the boat came through.

Lucky break number three was that, pulling desperately, he didn't break: the fish surfaced, shot across the cut and into his landing net – split seconds before the boat passed over where his line and pole had been.

That fish turned out to be a 4-4 chub – a superb canal fish – boosting his weight to 5-13. Gary Prince had 3-11 and Baz Eaton 2-10 in what, otherwise, was a pretty low-weight do.

● WHEN you read this town's Steve Ringer (below) will have driven all the way to Hungary for an international. Brother Phil took second in Sunday's Ferry Meadows open with 42-8.



■ **STEVE Ringer, driving to Hungary – 60 hours there and back – for match**

● AT DRAYTON, Rob Harriman, pictured above, was just one to get among the doubles with a 12, 15 and 18 on pop-ups.

● STANWICK delivered the goods this week with at least 10 20lb+ fish. Jay Marks led on Elsons with a 30, and Dave Blackie on Mallard with a 27-4. On Swan young brothers Sean and Kian Gamble were all made up over new PBs of 12 and 8lb.

● TOWCESTER club called

in police after some sadistic moron shot dead one of four barnacle geese (believed to be the only breeding pairs in the county) on Birstows.

● OSPREY, Lakeside: Ian Warby 175lb, Chris Lovelock 101lb, Adam Griffiths 75lb.



■ **HAPPY lad Rob Harriman with a typical Drayton 18**

● MEADOWLANDS, individual league round: Adam Wakelin 159-12, Ritchie Watts 105lb, Dave Pritchard 100lb.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Andy Sibley 60lb, Dave Chapman 58-8, Ken Andrews 48lb.

● ROYAL Mail Northampton, Tunnel Barn Farm: Mick Wilmott 52-12, Keith Bishop 52-4, Ryan Harris 42-4.

● CASTLE Ashby opens: Saturday, Brickyard, Mick Bodily 34-4, Mick Hewlett and Chris Garret both 27lb; Sunday, Grendon, Andy Jones 41-8, Chris Garrett 32-4, Bob Reed 28-14.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Mill: Bert Isles 37lb, Bob Prowse 33lb, Steve Smith 27lb. After Terry Smith fell in...the owner kindly loaned him dry clothes while his wife dried his gear – REAL customer service!

● TOWCESTER, Birstows: Dave Martin four carp for 31lb, Les Goodridge 5-10, Gerald Green 5lb.

● COUNTY Vets, Canons: Alan West 26-4, Bob Spencer 24lb, Dave Keach 22-8.

● TOWCESTER Vets, Brickhill Lakes, Eyedon: Chris Howard 15-1, Grenville Read 13-10, George Cooke 10-9 ■

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