

## Rock-hard day down on the cut couldn't stop...

# 'Borough storming to title win

**R**IDING as high as the England rugby squad home-side Wellingborough have triumphed over the big-name sponsored crews – shouldering them aside to win the Barker league.

And that was on a day when the Foxton to Theddingworth cut fished so rock-hard that just one sixteenth of an ounce separated the top two individuals.

Browning Red's Alan Robinson won with exactly 4-0-0 followed by Browning Xitan's Carl Smith on 3-15-15 and home-side Wellingborough's Pete Laughton on 3-14-1 in the 46 peg match.

Browning Red won on the day, but W'borough's fourth place was enough to see them increase their overall lead to win the 11 team series on 12 points. Browning Grey had 18 with Xitan on 21.

● MEADOWLANDS teams-of-three final leg: Phil Canning (C'pn Jacks) 178-8, John Jenkins (Lanes) 166lb, Jason Shirley (C'pn Jacks) 155lb. C'pn Jacks tied on the day with Swans and Lowdowns but went top on weight. Swans ran out overall winners on weight after tying on points with Lanes.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Tofts: Gary Muddiman 114-8, Andy Sibley 104-4, Dave Chapman 87lb; midweek, Spring pool, Dave Walker 55-8, Ted Adams 50-12, Dave Griffiths 45-10.

● BISHOPS Bowl open: Kevin Green 48lb, Paul Barnes 28-12, Greg Satchell 28-8.

● CASTLE Ashby: Wed., Brickyard, Bob Reed 34-10, Nigel Baxter 23-12, Frank Pizamenti 22-8; Sat., Brickyard, Chris Garrett 41-12, Pizamenti 32-8, Keith Garrett 32; Sun., Grendon, Pete Lovell 27-12, John Kent 22-4, Richard Dunkley 19-12.

● CASTLE, spring league opener, Canons: Alan West 20-2, 'Benny' 14-6, Stuart Cheetham 13-4.

● COUNTY Vets, Canons: John Lewis 17-13, Bob Spencer 17-4, Paul Lafflin 16-3.

● NENE/Towcester, Bugbrooke canal: John Balhatchett 12-6, Les Ramsden 6-3, Chris Howard 6-2.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Marshes: Steve Smith 9lb, Jim Tanser 5-10, Bob Prowse 4-15.

● ABINGTON, Ringstead shallows: Norman Westbrook 8-11-8, Vince Battams 6-3-8, Rus Coleman 3-15-8.

● TOWCESTER Vets, Heyford canal: Tosh Saunders 7-2, Graham Martin 6-8, Brian Aycliff 6-8.

● STANWICK produced at least a dozen 20s this week, best a 29-4 mirror falling to Jamie Flower on Elsons. Mike Urban landed an 8-4 tench from Coot.

● IT was a big weekend for Abington AC with more than 100 people attending come-and-try sessions organised by the club, the Angling Trust and the EA.



■ JAKE Elston with 40lb+ of bream from Rysons. Photo Chris Morehen



■ MOVING fish from Abington bottom pond to the main lake

At the same time professional netmen transferred fish – including 5lb bream and perch to 3lb – from the bottom pond to the main lake. Police and the EA also worked to raise 'public awareness' of the criminal fish theft problem.

● AGMs: Wednesday, Towcester & DAA, 8pm, Tow football club;

● FIXTURES: March 25, FREE have-a-go trout fishing sessions on Elinor – 07791 786251 ■