

Sitting it out in a real-life 'igloo' helps Tom...

# Land a new PB in the snow

**SITTING** it out in a bivvie looking ever-more like an igloo as the snowy night wears on isn't everyone's idea of fun...

But doing just that Saturday-through into Sunday paid-off for Tom Chantrell with the pristine 26-5 common PB, pictured, from Stanwick's Elsons.

Fishing the same pond piker Sean Wright had four snappers to 17lb on deadbaits.

On the same freezing night two men did a joint stint on Drayton for more than 20 fish each while, on Sunday, Lawrence East bagged 30 to 18lb using Z rigs.

● THE week's falling temperatures hit sport on most waters hard, and shallow Castle Ashby was no exception. Wednesday saw Pete Gibson win on the Brickyard with 66lb of 'pasties' on the pole, but next up was John Lewis, 19-12, and Steve Smith 15-4.

Saturday on the 'Yard Mick Hewlett had top spot with 25-8 as Simon Eagan had 20-12 and Keith Garrett 11-14. Sunday: Scotland Pond, Mick Wheeler 36-8, Mark Morgan 11-15, Pete Patton 6-5; Grendon, Chris Garrett 28-4, Hewlett 16-2, Roy Woodward 13-4.

● MEADOWLANDS, teams-of-three second round (15 sides): Steve Ringer (Ringers Baits) 45-10, Phil Bardell (MK) 42-14, Lance Chapman (Hooters) 40-7. MK top on the day six points clear of Team Guru and lead overall with 23 points, Elephant & Castle 34 and Lowdowns 36.

● MAKINS pole-only, second round: Dan Eaton 39-12, Dave Smith 33-2, Lee Farmer 13-5.

● FLORE & Brockhall silverfish teams-of-three, Dog Lane: Rob Rawlins (Regulars) 4-12, Gerald Cash (The George) 3-2, Tony Ward (Reliant Robins) 2-10. Dolphins lead one point ahead of Reliants.

● TOWCESTER, Broadwater Tove: Mick Goodridge 1-13 – 15 pinkie roach – Darren Pannell 0-14, Tosh Saunders 0-4.

● IF you are 18 or under and fascinated by the bristling perch (local rivers, the canal, and many lakes are currently

crawling with good-sized samples) you could get an inside track on catching them – for FREE!

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● DESPITE unfounded rumours to the contrary... **Kettering, Thrapston & District AA** is in good health, having signed a new four-year lease on large sections of the upper Nene. It also has parts of the Ise. Annual tickets are £20 (£10 concessions). Contact [dgarrett1940@aol.com](mailto:dgarrett1940@aol.com) or 01536 515547.

● RAVENSTHORPE piking (boat only): Feb 13 to 21; Feb 20, Pitsford pre-season 'open house' gathering – [www.anglianwater.co.uk/leisure](http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/leisure) for more ■



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