

As frozen winter league finally finished, matchmen must...

Have been glad it was all over!

CASTLE Ashby's winter league is all done-and-dusted and – given Sunday's bone-chilling final round conditions – few will have been sorry to hear its final whistle!

With mini-'ice flows' drifting around it was challenging to say the least, but venue proprietor Mick Hewlett was on fire, taking 10 Grendon carp and a bream for 83-10 – a stunning catch considering the next weights were Chris Camplin's 14-4 and Steve Shakespeare's 13-14!

The normally prolific Brickyard was just as dour with John Bazely on 25-4, Paul Robinson 18-10 and Courtney Hewlett 13-14, while Scotland Pond saw Joe Roberts on 21-15 with John Robertson on 10-6 and Mick Wheeler 7-6.

Team Boddilly were top on the day but still out of the series frame as Team Pizamenti emerged champions, 32 points, with Paul Robinson's trio on 33 and Courtney Hewlett's crew 38.

● **AS the league men gratefully left...Russell McAllistair (reporting through Carping Capers) moved into a swim vacated by a man who told him he hadn't had a bite in the match – and landed three carp on double dead-maggot before the light went.**

● **WINNERS** of last year's AT winter league on 'Ashby – Black Horse and Maver MK – fished the national final on Decoy and nearby Fenland drains, Saturday.

'Horse finished 14th from 33 teams and 'MK 25th, with the former's Pete Archer notching fifth individual spot on 36.25 kilo – from a field of 330 – and MK's Bryn Wignall 9th, 32.9 kilo.



■ **STANWICK**
21 for Mike Jarvis



■ **POSING** for Angling Times Steve Ringer demonstrates Meadowlands' cold-weather consistency

● **FISHING** Meadowlands for Angling Times' cameras, Steve Ringer bagged-up on carp despite Wednesday's weather, and said: "Throughout all this weather, this must have been one of the most consistent places in the country."

● **CARPER** Mike Jarvis had a 21-8 mirror from Stanwick's Mallard.

● **BARSTON** feeder-league third round: Maurice Williams 27lb, Mick Bull 8-4, Pete Caton 6-8.

● **WHITE** Hart Flore oldies, midweek, Spring Pool: Ron Collins 20-8, John Tee 18-8, Terry Perrin 15-11.

● **COUNTY** Vets, Canons: Paul Lafflin 8-9, Bob Spencer 8-7, Dave Cantrell 5-8.

● **TOWCESTER/** Nene, Ringstead Nene: Graham Prince 5-8, Graham Martin 3-8, Bob Eales 3-2.

● **OLNEY**, midweek Ouse open: Neil Shearn 3-6-8 (inc 3-2-8 perch), Nigel Porter 3-1 (one perch) Les Wallis 2-4.

● **FLORE & Brockhall**, silverfish teams-of-three, Barby Banks: Brian Johnson 3-5, Dave Cleaver 1-9, Steve Barratt 1-1-8. Nubold lead 50.5 points with Tony's Trio 43.5, Dolphins 27.

● **FIXTURES:** Sunday's Tove Valley Lakeside open cancelled; March 10, MKAA grand slam, 01234 713144, ALSO, rearranged Olney Ouse open 01234 240061■



■ **WHERE** a matchman failed... Russ McAllistair had an'Ashby carp