

Deep-freeze conditions call for 'desperate' measures...

WITH the 'Beast from the East' headed our way - and just two weeks left of a diabolical river season - some have been taking desperate steps to find sport!

City lad Paul Housego and two mates went all the way to Thailand to find fish - and some WARMTH - where he caught six Siamese carp from the Topcats fishery.

And the largest, scaling 85lb, hooked just two rods out, gave him a tremendous runaround before coming to the bank. "It was a really great day's fishing," he said.

■ NOT quite so far, but still a 250 mile round trip, Ross on Wye was Kevin Osborne and Paul Hamilton's destination, 'looking for a change'. Paul had a chub and a 4lb barbel - the latter a real change for the better. Kevin had a 3lb chub and a brace of specimen...minnows. He said: "They were at least twice as big as any I've ever had out of the Ouse!"

■ MAVER MK (reported through Tackle Hub) were on Decoy and the Fenland drains, Saturday, for the Angling Trust Winter League final, finishing 25th from 33 ten-man teams. Their Bryn Wignall made an impressive ninth individual - from 330 - on 32.9 kilo with Ian Pretty next best in 50th slot on 13.9 kilo.

■ OLNEY's midweek Ouse open was big fish or bust. Neil Shearn included a 3-2-8 perch in his 3-6-8,



● ALEX Buey with 'deep freeze' Lodge double... just 17 minutes after first cast!

Nigel Porter (second) had a 3-1 stripy and Les Wallis a 2-4.

GoneFishin's Paul Hodgson had a 3-8 chub from the same section in a freezing night session.

■ FILM-maker Richard Purnell has is up-dating his venue-videos. Well worth a look at Carp Angling with Richard Purnell on YouTube, while thinking of warmer times.

■ PIKE Angling Champs heat, Sherington Pits: Richard Harvey two for 23-3, Bob Cahill 12lb, Dave Harvey 8-6. Two go through to the final.

■ OSPREY, Pidley: Steve Carthy 15-12, 'Sparky' 15-4, Tony McGregor 14-14.

■ TOWCESTER/Nene, Ringstead Nene: Graham Prince 5-8 (silvers), Graham Martin 3-8, Bob Eales 3-2.

■ MK Vets, canal, Bradwell: Paul Chapman 4-15, Dave McLennan 3-2, Kevin Osborne 3-1.

■ OUSE mini-open, Sharnbrook: Nigel Porter 4-3, Neil Shearne 2-1, Nigel Bass 2lb.

■ CALVERT, Claydon Lake: the sun shone...and that was it. Everyone blanked.

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



● CHRIS Denton proves Furzton fish will feed despite the weather



● WHILE most were shivering... Paul Housego was 'swimming' with Siamese carp to 85lb...



● SO cold on the Ouzel, but Gary Maton managed a 3lb chub

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