

Town's star duo lucky to win pairs title – following accident – but...

Even luckier to walk safely away!

NOTHING – not even a car crash putting None of them in hospital – can it seems keep the Ringer brothers away from a winner's cheque!

They'd been right up front for four days of Ireland's Lakelands World Pairs Championships, when, on their way to the final match, disaster struck.

With Steve at the wheel they were turning right to the lake when a fast-moving van, overtaking their queue, 'T-boned' them through the air into a roadside hedge, writing-off Steve's van and putting him in hospital for the duration of the match.

But incredibly, though still in shock, Phil went and fished the match...landing a mostly roach 28.850 kilo.

And his solo weight was enough to make the brothers winners of the €10,000 pairs (by almost 10 kilo) and Phil winner of the €6,000 Daiwa individual title – with Steve seventh in the latter despite missing a match!

Bruised but back home, the pair are probably more pleased to be alive and relatively unharmed than about having won.

Dad Geoff said: "I'd just sent them a text saying 'Go get it won' when I got one back from Phil saying 'Bad crash. Both OK. We're in the hedge.'"

"It was all pretty traumatic, and Phil reckons fishing the match was the best thing he could have done under the circumstances as it took his mind off of what had happened."



BEAT up but still winning – Phil (left) and Steve Ringer

● SATURDAY saw 30 people from the Nene, MKAA, Towcester and other clubs – plus some from the Ivel area, Downham Market and even Preston, and some landowners and agents – gathered on, and in, the Adams Mill Ouse.

It was all part of an Environment Agency and Upper

Ouse Fisheries Consultative Association event to spread word about how rivers can be revitalised with simple methods. And it seemed to go down a bomb, especially the practical in-river stuff, with all who attended.

● STANWICK's Elsons saw Liam Perkins double his PB with a 38lb common. Steve Campbell had a 27 on Mallard.

● WHITE Hart Flore: Dave Griffiths 121lb, Dave Cleaver 117lb, Mark Tottenham 107-8.

● COTTON Club, Barby Banks: Dave Haddon 70-15, Marcus Annabelle 25-7, Malcolm Bunyard 23-1.

● CASTLE Ashby: Wed, Brickyard, Courtney Hewlett 48-12, Mick Hewlett 38-8, Phil Wintle 32-4; Sat, Brickyard, Frank Pizamenti 54-4, Keith Garrett 48-4, Chris Garrett 35-6.

● NEWPORT, Ouse open: James Drakulik 16-5 of silverfish, Paul Abbott 14lb...of bleak. Myles Phillips 13-14, including two 3lb perch!

● FLORE & Brockhall, Highfield Farm: Ken Cadd 7-10, Alan Loughran 6-14, Rob Rawlins 5lb.

● TOWCESTER, Castlethorpe cut: George Mynard 3-8, Pete Keale and Les Ramsden both 3-5.

● FIXTURES: Sep 25-27 Furzton charity carp pairs match/Nash roadshow, 01908 313158; Sept 27, County Cup, Castlethorpe-Cosgrove cut, 07711 086436; October 4, Towcester open, canal, 01908 563617 after 4pm ■



■ NENE's Dougie giving it some wellie at the Adams Mill 'improve your river' day

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