

MKAA VETERANS – RIVER OUSE STONY MAIN 14TH SEP 2011

DIFFICULT DAY FOR THE VETS – IF YOU DON'T DRAW

With none of the forecasted rain, the river was not as inviting as hoped for – lack of colour and flow put paid for a fruitful day today and with the removal of the big overhanging features last year we were wondering just how this had affected the once prolific fish holding areas.

The early pegs looked good but without water movement and colour the fish were not in an enthusiastic mood to feed. Further down around the green pipe area, none of the pegs had been drawn which was disappointing as these are known to be deeper and may well have produced a few surprises. On the straight above the A5D, Some very good anglers fancied their chances and then below the A5D none of the early pegs had been drawn which left those around the white post vying for the podium places.

Drawn just above the white post, Ken (now fully fit) Mott started on the feeder and this brought two good perch before a change to the nearside snared another two then it was another change to keep a few smaller fish coming. Pegged just past the disabled platform, John Harvey started on his favoured bread punch and this brought some early fish including a nice roach but just as he was getting into his stride he promptly lost another two good roach which sent the shoal seeking shelter and John ruing his misfortune. Below John on the peg before the weir, Ron Dorril started off like a man on a mission before the sun came out and this left him wondering just where they had gone. On the early pegs, Bill Carder was also ruing his luck when he lost not one but three big chub who took a dislike to being hooked and left with his total rigs as souvenirs! Pegged on Chapman's Island, Terry Valentine was at his usual proficient self steadily putting small fish in the net. Now, as always Ernie (draw bag) Sattler drew well on what were the double willows above the A5D but in his usual style was keeping his catch very close to his chest. Below the A5D and on the best feature looking peg above Ken Mott, Mickey Harnett did not fancy his chances as this peg has not produced for a while but giving it his usual 100% he found some perch and one skimmer on pole fished worm. In fact it was to be a perch day for all the top weights and all caught on worm.

So, to cut a short story even shorter, the results today, surprisingly not too bad considering the conditions are as follows:

1 st	Ernie Sattler	11lbs 12ozs	Perch to 2lbs+ pole fished worm
2 nd	Ken Mott	8lbs 6ozs	Perch on worm
A Section	Alan Ford	4lbs 13ozs	Perch on pole fished worm
B Section	Mick Harnett	5lbs 4ozs	Perch and 1 skimmer pole fished worm.

Next week sees us back on the cut at Cosgrove and the week after at Furzton when there will also be a pair's match. Hmm should be interesting after the AT winter league final recently.

Tight Lines and let's hope we get some rain soon

Roachman