

The one that got away - then didn't - is Kev's match winner

A KAMIKAZE carp seemingly hell bent on getting itself landed by someone – ANYONE – was the clincher in Saturday's MKAA individual league opener!

Hooked by Bob Gale on the Tinker's Bridge cut, it promptly smashed him out of sight and made off towing his rig behind it.

Then it took a munch on Kevin Osborne's bait, and he made no mistake – netting both the fish and Gale's rig – and weighing in at 7-5 the carp boosted his total to 16-5-8.

That left Paul Abbott, no doubt feeling conspired against, in second with a 12-1 mostly roach catch that, if it hadn't been for the wayward carp, would have won the match. Mick Reynolds had 5-8-8. Bob Gale? Fourth on 2-7.

■ NINE-year-old Emily Rose Edwards showed dad, Ben, how when the pair fished The Pines at Linford – bagging THREE PBs to 26lb (pictured) while he had seven fish to 19lb. Ben said: "She used her own-tied PVA bags and battled the fish to the net herself. Her previous best had been 5lb. Fair dues...she beat me."

■ THE Environment Agency, working with the Parks Trust (pictured) checked 43 anglers on six local waters in their latest rod licence swoop.



● ENVIRONMENT Agency and Parks Trust staff checking rod licences on Willen



● STAR in the making? Emily Rose Edwards, aged 9, with her 26lb common

All but four were 'legal' and, predictably, all four 'bad boys' were found on Wolverton Mill, receiving notice of pending prosecution tickets for licence evasion. Another did a runner and is now being sought by police.

Anyone aged 12 or over and fishing without a rod licence is committing a criminal offence...and it is for sure that the EA enforcers will be back. Again and again.

■ THE Angling Trust canal pairs heat fished at Yardley Gobion, Sunday, attracted 80 anglers, 10 of them qualifying for the final. A

simultaneous junior event was sponsored with £250 worth of prizes by the Canal River Trust, with national fisheries manager John Ellis doing the presentation.

■ TOWCESTER Vets midweek, Flecknoe: Graham Martin 40-10, Ron Collins 34lb, George Minard 23-8.

■ TOWCESTER, Wappenham Water: Phil Steel 32-8, Dave Martin 25lb, Graham Martin 15lb.

■ HUSBORNE Crawley lake open: Paul Abbott 30-2 (rudd and roach), Paul Caton 29-14, Dave Tebbutt 25-2.

■ MK Vets, Linford Lakes, Linford: Roger Tebbutt 29-8, Ernie Sattler 21-9, Dave Ridgeway 14-1.

■ NEWPORT Abbey Pits open: Barry Glidewell 18-12 (five bream and bits), Roger Tebbutt 12-13, Rob Dzialak 12-9.

■ LINFORD, club canal: Mick Hefferon 8-5, Ron Dorrill 2-12, Steve Funnell 2-4.

■ SAD news: following a short illness long-time local matchman John Harvey passed away, aged 70, on Tuesday morning. He leaves a family and brother, Bruce.

■ FIXTURES: DATS' evening league starts Tuesday (May 12) on the Navvi, 07703 556788.