

Gales whip up sport - and bring matchman £500 bill!

LASHING gales and car-wash rains made for ultra-horrible fishing conditions – but stirred up cracking sport for some with the guts to give it a go!

Among them Tove Valley's top four totalled almost 400lb from Lakeside's storm-tossed waters, Sunday, as Richard King won with 113-14 ahead of Dave Martin 95-10 and Bob Jamieson 93-6.

■ **AND** the humble cut was in cracking form – in places – too. Despite 'breakers' rolling through the New Inn area, aptly-named Bob Gale stormed to a final-round win in the MKAA individual winter league with 13-6 of skimmers and perch and Paul Abbott put together 6-10 of roach.

Bobby Boyce had 6-9 for third, but at a heck of a price as, before the match had even started, a freak gust upended his pole-roller...smashing two of his pole sections.

A phonecall later and eager to please Tackle Hub boss Pete Craddock was at Bobby's peg with replacements. Service with a smile...and a bill for about £500!

Paul Abbott trotted out series-winner with 14 points as Steve Chilton and Kevin Osborne tied for second on 24.

■ **THE** Towcester and Nene's Long Pound at Stoke Bruerne sweep went to Chris Howard with 15-4 of

skimmers. Baz Eaton had 5-12 and Paul Morgan 4-1.

■ **WORD** is about on facebook that a guy fishing deadbaits for canal Zs near Blisworth had the surprise of his life when he landed...a 40lb carp!

■ **CLINGING** to Furzton's wide-open banks, Richard Purnell netted a cracking 26lb common.

■ **BOILIE** on the lead brought James Warner a 6-4 chub from Olney's Ouse on Wednesday.

■ **MK Vets'** midweeker on Newport's Riverside Ouzel length fell to Dave McLennan with 11-6, including a 'bonus' chub of

4lb or so. Steve Chilton had 6-9 and Bruce Harvey 5-5.

■ **A** 3-8 perch and a pike of similar size put Kevin Lake top of Olney's Ouse predator match with 7-10, and top of the three match series with 41-12. Ron Bull's 1-8 'pike' helped him to series-second with 41-1.

■ **CALVERT**, Claydon Lake: Ken Mott 0-12, Dave Lewis 0-6, John Weatherall 0-4.

■ **LAST** weeks DATS' do, Ouse: Paul Chapman 20-10 of punch roach, Kevin Osborne 10-14, Steve Wright 7-5.

■ **FIXTURES:** Sunday, Olney Ouse charity open 01234 240061; Sat March 12, MKAA Grand Slam, Stony Ouse, 07970 047506; Coming up, MKAA spring league teams of four, 07970 047506 or 01234 713144; May 1 John Harvey memorial open, Black Horse Lake, 07748 505024 evenings only.



■ **BRAVING** the wind and rain on Furzton saw Richard Purnell bank this 26



■ **MAKING** the most of the river season's closing weeks: James Warner with 6-4 Olney Ouse chub

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