

Matchwinner: 'Ouse one of the best perch rivers in the country'

OO'S a GREAT river then? That was the question on some lucky rods' lips after drawing blisteringly hot pegs on the local Ouse.

For Wayne Robinson – fishing the upper river for the first time in years – it was a real eye-opener as he won on DATS' Main with 27-7 of chunky Great Ouse perch, Sunday!

And barely a mile downstream, on MKAA's Stone Park, Brian Harmer was having a similar 'out of body' experience as he won his club sweep with 39-6 which included chub of 6-3, 5-10 and 5lb – plus a rake of silvers and perch.

That said, it was a patchy old day with others in both matches struggling due to low, clear levels and desperate need for sharp frosts and a good flush to shift some of the weed.

But other's woes didn't dampen Robinson's spirits as – winning the 26 peg joint Nene-Towcester match by a mile – he said: "It has got to be one of the best rivers in the country for perch."

He was followed by George Mynard 10-8 and Les Wallace 6-6.

Harmer was in a King's Arms match, and while runner-up Doug Howell had a very respectable 26-15...Pete Fish needed only 3-11 for third! However, one pleasing touch was that several fat little gudgeon were caught – 'mini-monsters' of around two ounces apiece!

■ AT the other end of the scale Robbie Mynard, though netting a 2-12 perch, included two ultra-tiny pike – one-and-a-half and two ounces – to win Olney's Ouse predator match with 7-13-8. Barry Testoe had 3-15 and Paul Andrews 3-14-8.



● WAYNE Robinson – a Great Ouse winner with 27-7 of chunky perch!

■ JAMIE Bloomer went stalking the local Ouse for chub and had a 5-2 – a good omen for the winter ahead?

■ FOR Willards' Sean Wilson it was roach that made his day as he had 6 to 8 ounce redfins every chuck during a recent New Inn bridge canal session.

■ CARP are still feeding and James Ashby had three to 16-5 in a night on Lodge while Gary Darker had three doubles on the Pines.



● JOYFUL start to his winter: Jamie Bloomer with 5-2 Ouse chub

■ ALDERS midweek open: Terry Lancaster 202-6, Trevor Price 201-11, Charlie Lancaster 199-6.

■ TOWCESTER Vets, Dog Lane: Gerald Green 27-12, Brian Ancliffe and Graham Martin both 25-2.

■ MK Vets, Gayhurst Ouse: Steve Chilton 10-5, Steve Dzialak 8-1, Colin Chart 6-6.

■ LINFORD, Bolbeck Park canal: John Hough 5-14, Nick Barker 5-12, Mick Hefferon 3-12.

■ CALVERT, Buckingham town Ouse: Barry Witteridge 4-10, Ton Richardson 0-13, John Weatherall 0-6.

■ FIXTURES: Sunday, MKAA golden peg, Sherington pits Ouse, 01234 713144; Olney Ouse opens, Tues Nov 1 and RBL benefit Sat Nov 12, 01234 240061.

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