

# Carp 'ton' makes Pete a man apart

**S**PORT may have been rubbish for many – Sunday – but Pete Lovell was in a world of his own with almost a 'ton' of Castle Ashby carp.

He had a runaway win with 11 chunky carp on feeder for 98lb on the venue's Grendon lake, way ahead of Bob Reed 68-4 and Mick Rogers 49-6.

Elsewhere on the complex it was a totally different story as Gerald Green won on Scotland with just 11-14, followed by Grant Howie 9-7 and Keith Bishop 9-4, while on Brickyard Rod Chamberlin caught 11-14 to lead Nick Cowap 9-12 and Lee Marlow 7-14.

On Grendon the previous day Jeff Jones had headed the pack with 49-12 of bream and carp as Lovell made 38-4 and Ian Hutton 28-2 – following a midweeker which went to Nigel Baxton 25-10 with Mick Hewlett 17-12 and Gary Millward 14-10.

● OSPREY's awayday to a Saffron Walden lake saw Grahame Hall with 62lb of feedered corn carp as Loll Sommers had 50lb and Chris Lovelock 49lb.

● IN the Lanes Baits individual pole-only league opener on Meadowlands, Gary Stanley won with 61-4 ahead of Colin Lane 55lb and Steve Daley 54-8.

● THAT old full moon and falling temperatures helped put Barby Banks in dour mood for White Horse Flore's do as Mark 'Totts' Tottenham won with 35-8 followed by Alan Barnes 9lb and Glen Tilson 7lb.

● BISHOPS Bowl home side man Roy Quail topped the venue's winter league final with 32-8 of carp to 8lb with Castle's Dave Gibbs just half an ounce behind and Devon Dirty's Gavin Webb 22-13.

'Bowl won on the day (and topped the series) with 58-13 as Castle tied with them on points but went second on weight with 'Dirty third. Webb was series individual champ with five sections wins from six.

● IN Towcester's Tove open Mark Haynes rattled out six chub for 21-3 at Shutlanger. John Mobly had 11-7 and John 'the Bishop' Broughton 3-7.

● FOLLOWING weeks of big perch – sometimes almost 30lb at a sitting – the Ouse around Stony is now producing a stream of big chub. Phil Oxley bagged a 7-1, Saturday (a 6-13 was caught the previous week). And Roy Hefferon netted a 6-4 plus a 5 to win an MKAA match, Sunday.

Somewhere (my guess is Adams Mill or back of Newport) well downstream of Stony Jamie Cartwright had a 7-12 Ouse chub from a 'club stretch'.

● HIS first-ever grayling trip saw Little Harrowden's Dave



■ COUNTY specialist group ace Jamie Cartwright scores again! This time with a log-like 7-12 upper Ouse chub... on double maggot.

Chamberlain net more than 40 to 1-8 from the Itchen on trotted maggot. "Sheer magic," he said.

● AT Stanwick Mark Redland had a 22lb mirror from Elsons as Ash Taylor caught Mallard commons to 18lb and Lee Walton five to 20lb from Swan.

● ROACH dominated (sounds good!) Cotton's Nene sweep at Barkers where Marcus Annable won with 14lb followed by Dave Hadden 13-4 and Malcolm Bunnyard 11-8.

● NENE, canal, Heyford, Dave Gibbins 9-8 of perch, Bob Eales 5-9, Brian Beard 3-6. LOCO, Spring Pools, Ray Bellham two carp for 9-4, Dave Battison 8-2, Den Sharman 7lb of roach.

● WELLINGBOROUGH canal league opener, Foxton to Thedingworth. Bob Quill (Well) 8-1, Mick Dudley (SAS) 5-15, Graham West (Black Horse B) 4-2. Top teams: Browning Black 47 points, Browning Red and 'Horse B tied on 42.

● FLORE & Brockhall teams of three opener, local canal. Rob Taylor (Bits 'n Bobs) 4-10-15, Buster Matthews (Melbourne Arms A) 3-5, Ray Ayres (Dolphin Boys) 2-15-3. Top Teams, Regulars 13, 'Bits and The George tied on 12.

● LONG Buckby Old Kings Head, Crick canal marina, Richard Humphries 2-6-12, Pete Hayward 1-15, Dave Jackson 1-6-8. TOWCESTER Vets – this week's wooden spoon – Tove, John Talbot one perch 1-12, Geoff Cooke 0-9, Grenville Read 0-7.

● FIXTURES. Sunday: Olney Ouse open 01234 240061; also Heyford fishery open 01327 340002. Jan 22 Bishops Bowl pairs series starts, 01926 612379.



■ A plump supermarket sardine was just what this 17-8 Willowbrook pike wanted, and offering it gave Duston's John Sharpe a new personal (for the moment) best. Photo by Hodge

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