

# Top four share quarter ton in open match carp spree

**JUST 16 ounces separated the top four in Saturday's Alders open – despite their netting a quarter of a ton of carp between them!**

Gary Thorpe weighed-in 165-8... and just one pound adrift of that Rob Lett, Alan Wayman and Martin Green ALL had 164-8 each.

Things had quietened down by next day when B Mason won with 82lb followed by G Thorpe 76-3 and M wells 68lb.

■ MATT Grant won Osprey's match – another long haul to Rockalls in Essex – with 80-2 ahead of Peter Carter 52lb and Lol Sommers 46-2.

■ THE legal river fishing season may be over until June 16, but reports are still emerging of big 'final days' fish – with Adam Short outstanding on Olney's Ouse with five chub from 5lb to 7-13 for 29-9.

On only his second ever day's chubbing Duncan Menzies (pictured above) bagged a 7-6 from the Wolverton Ouse. Mate and neighbour Rob Buckner had put him on his favourite swim, given him tips... and then had to watch his prodigy beat HIS personal best by two ounces.

Previously a dyed-in-the-wool 'commercial' fan, Duncan is now panting for next winter's big chub action.

Gary Maton had three chub, 5lb to 6-2, on Stone Park. I had a 5 by Haversham bridge, and Matt Snee a 2-12 perch from the Emberton Park Ouse the day after a 2-6 from the canal.

■ MK Vets' 'last day' match on the Stony Ouse saw Bob Gale win with two fish: a 7-9 bream and a 2-

12 perch. Alan Ford (pictured bottom left by John Hewison) caught 9-4 and Ernie Sattler 8-14.

■ IT was carp or bust in Towcester's Bairstows match as Dave Martin won with 35lb followed by Mick Goodridge 12lb and Brian Beard 4-11.



● 'Beginner' Duncan Menzies with 7-6 Ouse chub

■ JAMES Lewis won Calvert's Claydon lake sweep with 10-13. Dave Lewis had 10-3 and Barry Witteridge 3-10.

■ ANDY Jones won Towcester Vets' Astwell Mill knock-up with 8-15 of roach as George Cooke had 6-7 and John Ballhatchet 6-7.

■ AN end peg on Baileys cut saw Paul Chapman with 6-6 of perch to 2-15 in DATS' do. Gary Britton had 3-14-8 from the other end peg and Ernie Sattler – in the middle for once – 3-8...of solid gudgeon!

■ WANT to know more about what is being done for your sport? Go to the Angling Trust open forum at Brampton, March 24. Visit [www.aterforum.co.uk](http://www.aterforum.co.uk) or call 01366 384458 for details.

■ TROUT: Wolverton's Robin Holt (below) had this cracking 15-2 rainbow – which took him 35 minutes to beat on 5.5lb leader – from Ringstead.

■ FIXTURES: Sunday, Northampton Nene charity open, Stoke Bruerne canal 01604 414791. April 1, first of six weekly Towcester S u n d a y B a i r s t o w s opens, 01327 353263. April 15, MKAA canal league teams of four series starts, 07703 556788.

■ MKAA AGM is on April 4th – not the 5th as in the club card.



● Alan Ford in Vets' match



● Wolverton's Rob Holt 15-2 rainbow

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