

'Bookies favourite' wins sixth festival match in seven years

LIKE him or loathe him...Phil Bardell would have to be odds-on favourite in any 'book' on Furzton Festival matches...having just won his sixth in seven years!

This time it was his first Ken Ball memorial vets' win - he's topped two float-onlys and three Frank Swans in years past - as he netted 99-5 (including carp to 21-14) from THE much-favoured peg behind the island which he has now drawn FOUR times.

Way behind him in Wednesday's match, which raised £200 for Willen Hospice, Myles Phillips had 38-10 and John Hewison 35-10.

Saturday's 'float only' saw Paul Abbott and 'Mitch' both net 21-7 of bream and skimmers with Rob Dzialak on 19-19.

Carp from the far bank (*thank you Parks Trust for allowing use of the out-of-bounds bank for the festival*) ruled again in Monday's Frank Swan memorial open with Terry Davis on 101lb with Michael Buchwalder getting 43-3 at the next peg, and Mirca Pereduca third on 41-2.

The latter two matches - organised by GoneFishin - raised some £850 for the hospice, with the proceeds of next month's carp match to come. **Well done everyone.**

■ **WILLEN** South bounced back into the big tench stakes this week when it produced a fit-looking 9-4 to a carper.

At Bradwell Jamie Boomer had a 5-8 and Arthur Terrill a 4-5.

■ **MICHAEL Weeks, aged 8, has a new PB carp after landing the 19-1 unaided from Furzton...but needed a little help from Chris Denton to hold it up while dad Gary took the snap. Lou Smith caught a 20-13 on Lodge.**

■ **NINE** runs produced eight fish Big Pit fish for Paddy Sheehan, topped by a 22lb leather, while Ian Eaglestone a 6-8 bream. Ade

Watson has been having fun on float on an Abbey Pit seemingly alive with chunky rudd.



● **MICHAEL Buchwalder in the Frank Swan memorial**



● **MICHAEL Weeks (8) showing off his new PB**

Broughton 65lb.

■ **OLNEY** Ouse: Graham Prince 7-9 (roach), Pete Hawley 6-1, Dave Walsh 0-11.

■ **FIXTURES:** Sep 14-16 Furzton Fest carp match, GoneFishin 01908 313158; Sep 23, Olney Ouse, Ron Bull memorial open guaranteed £500 prizes, 01234 240061.



● **BRAD'LL tench for Jamie Boomer**

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