

Christmas comes early for club's matchmen with a...

# Roach fest on the Nene!

**A**LIVE with redfins – that was the Ringstead Nene as it served up a real roach-fest for Wellingborough's Christmas match.

*The section produced 11 double-figure nets as 31 competitors all caught with a top weight of almost 20lb – and that was despite a number of pike snatching at hooked fish.*

Graham Prince won with 19-8 using a variety of baits fished mostly to-hand on the whip to avoid scaring fish in the clear water.

Malcolm Sylvester had 19-1 and Bill Underwood 15-1 as Ralph Vancliffe, on running line and stickfloat, had 12-6.

● GILDERS' Dan Todd fished the Barnwell Nene for a double-figure net of roach to 14 ounces.

● *JUST as the river seems to be experiencing something of a roach revival...last week's Chron included a planning application for a hydroelectric unit near Barns Meadow whitewater centre – which could see water abstracted (and returned) at a rate 'not greater' than 4,000 litres (circa 800 gallons) per SECOND.*

*Doubtless local clubs, such as the Nene, will be asking what intake screening is proposed to prevent stocks being sucked in and minced into fish meal!*

● **FISHING Stanwick, carper Jeremy Greaves had five 20s to 25lb.**

● CARPIN Capers customers report good catches from the Northampton Arm town end.

● FAVOURITES Black Horse have won the Castle Ashby AT winter league, topping Sunday's final round. 'Ashby Youth made second on the day while RAF were third, and runners-up overall, after joint chasers Royal Mail crashed and burned in last place but clung onto series third.

'Ashby A Team's Bob Reed won with 41-3 as 'Ashby Youth's Grant Howie had 39-6 and teammate Frank Pizamenti 26-8.

● PHIL Ringer and Adam Waklin topped the Boddington pairs on a perfect 2 points with Daz Newman and Chris Holmes on 4 ahead of Jamie Minter and Rob Upex on 5.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Peatling Parva: Dave Griffiths 66-10, Gary Muddiman 62-1, Dave Chapman 61-13. Wednesday



■ JEREMY Greaves: FIVE 20s to 25lb at Stanwick

Boys, Waterloo; D Griffiths 50-2, G Muddiman 37-1, Tom Griffiths 29-8.

● MEADOWLANDS league fifth leg: Wayne Sharman 157-14, Chris Cameron 155lb, Lee Davis 128-10. Steve Daly leads with previous leader Pete 'carpet' Davis third after finishing last on the day.

● COUNTY Vets, silverfish, Canons: Bob Spencer 19-3, John Lewis 16-1, Paul Lafflin 14-2.

● ABINGTON, Mill Cotton: Vince Battams 16-14, Andy Weatherley 8-6, Dave Huth 3-1. John Gamble won the club points series by a big margin.

● NENE/Towcester, Stony Main Ouse: Dave Gibbins 15-8 (19 perch), Bob Pottinger 7lb, Mick Goodridge 6-4.

● FLORE & Brockhall, silverfish, Dennetts: Nick Chambers 10-2, George Mynard 8-6, Terry Smith 7-15 ■

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