Gary's 'ton-up' bag lights up his cold windy evening

ISERABLE cold, windy, evenings are rarely the setting for memorable catches – but Gary Underwood beat the odds for a 'ton-up' catch last week.

What Neil hadn't told the rest was that he was a time-served matchman 'oop north' before moving to MK and getting the carp bug!

THURSDAY June 16 -

anyone start with a fish

like this 8-1 local Ouse

chub Mark Jones had

and the new river

last winter?

season opens! Will

And he netted 12 tench and eight good, solid, bream for well over the 100lb mark in a short after-work session.

The GoneFishin co-proprietor fished Rocla Pit on the Linford complex, using worm on cage feeder, and had put a fair bit of feed in before the fish got their heads down to brighten up his day.

■ ROLL on JUNE 16 and a brand new river season! The local Ouse and Ouzel were looking in fine form this week...but a lot can happen between now and NEXT Thursday!

June 16 is also the day when Lodge Lake and Caldecotte South re-open, along with the three new 'bandstand' pegs on Willen South.

■ CARP were feeding in Alder's open with Mark Quick winning on 154-15. Matt Grant had 137-11 and Graham West 115lb

■ OSPREY's Lakeside do saw Chris Lovelock take the money

with 107lb. Haydon Lewis had 95lb and Ed Blane 61lb.

■ SPECIMEN-ace Neil Richardson flogged his carp gear and spent last winter fishing matchstyle, making a phenomenal string of canal pleasure catches.

Then, Sunday, he tried his skills for the first time, in a club-match, and stormed Kingfisher's Mill Road do it with 8-9. Dean Warren had 7-8 and Dick Peerless 4-2.



■ BOOK quick if you want one of the remaining MK summer league team slots (starts July 10 on Lodge, MKAA members only) Call 01234 713144.

■ PAUL Abbott won at Mill Farm with 15-4 of roach, rudd and

skimmers. Dave Tebbutt had 11-14 and Steve Chilton 11-8.

■ DATS' Thursday evening series third round, on Beachampton pond, fell to Nigel Steele with a brace of corn carp and bits for 13-4. Chris Malia had a similar bag going 12-10-8. Kevin Osborne had 9-5-12.

■ LINFORD, Boatyard canal: Mick Hefferon 6-7, Pete Whatley 4-8, Roy Hefferon 3-8.

■ FIXTURES: Sunday, Mill Farm open 07854 649279; June 19 Alders open, 07860 235655; also, first three pegs on Willen's 'rope course' bank closed for boat race; July 17, charity open, Furzton, 07970 047506; September 24, national canal pairs at Simpson, 0115 9061301 or www.anglingtrust.net

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