

City's Mike set to fly the flag for Ireland in world champs!

CITY ace Michael Buchwalder is on a new high – having been picked for Ireland in the upcoming world feeder championships!

And – due to debut on the international-stage in June in Serbia, having won last week's trial by an 'Irish mile' – he can't wait for the big day.

"I'm really looking forward to it. Ireland are a pretty strong squad, and given a couple of decent draws we could have a really good chance," said Michael.

Thanks to having an Irish mum, a Swiss dad and having been born in the UK, he is eligible to fish for all three countries – choosing Ireland because: "A couple of my mates are in the team and I've had some pretty good times over there."

Now fishing for mighty Daiwa Dorking, he began his career with MKAA's juniors before going on to serve a full decade with the association's matchgroup.

■ **BAD, bad news: predictions that zander would spread from the canal into local rivers have come true...**

One of the invasive alien species was caught from the Tove last week – midway from where the tiny river washes through the canal at Stoke Bruerne and where it enters the Ouse on Whitings, four miles away.

At 10 ounces it fell to Trevor Ray using tiny fragments of roach. A week earlier he'd had much bigger ones – one estimated at eight to 10lbs – from the canal at Stoke. He said: "It was obvious they would end up in the river eventually, so I had a go and caught one first try."

■ **MK VETS'** Stony Main do went to Paul Chapman (pictured) who included a nice chub in his 7lb. Ernie Sattler had 6-4 and Kevin Osborne 2-7.

■ **OSPREY, Lawn Farm:** Ian Millin 107-9, Carol Chamberlain 86-10, Andy Boocock 56lb.

■ **WILLARDS'** Sean Wilson had a pre-floods ball on Bradwell canal, bagging 36lb of slabs to 2-8 in three hours only a couple of days after getting a nice roach and perch net.

■ **CALVERT, Hill Farm:** Austin Maddock 8lb, Barry Witteridge 1-8.

■ **MKAA individual league, Ouzel, Riverside:** Steve Chilton 6-10, Steve Wright 4-2, Paul Abbott (league leader) 2-1.

■ **TOWCESTER Vets, Stow Hill canal:** Bob Eales 3lb, Tosh Saunders 1-15, George Mynard 1-7.

■ **SAD news: life-long DATS member John Wood has passed away, aged 82. A popular man in both local angling and bowls, it was standing-room only at his funeral. With a touch which would have had John laughing in the hereafter, his widow Diane said: "We had a wicker casket so that he could go off in his fishing basket..."**

■ **FIXTURES:** Feb 14, Olney Ouse open 01234 240061; Feb 21, MKAA individual league, Toombes, 07970 047506.



■ **PAUL Chapman with a chub which helped him win MK Vets' Ouse match.**
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■ **LIAM McMahon with a 'fully-scaled mirror' from Furzton**

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