

# Matt's big river pike leads weekend predator parade

**T**HE local Ouse may not have hit top winter form – yet – but the weekend saw some great predator sport being enjoyed by those roaming the banks.

And Matt Atkins was among them: landing an incredibly fit looking 20-14 pike plus several perch some of which, though not weighed, must have gone to 2lb+ judging by the facebook pictures.

OLNEY's predator sweep didn't produce any big pike, but Paul Andrews' winning 13lb included a 2-11 perch. Ron Bull had 5-10 and Barry Testro 2-4.

The canal was producing for some, too despite the water temperature having fallen so far in recent weeks.

Chub – rather than the chublets and dace matchmen have been getting – were also beginning to show and a 'shift' stalking the Ouzel saw Gary Maton netting several to 3lb+.

■ AT least one river match produced the goods as Vauxhall's Radwell open saw punters, mostly fishing the stick, bagging up with Mick Burrell top on 17lb of roach and dace followed by Scott Tapp who had three good chub in his 16-5 while Terry Noble had 13-1 of roach.

**And though he didn't make the frame, Paul Abbott performed brilliantly to land a 6-8 chub...on single maggot and a size 18!**

■ AWAY from the river Alders was on fine form for Tuesday's league do as R Makin had 103lb, Trevor Price 101lb and Steve Wroe 92lb. Price has a four point overall lead.

■ REPORTING through Waters Edge, Simon and his pal had eight doubles to 21lb from the Pines.

■ CALVERT's Woodfield Lake do went to golden oldie Ted Brown with a carp and two bream for 11-4 – a long way clear of Dave Lewis 2-10 and John Weatherall 0-11.

■ ROACH were showing nicely among the skimmers in Towcester and Nene's joint sweep on the Grafton cut as Dave Gibbins won with 7-4 ahead of Andy Kimpton 6-10 and John Parkin 5-8.

■ KINGFISHER's do on Toombes saw Robin Lett with 6-14 followed by John White 6-4 and Geoff Duguid 4-14.

■ ERNIE Sattler won MK Vets' Pattison Lane canal midweeker with 5-2 as Paul Chapman had 3-14 and Neil Hughes 2-2.



● **REASONS to be cheerful:** Matt Atkins had this magnificent 20-14 pike from the MK Ouse – and some cracking perch, too!

■ **FIXTURES** (Ouse): Saturday, MKAA Christmas match & Jan 1 'hangover' open 01234 713144; Tues, Olney open & Jan 10 (Xmas match) 01234 240061. Newport pits AT pike matches, Jan 15 & 29, 07896 782715.

■ **Dec 10:** British Carp Study Group night at bar next to Waters Edge tackle, Linford, with Peter Springate and Robin Dix. Book at the shop 01908 690969.

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