

As 'Horse set an all-time first, league looks to be...

All over bar the victory gallop!

THE Andy Murrays of the local league world – that's Black Horse who have just pulled off a first with eight straight section wins from nine in the 'Ashby AT league!

And that runaway win, never before equalled in the venue's long-running winter-league history, has given them an almost unbeatable lead.

Their entire team would have to stay away from the final round before second-placed RAF could – if they won EVERY section – be first past the league finishing post.

Sunday's leg, hit by minus three temperatures, was a grueler with 'Horse men Graham West, Gary Snee and Dan Web on 16-5, 13-1 and 12-14...with only Browning's Ian Drage (13-6) preventing them scoring a clean-sweep top four.

'Horse totalled 59 points on the day, well clear of Milton Keynes 48 and RAF 41.

League to date: 'Horse 9, RAF 13, MK 15, Browning 18, Royal Mail 24, A Team 27, 'Ashby Youth 30.

● BRAVING the weather, Chris Lyon has had a few carp at Stanwick...and has also managed a succession of 6 to 7lb bream.

● WHITE Hart Flore: midweek, Dog Lane, Ted Adams 74-9, Trevor Griffiths 63-1, Tom Griffiths 39-9; Sunday, Canons, Trevor Griffiths 34-9, Drew Adams 17-13, Ted Adams 13-9.

● MEADOWLANDS, individual league: Neil Russell 49-4, Mark Casemore 39-14, Neil Carless 3llb, Steve Daly leads with two rounds left.

● RINGER Pairs, Boddington, (38 rod sell-out): Kev Wright & Ritchie Edmunds 4 points, Kevin Foster & Martin Ockwell 5, Steve & Phil Ringer 6. Top weight was 55lbs.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Dog Lane: Steve Smith 26lb, Dave Ayres 24lb, Alan Brightman 21lb.

● TOWCESTER, 'back-of-the-school' Tove: Graham Martin 13-15-8, Chris Howard 8-9-8, Les Goodridge

(roach to 12 ounces) 8-3.

● COUNTY Vets, Canons, midweek: Bob Spencer 12-6, Martin Faulkner 11-15, Paul Lafflin 11-4.

● SPORTS & Social, Ringstead shallows, Nene: Rus Mahew 10-9, Ken Taylor and Stuart Cheetham both 10-1.

■ IT doesn't take a trout to recognise the sheer class of Simon Ashton's 13-10-8 Rutland brownie – caught on the last day of the season



● THRAPSTON, Willowbrook, silverfish: Dave Roberts 7-4, Tony Kirk 7-3, Mark Page 7-1.

● TOWCESTER Vets, Grafton cut (mostly roach): Brian Ayliff 6-5, Les Goodridge 6-1, John Balhatchet 5-9.

● TROUT waters: Elinor produced its first 20lb pike of its winter predator breaks. Local AW reservoirs are now running dead-bait sessions.

On the spotty front Pitsford averaged 1.8 per rod this week, Ravensthorpe 2.6, and Elinor had a 5-2 rainbow best.

● FIXTURES (Ouse): Dec 3 MKAA Christmas match & Jan 1 'hangover' open 01234 713144; Dec 6, Olney open 01234 240061.

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