

# Is '6lb perch' a sign Caldecotte is set to smash British record!

**IS Caldecotte Lake now home to mega perch big enough to smash the British rod-caught record?**

Lure angler Marcin Petelczyk landed a cracker 46 centimetres long – more than 18 inches in 'old money' – while roving around the lake last week...and said: "It was over 6lbs that's for sure..."

The British record is currently shared by two fish of 6-3: both landed in 2011, one from a Sussex commercial and the other from Tring's Wilstone Reservoir.

It is a mainland-European habit to rank predator captures by length of fish, rather than weight, and Marcin wasn't carrying any scales – this time.

Snatching a quick picture of it in a 30 inch net, in which it looks enormous, he returned it quickly without getting witnesses or a 'selfie' because the fish was in spawn. It fell to a 4.5 inch red and yellow 'rubber-tail'.

The MK area already holds the British barbel record, a 21-1 fish from M K A A 's Adams Mill in 2006.

That 90 acre Caldecotte could produce a record perch is, perhaps, not an outlandish notion. It is a relatively lightly stocked 'high-

growth' water compared with most local big stillwaters, is known to hold carp to at least 40lb, has produced pike over 30lb, double-figure tench, roach to 3lb and roach-bream hybrids in excess of 4lb.

Just like Willen, over the years differing species appear to have enjoyed a 'zenith' period before being surpassed by another. Are we now reaching a golden age for Caldecotte perch?

■ WHEN Denis 'Gramps' Stoyles tried Tear Drops he bagged the

26-12 common pictured being held by son Alex, who had an 18.

■ THERE is unconfirmed – so far – word of an 11lb tench from Mount Farm Pit and, according to other reports reaching Tackle Hub, carp to 22lb are being caught there.



● 'Dad and lad' Denis and Alex Stoyles with 26-12 Tear Drops common



● CHUNKY: PAUL Abbott's 7-2 Newport bream

■ KINGFISHER's Mick Reynolds, reporting through bailiff Ron Earnshaw, had double figures of canal skimmers and a 3lb tench, near the Lakes Estate, Sunday.

■ PAUL Abbott topped Newport's Abbey Pits open with 14-4 – 7-2 of which was the bream pictured. Paul Chapman had 13lb and Terry Lambert included two tench in his 12-7.

■ OSPREY's trip to Decoy saw Tony Macgregor win with 156lb of method carp as John Cosby had 84lb and Ian Millin 83lb.

■ DATS's Cosgrove canal fished up a storm for George Mynard in Towcester Vets' midweek do as he won with 16-5 of skimmers. Gerald Read had 7-15 and Chris

Howard 7-11.

■ TOWCESTER's Wappenham Water sweep saw Mick Goodridge win with a 2-8 barbel plus roach to 12 ounces for 15-1. John Broughton had 6-4 and Gerald Green 1-8.

■ LINFORD's canal sweep went to Mick Hefferon with 6-8 as Steve Funnell had 4-12 and Patrick Hefferon (Mick's grandson) 2-7.

■ FIXTURES: Sunday, MK canal (Nagles to Phelps Road) closed for league match.

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