'Going for broke' light-tackle option helps Kev to Ouse win

CHANCING his arm with tint hooks and light line paid off for Kevin Osborne on the Sherington Bridge Ouse – bringing him 15-12 of perch to almost 3lb!

With the river crystal-clear for Newport's Sunday open, the MKAA secretary figured that heavier gear would land any

decent fish hooked, but would be unlikely to bring many bites.

So he opted for a size 20 to 1.5lb BS (0.08mm)...and relied on very, very gentle handling as perch after perch seized his caster and worm fragment hookbaits.

Myles Phillips stick-floated for 12lb of dace followed by Mark Haynes on 10-1.

■ 'MARTIN' – reporting through Great Linford Tackle – landed a 30lb carp from The Pines lake, while another lad had three good doubles.

LITTLE lad,

big fish: Liam Greenough,

aged 7, with

Drops perch

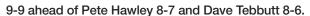
2-12 Tear

■ MAVER Milton Keynes finished fourth in Sunday's Castle Ashby winter league second round and are fourth overall in the six-leg series.

■ WATERLOO's carp kept their heads down during Towcester Vets' visit, and stillwater barbel made up most of the weights as Chris Howard had 26-4, John Balhatchett 17-8 and Gerald

Greene 15lb.

- COLD easterly winds meant bream were less than enthusiastic for MK Vets' 33 peg midweek match on the Black Horse Pit, but Phil Bardell still managed 17lb followed by Paul Hamilton on 14lb and Austin Maddock with 9-12.
- OLNEY's Ouse predator match saw Ron Bull score a runaway win with five pike to 11-4 for 25-15 as Kevin Lake totalled 9-13 and Barry Testro 8-13.
- TUESDAY's Olney's Ouse open saw Ernie Sattler win (without drawing an end peg) with



- LINFORD's Boatyard fished better than most of the local cut as Mick Hefferon took the money with 8-12. Roy Hefferon had 6-4 and John Hough 4-2.
- TOWCESTER's Grafton Regis canal sweep saw Chris Howard walk it with 6-5 from the 'over-shot' as Tony Hirst netted 3-5 and Les Goodridge 2-8.
- CALVERT's Itters Pit match went to Derek Bishop with 3-14 of perch as Dave Lewis had 2-15 and Barry Witteridge 2-10.
- DON'T bother fishing the cut south of Giffard Park to Leighton Buzzard on Sunday November 8 there is a mass canoe charity event planned.
- ANYONE heading for Astwell Mill, Towcester's tench and rudd haven, should know that November 8 is the day access from the Wappenham-Helmdon road is to close for four weeks, but you can still get there from the Syresham road.



WILLARDS' staffer Sean Wilson was wellpleased with the start his pike personal campaign, Sunday, as he had a 15-6 from MKAA's Ouse followed by a 13 from the canal. Towcester's David Jones had three double-figure snappers to 14lb over at Bishops Bowl.

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