

Almost 300lb goes on the scales as 19 happy rods enjoy...

An open match 'roach fest'!

ALMOST 300lb of ROACH – that was the amazing haul of redfins put together by just 19 anglers in a match on Lakeside.

The water, near Towcester, exceeded all expectations with roach queuing up to take baits in Sunday's Tove Valley Matchgroup silverfish open.

Maver MK's Ian Smith ran out winner with 20-5 as squad-mate Richard Lattimer made third on 19-3 – the pair 'bracketing' Towcester's Darren Pannell on 19-5.

● THE Ringer pairs series is still attracting a full-house for every match. Sunday's Boddington do went to Shane Hodgkinson and Nev Bailey (3 points) with Carl Singleton and Mike Hightower-Reeves on 7 ahead of Chris Senter and Max Jankoski, 11.

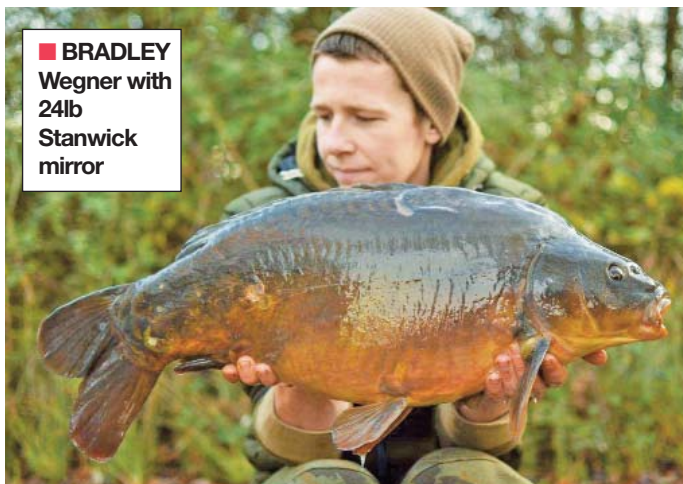
● NO-ONE was going to beat Black Horse in this year's Castle Ashby AT league and that is how it finished, with RAF winning the scrap for runners-up spot.

Final League placings: 'Horse 11, RAF 14, Milton Keynes 19, Browning 21, Royal Mail Northampton 29, 'Ashby A Team 22, 'Ashby Youth 41.

● STANWICK produced several 20s this week with Ollly Cruden getting a 25lb common and Brad Wegner a 24lb mirror.

● NENE and Towcester's Yardley canal knock-up saw Bas Eaton win with 12-4 of skimmers as Mick Goodridge had 7-8 and Brian Beard 5-2.

It was Goodridge's second 'frame' in three days, having won the West Mercia Police annual do with 5-15 on the Staffs & Worcester. Towcester a r e



■ **BRADLEY**
Wegner with
24lb
Stanwick
mirror



■ **HIS very own roach shoal: Ian Smith with a winning 20-5**
Pic by Andy Jones

apparently still putting a team in that on the basis that, year's ago, a then member was a 'force pensioner. Well, that's their alibi and they're sticking to it...your honour.

● 'SMIFFY'S' open, Cranford: Paul Brand 30-10, Paul McGrath 20-3, Carl Yeowl 16-9.

● CASTLE Ashby, Brickyard: Sergio Pizamenti, 23-14, Mark Moody 22-12, Frank Pizamenti 15-12.

● COUNTY Vets, Canons: Alan West 16-3, Chris Barley 15-12, John Lewis 7-6.

● FLORE & Brockhall silverfish, Dennetts: Paul Humphries 12-12, Terry Smith 6-15, Steve Smith 6-7.

● THRAPSTON, Wold Farm: Dave Harvey 12-4, Mark Page 9lb, Peter Schneiderite 6-8.

● CASTLE fur & feather, Canons: John Lewis and Geoff Rice both 9-10, Martin Faulkner 8-12.

● CLEAR water and pike hampered anglers in Oundle's town bridge backwater Christmas do, but the lowest weight was still 3-10. Rob Healey 9-1 (roach), Steve Liar 8lb, Mark Cunnington and Chris Clarke both 7-11.

● TOWCESTER Vets, Astwell Mill: Tosh Saunders 6-7 (roach), Graham Martin 6-2, Dave Prodder 4-14.

● ABINGTON Christmas do, Bugbrooke cut: Rus Coleman 1-8, Norman Westbrook 1-3-4, Richard Hawkes 0-15 ■

TACKLE shop holiday openings: Gilders/Carpin Capers both closed Dec 25, 26 and Jan 1 and 2 ('Capers also closed Dec 27 and 28).