

Some 'red faces' and big match-weights as...

Sunshine brings carp on feed

BROILING sunshine has been cooking up some hefty match-carp catches for some...and leaving others struggling to avoid a 'did-not-weigh'.

Fished in blistering conditions, Sunday's Matrix Commercial Champs second round - fished on Packington - saw the just sub-surface F1s queuing up to snap at Ben Townsend's gently-falling caster bait.

And when the final whistle went he'd clocked up 203-14 of the chunky weight-boosters. Steve Daly had 180-12 and Dave Brown 177lb. Following the first two rounds, and with two to go, no less than five people are sharing the league lead - each with a 'perfect' two point score.

● WHITE Hart Flore oldies were having a ball too, midweek on Tofts, with Gary Muddiman netting 184lb, Tom Griffiths 180lb and Mark Forbes 163-12. Sunday's WHF do at Barby Banks saw Mark Forbes top on 96lb with Muddiman on 79lb and Griffiths 69lb.

● SHEARSBY top lake saw Steve Potter top the SAS (Sports & Social) do with 90lb - a long way clear of Jim Broadbent 31-4 and Matt Elson 27-14.

● **AT Lakeside Ed Blaine was top man in Osprey's do with 81-3 as Jacob Harris had 52-14 and Neil Fenner 35lb.**

● GLEBE's outing to Peatling Parva ended with Russ Lay winning with 76-14. Geoff Green had 73lb and Marcus Annable 72-1.

● TOWCESTER Vets, Tofts: Keith Nightingale 76-8, Tosh Saunders 68-4, Rob Rawlins 65-2.



■ CANAL tench on 'cobweb' tackle for Jim Hellier



■ ED Blaine, top man at Lakeside

● CASTLE Ashby: Sat., Brickyard, Chris Garratt 68-4 (bream), Keith Garratt 30-4, Mick Hewlett 29-4; Sun., Grendon, Chris Camplin 21-12, Kevin Taylor and Richard Dunkley both 19-6; midweek, Brickyard, Andy Jones 33-12, Camplin 30-4, Hewlett 21-14.

● COUNTY Vets, Canons: Paul Lafflin 31-2 (bream), Dave Cantrell 28-12, Bob Spencer 27-8.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Dennetts: Fred Johnson 24lb, Steve Smith 22lb, Gerald Cash 20lb.

● NENE/Towcester, Banbury Lane canal: Graham Martin 14-12 (skimmers), Paul Minney 5-10, Tosh Saunders 3-8.

● NEWPORT, Sherington Bridge Ouse: Kevin Osborne 13-8 (dace), Myles

Phillips 7-8, Steve Glidewell 7-7.

● OLNEY, Ouse: Les Wallis 3-4, Dave Partridge 0-11, Dave Walsh 0-9.

● STANWICK's heaviest of the week was Andy Gilbert's 28 common - one of a dozen or so 20s landed.

● JIM Hellier was using 'cobweb' gear - size 22 to 11b BS - on the canal when he hooked, and landed, a 2lb tench. Takes good hands that does!

● IAN Barnes' had a nice summer chub pushing 5lb on Olney's Ouse while Willards' Tim Ray had a net full of Ravenstone silvers.

● FIXTURES: July 10 & 14 Olney Ouse opens, 01234 240061 ■