

Dan's the man as 'homework' earns him a 39lb Willen mirror

AT LAST – a mighty mirror just shy of 40lb! That was Dan Belkon's reward for putting in a lot of time and effort on Willen.

And the 39-pounder, pictured by MKAA record-holder Jason Partlow, was the star of a week in which local carp were still visiting the banks despite cooling nights and the unstoppable approach of winter.

Among others getting a share of the action Chris Denton, over on Lodge, had six good fish including the mirror known as 'three scale', while Gary Darker included a smaller but 'perfectly formed' absolutely gleaming 'exotic'.

Furzton produced a few, too, while Ashlands' mini-carp are still proving extremely popular, especially with 'dads and lads' anglers.

Elsewhere Karl Bean had a 22-6 common and, on Rocla, reported through Water's Edge, Ben Hough had two 20s.

■ MKAA's golden-peg get-together attracted 21 rods to DATS' Stony Main Ouse where Don King strolled home with 15-7 of chunky perch. There was a tussle for the rest of the frame places as Mick Hefferon and Pete Whatley tied on 8-2 with Steve Schubert on 8lb.

■ IT was tight at the top in Towcester's 26 peg Castlethorpe cut charity open which raised more than £70 for the air ambulance. Dave Gibbins won with 4-13 of skimmers as Chris Howard 4-11-4, Pete

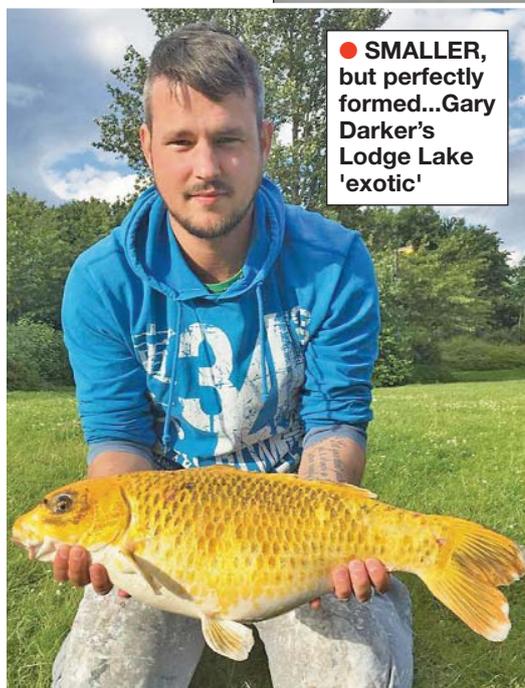
Laughton 4-10-4, and Bas Eaton 4-9-12, ran him close.

■ MK Vets' 31 peg midweeker on Furzton saw silvers and skimmers dominate as Martin Cunniffe landed 26-9, Richard Lattimer 20-11 and Phil Bardell 18-8.



● WOT a whacker!
Dan Belkon with
39lb Willen Lake
mirror.

Picture by Jason
Partlow



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■ LINFORD's boatyard canal sweep went to Nick Barker with 5-12 as John Hough netted 5-6 and Ron Dorill 4-12.

■ OLNEY's midweek Ouse open fell to Pete Hawley with 4-7-8. Ron Bull netted 3-6-8 and Nigel Bass 2-10...but on Sunday James Warner had a 5-6 chub which, had it been caught in the match, would have won a bob or two.

■ SUNDAY's Alders Farm 10 team winter league second-round saw the top three share almost 450lb as Bag'em Baits' Nick Wooding won with 159lb followed by Derek South (Got Baits) on 148lb and Steve Potter (Bag'em) 132lb.

Hospital, currently bottom of the league, won on the day with 11 points as Kettering scored 15 and BFB 20. Got Baits lead overall on 58 with Bag'em on 55 and Preston 53.

■ **KNOW someone who might fancy returning to angling?** Point them to the MKAA/Angling Trust FREE 'Get back into fishing day' on Ashlands fun fishery next Wednesday. Bait, tackle and tuition provided, book on 01908 320007.

■ **FIXTURES:** Oct 30 MKAA golden peg, venue to be fixed, 01234 713144; Olney Ouse opens, Tues Nov 1 and RBL benefit Sat Nov 12, 01234 240061.

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