

As mega floods recede, recovering rivers produce some...

# Big end of season catches

**FLOODS** of almost biblical proportions virtually wiped out the end of the river season for most – but a few of us crept in under the bar!

One was Adam Short with a 6-6 chub on cheese-paste – Olney's Ouse – hours before the rains came, and was a great follow-up to his 8lb bream a week earlier.

And at Stony weir I had a cracking last-day-of-the-season, Monday, with chub of 6-1 and 5-11 – a fantastic return on my previous day's purchase of a Waitrose 'Essentials' loaf...marked down to 19p!

Tighter than a cork in a bottle – but who needs fancy HNV baits, anyway?

Ouse chub of 5lb and 6lb were caught near Wolverton by a pair who don't want to be named... perhaps their boss reads this column?

**And on the Tove**  
*Les Goodridge had the last-day catch of a life-time.*

*Five days after the 'tiny' Tove had been carrying 10 feet of extra water – it had been 300 yards wide in places – he had more than 20lb of roach and dace Monday afternoon.*

*He used his pole to work double-bronze maggot under a busy road bridge – which is little more than a culvert! Not bad for a river so many reckon has died.*

Kevin Osborne finished with a double-figure, mostly perch, net on Newport's Ouzel as Bill Bradshaw 'whipped' himself into a frenzy with over 200 bleak!

● MEADOWLANDS teams-of-three, sixth-and-final round: Steve Ringer (Ringers) 124-8, Rolly MacEaney Dynamite Black) 93-4, Myles Phillips (Sensas Chilton) 88lb. Swan Baits were top on the day but there was no holding Milton Keynes who romped to a series win with 83 points...29 clear of runners-up, Lowdowns.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Tofts: Dave Griffiths 122-11, Trevor Griffiths 78-8, Dale Gibson 57-8.

● CASTLE Ashby, Grendon, Sunday: Chris Camplin 95-8, Richard Dunkley 31lb, Gary Duce 19-4,

● MAKINS, pole-only, sixth-and-final round: Lee Farmer 58-4, Adam Rooney 40lb, Paul Pargiter 36-2; Chris Harrison series winner on a countback, Farmer runner-up.

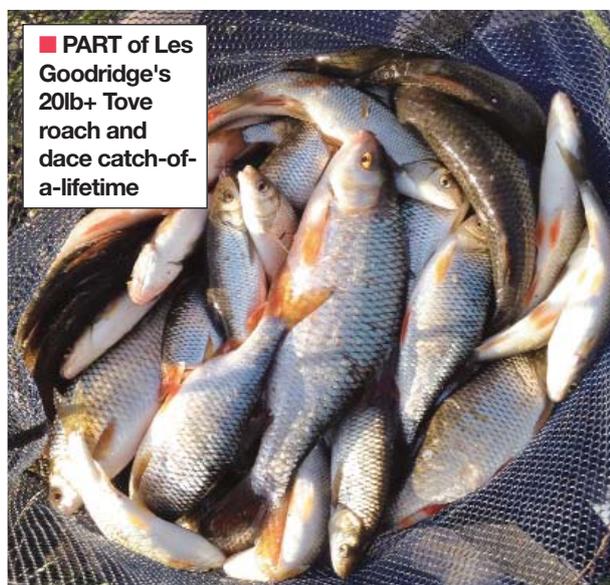
● NENE/Towcester, Furnace Lane canal: Chris Howard 14lb of skimmers, Andy Kimpton 10-4, Tosh Saunders 5-13.

● CASTLE, silverfish opener, Canons: Dave Cantrell 8-8, Bob Spencer 7-4, Geoff Lewis 6-9.

● FLORE & Brockhall teams-of-three penultimate round, Barby Marshes: Ray Ayres (Dolphin Boys) 2-13, Paul; Humphries (Regulars) 2-10, Mick Chambers (The George) 2-5. Newbolds are eight points clear overall.

● TUESDAY saw Gavin Piper and Stacey Brown catching, despite the cold nights, with a dozen carp to 21lb in their first couple of hours.

● LOCAL ace Ian Smith has finally made the big time: splashed across Angling Times' front page. Shame about the wide-angle lens treatment making his fish look bigger. LoL ■



■ PART of Les Goodridge's 20lb+ Tove roach and dace catch-of-a-lifetime



■ Myself with 6-1 and 5-11 'last day' Ouse chub on 19 pence loaf

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