

TWO fish of a life-time: a 10-6 tench AND 11-2 slab in 5 hours

FISH of a lifetime can be a bit like buses. You spend ages trying to catch ONE – and then TWO come along at once!

That is what happened to Terry Davis, fishing Bradwell Lake Sunday morning on his long-term quest for a double-figure bream.

Grabbing one of the few vacant swims, his first cast produced...an 11-2 slab which left him 'well made up' as he sat bite-less for a further two hours.

Then his feedered worm tempted three more slabs to 9-15.

But next time his tip went round it was a huge tench doing the pulling...one taking the scales all the way to 10-6 – and almost doubling his PB!

That beat MKAA's seven year old record (another Bradwell fish) by a clear 12 ounces.

But Terry didn't know that and, having weighed it with his mate at the next peg – who blanked – slipped it back without getting a second witness.

"I thought the record was higher than that, but it doesn't matter: I know I caught it. They were both fish of a lifetime and I suppose I was still blown away with my double-figure bream, something I'd been trying to catch for years," he said.

■ The previous evening had also seen him on wind-lashed Bradwell, netting four slabs to 8lb and fishing alongside Pete Patton who bagged seven between 6lb and 10lb. Pete said: "That was my first visit – what a great venue!"



● SOME fish! Terry Davis with 10-6 Bradwell tench!

■ JOHN Pearson has posted pictures of an enormous bream on MKAA's facebook page, landed from Bradwell, Saturday, which he says went 'just over 16lb!' Jamie Boomer had them to 10-1.

■ OVER on Willen south Phil Mapp, reported through Tackle Hub, has been having a ball with the 90 acre lake's big slabs. On Newport's Big Pit Ade Watson had six from 6lb to 8lb.

■ TOMORROW, Friday (June 16): the new legal river season opens. So does Lodge, Caldecotte south and Towcester's Astwell Mill.

■ ALDERS open: Derek Smith 211lb, Trevor Price 197lb, John Beesley 189lb.

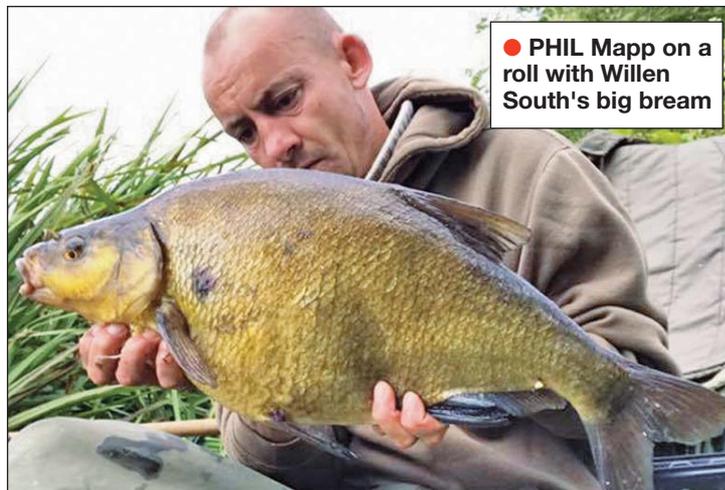
■ OSPREY, Lakeside: Chris Lovelock 148lb, Ed Blane 107lb, Rob Napper 69lb.

■ MK Vets, Bradwell Lake: Paul Hamilton 64-14 (slabs), Mick Sutton 20-2, Colin Chart 17-14.

■ MILL Pond, Husborne Crawley: Paul Caton 44-4, Paul Abbott 16-14, Kevin Osborne 13-14.

■ DATS evening series, New Inn canal, small fish showing: Ernie Sattler (end peg again) 6-4, Paul Keal 3-10, Wayne Robinson 2-15.

■ LINFORD, club canal: Mick Hefferon 4-9, Ron Dorrill 2-12, Sean



● PHIL Mapp on a roll with Willen South's big bream

Wilson (Willards staffer in his first-ever match) 2-6.

■ **FIXTURES / notices:** Saturday, MKAA individual league round, Furzton (A & B closed until 6pm) 01234 713144; Sunday, Newport River open match, 07795 068428.

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