

Furzton bream shoal falls for Smithy in storm-tossed spell

IT IS an ill wind which blows nobody any good – and Sunday's howler blew up a storm of Furzton bream for Ian Smith!

Practising for this weekend's festival (lake will be closed Friday through Sunday) he fished into the teeth of it to bag 33 bream for some 90lb.

Furzton had been waking up for spring all week with good slabs falling to practising matchmen – Pete Patton had them to 5-9 and video-star Steve Ringer had some nice fish while filming for Match Fishing magazine.

But the water's carp were also getting into feeding mood. Celebrating his last few hours as a 29-year-old

Youtube video-maker Richard Purnell had a 19-9, a 17-8 and two 15s for the camera in one night. Happy 30th Richard.

The same morning Don Warner had a pair of 20s within minutes of each other. Paul Morton had a top class ghostie, Sunday morning – just one of several doubles landed from the lake in recent days.

BUT Furzton wasn't the only water producing bream: Jamie Boomer had a 6-1 on Teardrops, where Tyrone Calderly had a 19-10 mirror.

And Gary Maton sat through torrential rain to land more than 20 slabs at Linford – where Gary Darker had six carp to 28-12 from Pines – and Mark Levett had a brace of big 20s from Newport's pits.

AND an 8-9 super-slab from Olney's Ouse – more than a pound up on his previous PB – graced Adam Short's net...though it was a real last-gasp triumph as he caught it with only four hours of the river season to go!

Andy Miller had a 3-9 perch the same day, and I had a 5-12 MK

stretch chub (at last, been a tough winter for me).

■ MATES Bob Stones and Rob Harriman had a ball on the city cut with pike to 21lb and perch to 2-10.

■ ALDERS open: Barry Wignall 153-3, Bob Sharp 104-13, Ron Quick 97-6.

■ MK Vets, Linford Fishery: End peg Ernie Sattler 45-6, Paul Chapman 14-8, Del Rowland 6-12.

■ TOWCESTER Vets, DATS' Stony Main Ouse, last day of river season: Kevin Nightingale 20lb, mostly perch, Tosh Saunders 19-8 (inc a 5lb chub), Graham Martin 18lb.



■ LAST gasp PB – Adam short had this 8-9 river bream just hours from the season's end



● SOME 'practice session' – Ian Smith with part of his 90lb Furzton bream catch

■ CALVERT, Itters Pit: Austin Maddock 4-4, Dave Lewis 2-2, John Weatherall 1-14.

■ TOWCESTER, Wappenham Water: Gerald Green 4-8, Dave Gibbins 2-15-4, Bob Eales 2-15.

■ MKAA bailiff Gary Weeks went above and beyond, on Tear Drops, by staying behind and guarding their tackle when two guys had to be taken to hospital after one of them suffered a severe asthma attack. Well done that man.

■ FIXTURES: April 23, MKAA canal spring league teams of four opener, 01234 713144.

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