

1,000 miles each-way world champs trip sees...

Joe's lads bring back gongs!

ON top of the world and bringing home a sack-full of international medals after a week in Croatia!

That's the three eight-man England teams, led by Northampton 'super-coach' Joe Roberts, which have been fishing the vets, masters and disabled world championships.

And – thanks to the best performances Joe can remember in a long time – every member of England's contingent brought home at least one medal!

Town speed-fishing ace Kevin Folwell came within ounces of collecting an individual vets (over 65s) bronze, too but still managed fifth, his ranking boosted by a section win.

The vets, including Olney's Pete Hawley, tied with Italy for silver (Hungary took gold) but lost out on a count-back.

Their target had been four-to-the-kilo carrasio and Kevin, during a German stop on the 1,000 mile return journey – said: "The fish were really aggressive feeders and we had to keep piling bait in. It was quite an experience."

The masters (55-65) took team and individual silver as the disabled claimed bronze, Joe saying: "It was a fantastic performance all round."

● **OLNEY's** Ouse produced a string of opening day river carp. Two 20s fell to Nathan Lovell while Charlie Mynard had a 16-5 and Lewis Clark a lump of his own. Other catches included Darren Bruce's 5-5 PB chub and Paul Daniels' 2-5 perch.

● **TOM** Andrews lure-fished streams in and around town for 25 chub, 10 perch...and a 1lb brown trout!



■ **DAVID** Wood's Astwell Mill catch



■ **WORLD** class speed-fishing ace Kev Folwell with Croatian carrasio net

● **TOWCESTER's** Astwell Mill opening day saw several tench to 4lb+ caught, some decent bream and lots of 4 to 8 ounce rudd. David Wood had three good tench and two 1lb+ rudd.

● **ROYAL** Oak, Makins: Pete Caton 103-12, John Jenkins 70-4, Wayne Sharman 68-12.

● **WHITE** Hart Flore oldies, Flecknoe: Ted Adams 135-7, Mick Howkins 77-15, Tom Griffiths 59-3.

● **'ASHBY:** m i d w e e k , Courtney Hewlett 77-4, Ron Coles 29-12, Mick Hewlett 24lb; Sat., Frank Pizamenti 29-12, Chris Garrett 19-8, Keith Garrett 14-4; Sun., Mark Morgan 43lb, John Kent 37-8, Steve Fisher 19-4.

● **FLORE &** Brockhall, Home Farm: Rob Rawlins 69lb, Jim Tanser 56lb, Brian Johnson 38lb.

● **NENE/ Towcester,** Barby Banks: Brian Beard 68-8, Bill Williams 50-4, John Balhatchett 47-2.

● **WHITE** Hart Flore, Bishops Bowl: Gary Muddiman 50lb, Mick Reynolds 39lb, Dave Chapman 37lb.

● **CASTLE,** Canons: Bob Spencer 35-8 (inc a 12lb carp), Paul Lafflin 10-4, Dave Cantrell 8-4.

● **WELLINGBOROUGH,** Mill Cotton: Sam Corteze 21-14, Ivor Stokes 18-12, Reg Lilly 16lb.

● **ABINGTON,** park lake: Rus Coleman 14-13, Vince Battams 14-11, Dave Panter 7-15 ■

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