

**No surprise as 'Ashby league starts and it is...**

# Horse first past the post - again!

**THEY'RE off! And it is Black Horse out-front at full gallop – yet again – in this year's Castle Ashby winter league.**

*Perhaps those lads ought to sit it out with a beer...while the rest fish for runners-up spot?*

Best-of-the-rest in Sunday's opener were the RAF, with 'Ashby's A Team making an early sprint – while their legs last – for third on the day with their Chris Camplin taking top-spot on 48-14 from the Brickyard.

Next up was MK's Ben Bell, also on the 'yard, with 42-12, ahead of Browning's Paul Abbott with 38-3 from the Scotland as A Team's Gary Millward had 27-11 from the same pond.

**Teams: 'Horse 45 points, RAF 41, A Team 37, Royal Mail 36, Milton Keynes 35, Browning 31, 'Ashby Youth 28.**

● WHITE Hart Flore, Tofts: Dave Cleaver 159-8, Dave Griffiths 152lb, Dave James 137lb.

● OSPREY, Lakeside: Gareth Price 124lb, Chris Lovelock 76lb, Brian Ritchie 75lb.

● STANWICK is still on a big-fish run. Following Sam Compton's 40-4 common of a couple of weeks back, this week saw him back with a 36 as Gareth Compton had an Elson's 34-12 and Ben Sharp a 31-14 from Mallard.

● TOWCESTER have gone into partnership with their landlord to make big



■ AN English 40 from Stanwick for Sam Compton

improvements to Silverlake. Many self-set trees have been removed or pollarded to increase security and light to the margins.

Among other things many of the old concrete pegs have

been removed and will be replaced with wooden ones with access paths and ramps from the banks above. Volunteer helpers most welcome to call 07971 869656 or email info@t-daa.uk

● WHITE Hart Flore oldies, Barby little lake: Gary Muddiman 54-8, Glen Tilson 44-1, Pete Smy 41-15.

● MK Vets, Brackley Lake: Richard Lattimer 25-12, Austin Maddock 21lb, Simon Cordingley 14-14.

● COUNTY Vets, Canons: Paul Lafflin 16-15, John Lewis 15-4, Dave Cantrell 14-14.

● NEWPORT, Sherington Bridge Ouse open: Kevin Osborne 15-14 (roach and dace on whip), Steve Chilton 15-10, Paul Hamilton 12-13 (inc 2lb perch on whip).

● CASTLE autumn league opener, Canons: Paul Lafflin 14-8, Jeff Rice 12-8, Paul Bond 11-6.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Dog Lane: Paul Humphries 11-12 roach and skimmers, Rob Rawlins 11-5, Bob Prowse 11lb.

● GLEBE, Furzton: Paul Latter 11-7, Dave Haddon 11-4, Russ Lay 6-12.

● TOWCESTER/Nene, Astwell top pond: Les Goodridge 7-11, John Balhatchett 5-7, Les Wallace 4-10.

● LINFORD, Wilderness canal: Mick Hefferon 6-5, Charlie Lancaster 3-7, John Hough 3-5.

● FIXTURES: Sunday, Towcester open, Castlethorpe canal, 07915 613862; Tuesday, Olney Ouse open 01234 240061 ■



■ NORTHAMPTON's Reg Bellham with 4-2 Elinor rainbow, caught from the bank