

Ton-up catches despite some guys having their keepnets...

Blown out of the water!

STORM Katie wreaked havoc among smatch-types and specimen hunters alike - making the weekend one of the most miserable of angling Easters for years!

But some still caught, though frequently at a cost of broken tackle and or being soaked through.

Typical of the day Meadowlands' individual spring league first round saw some competitors struggling to keep their tackle in the water...but that didn't stop Neil Russell winning with 135lb followed by Des Jarvis on 90-6 and Ritchie Watts 77lb.

● BODDINGTON's final pairs do saw Carl Barnfield and Darren Saunders clock a perfect two point score with a combined 200lb. Phil and Steve Ringer had three points with 138lb followed by Adam Rooney and Jamie Hawkins, four points and 150lb.

● WHITE Hart Flore's Tofts' do saw some initially having to stake down their keepnets to keep them in the water.

Dave Chapman won with 106lb, Dave Griffiths 70lb and Joe Roberts 68-8.

● CASTLE Ashby's Saturday Brickyard open fell to Frank Pizamenti with 54-8 as Keith Garrett had 31-8 and Mark Moody 30-8. Next day on Grendon John Kent had 39-8, Chris Garrett 31-8 and Pete Lovell 27-12.

● A CRANFORD Lake open saw Paul Brand with 26-14. Ian Haliwell was just two ounces short on 26-12. Tony Sinfield netted 21-10.

● CASTLE's silverfish Canons sweep went to Paul Lafflin with 15-12. John Lewis had 13-4 and Bob Spencer 11-4.

● DOG Lane was in dour mood for Flore & Brockhall's final teams-of-three leg. Brian (The George) was top on the day with 10-3 as Alan Boulton (Nubold) had 8-2 and Ray Ayres (The George) 6-15.

Nubold topped the series with 66 points followed by

Regulars (while 'carrying' Rob Rawlins) on 58 and The George 55. Reliant Three and Dolphin Boys also fished.

● NENE found Grafton cut full of Easter boaters. Les Wallace won with 4-10, Pete Lawton had 3-11 and John Balhatchett 1-4.



■ LUCKY carp being rescued from fish thieves' illegal gill net at Abington Park



■ Jamie Kidman with 9-12 rainbow at Ringstead

● BRAVING gales on Drayton Gary Edwards had 25 carp to 22lb, Monday. A 24lb pike was also caught.

● ABINGTON members thwarted fish-thieves on their park lake, recovering an illegal gill net and saving a 6lb carp trapped in it. As the net was fixed sub-surface, well away from the bank, it is thought that scumbag poachers are using a boat after dark, and the club is asking for any suspicious behaviour to be promptly reported to police.

● TOMORROW, April 1, everybody needs a new rod licence if they haven't bought one already. It is also a criminal offence to coarse-fish any river or stream before midnight on June 15.

● FIXTURES: April 11, Nene AGM, 7.30pm, Yeoman of England, Wootton; April 17, Lakeside open, 07739 094216 ■

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