

Barring an earthquake the 'Ashby league looks a dead cert...

As 'Horse keep galloping on!

ANOTHER 'Ashby league-round, another win for Black Horse...and all that has changed is that, realistically, the number of teams battling for second has halved to two.

Now, with one round to go, Royal Mail and Milton Keynes look to be the only real contenders for runner's-up spot and a place in the semis, after RAF stumbled for the second time in a row.

Sunday's Angling Trust league fifth round saw 'Horse tie with MK on 46 points but go top on a section count-back, with 'Mail third on 44 ahead of 'Ashby Youth 43 as Browning popped up to fifth on the day with 42.

'Mail's result was boosted by their Mark Moody (32-12 from Brickyard) and Mick Wheeler (21-12 from Scotland) taking the top individual slots followed by 'Horse's Alan Donnelly (17-8 Scotland) and 'Youth's Keith Garrett (17-4 from the 'yard).

League: 'Horse 8, 'Mail 17, MK 18, Oakwood 23, RAF 24, 'Youth 28, Browning 30, 'Ashby A Team 34.

● MOST trout waters' predator seasons are now underway and Dermot Ogle got a good start at Ringstead with a big-double snapper.

● FOLLOWING a long quest on the Ouse near Newport Neil Andrew finally found the equivalent of the proverbial rocking horse droppings in a nursery – a 14lb barbel. One very happy man!

■ RINGSTEAD trout water's predator season got off to a flyer with Dermot Ogle among the first to benefit with this high-double pike



● TWO visiting DNA bait company rods had a ball at Drayton fishing yellow baits on six-foot zig-rigs to bank some 70 carp.

● STANWICK's best of week was Kieran Chamber's 23lb common.

● MEADOWLANDS individual league: Wayne Sharman 73-12, Glen Maxwell 65-10, Mark Griffiths 54-4. Sharman leads with two rounds to go.

● CASTLE Ashby Brickyard opens: midweek, Mick Hewlett 39-12, Alan West 31-4, Nigel Baxter 30-14, Sat., Mick Boddilly 34-2, Chris Garratt 27-6, Courtney Hewlett 23-12.

● CASTLE AA league final, Canons: Paul Brand 8-12, Ian Halliwell 7-6, Paul Lafflin 5-4. Brand was league winner ahead of Nick Antonacci and Halliwell.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Dennetts: Terry Smith 8-8, Tony Ward 7-10, Bob Prowse 6-9.

● NENE/Towcester, Stoke bottom lock canal: Bob Gill 4-2, Kevin Nightingale 2-5, George Mynard 1-4.

● **FIXTURES:** Monday funeral of former Chron angling columnist/radio presenter Chris Howe, 3.30 Milton Crem; Dec 9 Olney Ouse Xmas match 01234 240061; Dec 26 at Drayton, be first to catch a common on the day and win the Boxing Day Cup plus your dayticket fee back ■

■ NEIL Andrew's early Christmas present from the Ouse – a 14lb barbel!



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