Gales whip up sport - and bring matchman £500 bill!

ASHING gales and car-wash rains made for ultra-horrible fishing conditions – but stirred up cracking sport for some with the guts to give it a go!

Among them Tove Valley's top four totalled almost 400lb

from Lakeside's stormtossed waters, Sunday, as Richard King won with 113-14 ahead of Dave Martin 95-10 and Bob Jamieson 93-6.

■ AND the humble cut was in cracking form – in places – too. Despite 'breakers' rolling through the New Inn area, aptly-named Bob Gale stormed to a final-round win in the MKAA individual winter league with 13-6 of skimmers and perch and Paul Abbott put together 6-10 of roach.

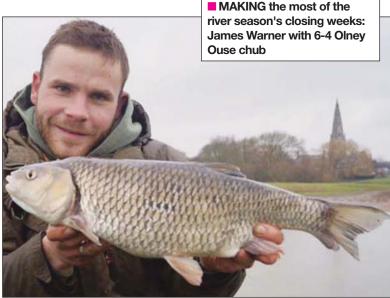
Bobby Boyce had 6-9 for

third, but at a heck of a price as, before the match had even started, a freak gust upended his pole-roller...smashing two of his pole sections.

A phonecall later and eager to please Tackle Hub boss Pete Craddock was at Bobby's peg with replacements. Service with a smile...and a bill for about £500!

Paul Abbott trotted out series-winner with 14 points as Steve Chilton and Kevin Osborne tied for second on 24.

THE Towcester and Nene's Long Pound at Stoke Bruerne sweep went to Chris Howard with 15-4 of



skimmers. Baz Eaton had 5-12 and Paul Morgan 4-1.

- WORD is about on facebook that a guy fishing deadbaits for canal Zs near Blisworth had the surprise of his life when he landed...a 40lb carp!
- CLINGING to Furzton's wide-open banks, Richard Purnell

BRAVING

the wind and

saw Richard

Purnell bank

this 26

rain on Furzton

netted a cracking 26lb common.

- BOILIE on the lead brought James Warner a 6-4 chub from Olney's Ouse on Wednesday.
- midweeker on N e w p o r t 's Riverside Ouzel length fell to Dave McLennan with 11-6, including a 'bonus' chub of

4lb or so. Steve Chilton had 6-9 and Bruce Harvey 5-5.

■ A 3-8 perch and a pike of similar size put Kevin Lake top of Olney's Ouse predator match with 7-10, and top of the three match series with 41-12. Ron Bull's 1-8 'pike' helped him to

series-second with 41-1.

- CALVERT, Claydon Lake: Ken Mott 0-12, Dave Lewis 0-6, John Weatherall 0-4.
- LAST weeks DATS' do, Ouse: Paul Chapman 20-10 of punch roach, Kevin Osborne 10-14, Steve Wright 7-5.
- FIXTURES: Sunday, Olney Ouse charity open 01234 240061; Sat March 12, MKAA Grand Slam, Stony Ouse, 07970 047506; Coming up, MKAA spring league teams of four, 07970 047506 or 01234 713144; May 1 John Harvey memorial open, Black Horse Lake, 07748 505024 evenings only.