

**As another Angling Trust Castle Ashby league gets underway...**

# 'Horse start at a flat-out gallop!

**NO** doubt spurred-on by their lowly 'Ashby winter league finish last season...**Black Horse started this year's as they mean to continue - at a flat-out gallop!**

Sunday saw them storming Castle Ashby's opening round to take two of the top four individual slots and finish almost 20 points clear in the team stakes.

But while 'Horse were cock-a-hoop with the day's action, last year's series winners Maver MK must have been far from over the moon at finishing fifth. That said, they had their off-days last year, too, but still eventually came out on top.

'Ashby 'Youth's' Pete Lovell was top on the day with 22 bream on method-meat from Scotland pond for 42-2, with 'Horse's Ben Sharp on 35-14 from the Brickyard. RAF's Mick Dazziel was third with 32-13 (Scotland pond) ahead of 'Horse man Alan Donnelly's 28-8 from Grendon.

This year's series has seen an increase from eight to nine rods per team. Sunday's top side was 'Horse with 58 points. Royal Mail Northampton tied with RAF on 39 but went second following a count-back on section wins.

● TOP-rod Steve Ringer made third with 84lb of crucians and silvers in White Acres' 'winners-among-winners' £25,000 final. Close...but no cigar - it was a winner-take-all event. This week he and dad Geoff will be in the Canal River Trust stillwater championships final at Blythe. Best of luck lads.

● KISLINGBURY's syndicate Lake saw Steve Poultney land a 31-8 mirror, while over at Stanwick that venue's latest results included a 24 to Jamie McKenzie from Mallard and a 22-12 to Ally Briggs.

● DRAYTON reservoir yielded 30 carp to 21lb to John Edwards' surface-fishing tactics this week while 'Lote' - visiting from Holland - had 18 to 20lb on Z rigs.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Marshes: Dave Griffiths 61lb,

John Berry 46lb, Kevin Follwell 45lb.

● CASTLE Ashby open, Brickyard, Saturday: Frank Pizamenti 48-2, Mick Hewlett and Keith Garratt both 31lb.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Dog Lane: Steve Smith 35lb, Bert Isle 17lb, Terry Smith 12lb.



■ FIN-perfect - that's Mark Bowater's 10-3 rainbow caught from Elinor

● KINGS Arms, Mill Cotton: Dave Roberts 25-3, Dave Ross 17-2, Gary Scott 15-2.

● COUNTY Vets, silverfish, Canons Bottom: Alan West 22lb, Geoff Rice 21-8, Bob Spencer 19lb.

● NENE, River Nene at Oundle: Bob Eales 6-7, Mick Goodridge 6-3, Dave Gibbins 4lb.

● COTTON Club, Paul King memorial, Wolverton canal: Dave Haddon 4-12, Rus Lay 3lb, Martin Shaul 1-9.

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