Big perch prowling on the Upper Ouse again!

ARE we headed for a winter of really big Ouse perch – for those lucky or skilful enough to find the hot-spots, that is?

Yet again decent perch dominated a Stony Main match (Towcester-Nene) as Dave Gibbins won with 14lb ahead of John Balhatchett 11-4 and Paul Minney 7-10.

A bit further down, on Olney's stretch, Jamie Knight was among those getting decent stripeys – his going 2-14.

But the catch of the weekend, probably of the year, was well downstream at Sharnbrook where Tony Granfield (SAS) won a Bedford winter league round with 29-13...of which 26lb was just NINE perch – fish averaging just short of 3lb each!

And team-mate Jim Broadbent was second – with 21-6 of prime roach on the seed ahead of JL Tackle Black's Des barker on 19-11 of roach and dace.

SAS (Sports And Social) won on the day with a perfect four-section-firsts as 28 rods totalled 267lb.

■ Upstream a bit Kevin Osborne won the Blunham open with 8-13 of silvers as Andy Shelton had 8-12 and Alex Heywood 8-3.

- DAWID Krawczynski's first lure session on Ravenstone brought a double-figure pike.
- AWAY from the river Ben James had three carp in a Big Pit session and Tony Snelson two tench around 5lb each.
- WITH the canal appearing to be going through something
 - of a silverfish revival, Steve Granger tried Stoke Bruerne bottom lock, catching some 30lb of bream while another angler had chub.
 - KINGFISHER's match on Boddington saw Lee Richardson win with 46-10 of carp taking the club's annual points series for the second year in a row. John White had 41lb and Dell Rowland 40-2.
 - YOU have to hand it to Ernie Sattler: he could probably catch fish down a toilet during a tsunami!

Wednesday's MK Vets' canal do saw him pegged opposite the entrance to Willowbridge marina where he landed 16-3 of skimmers and bream...despite having one boat reverse in and another do a multi-point turn in his swim. Colin Chart had 8-6

and Martin Cunniffe 8-4.

- LINFORD's Black Horse canal sweep saw Charlie Lancaster top with 6-12 as John Hough netted 4-15 and Pete Whatley 3-15.
- FIXTURES: Sunday Nov 4 Newport Pits pike match, and Saturday Nov 11 Newport/ Beacon pike match, Mount Farm Pit, 07896 782715 for either. Also Nov 11, Olney Ouse RBL charity open (40 peg limit) 01234 240061. Toombes Meadow match, Sat Nov 4, cancelled, venue now open.



