

Two PBs as Dougie's luck changes!

A ALWAYS the bridesmaid... but never quite getting the golden bite! That was 'Dougie's' lot for two seasons in a row.

He has fished red-hot swims before others have banked mighty personal bests, after they've had them, and sometimes even at the same time – but without the same success.

Now Carpin Capers' Paul 'Dougie' Douglas has come good with a bang: two superb PBs – in the space of a week – a 7lb chub and a 3-14 perch, both from the Ouse.

The perch took worm on the lead in the middle of the day, together with one of about a pound, while the chub provided his only bite of a short after-dark session.

Over the moon after such a flying start to the year, he said: "It is a fantastic feeling to get a double PB after having gone so long without. I was beginning to think it would never happen."

● CHUB have been chomping on baits with gusto in some places, recently. On MKAA's Wolverton Ouse John Cramer had 15 for 42lb while practising for a match. All came from the same swim as he pole-fished maggot on a size 14.

And on Towcester's Tove Graham Martin had a midweek ball with 10 chub to 4-4 for 33-8... having only gone for a couple of hours to use up half a pint of leftover casters!

● LEAVING the changeable local weather behind, Osprey found themselves in a world of their own on a Saffron Walden lake where Mark Wilson had 69-12 of carp on pellet followed by Barry Earnshaw 63-14 and Matt Grant 53lb.

● CARP and bream for 62-12 saw John Kent win Castle Ashby's Grendon lake Sunday match with Bob Reed 53-4 and Doug Scott 42-8. It was a different story on Scotland pond as Roy Woodward needed only 14-12 to beat Grant Howie 13-7 and Keith Bishop 12-12 to the top of the frame.

And it wasn't much better on Brickyard where Courtney Hewlett had 25-12, Phil Gimbit 9-13 and Dale Perkins 8-14. Saturday on Grendon four carp and some bream had put Chris Garrett way out front on 54-12 as Richard Skeen had 33-12 and Reed 18-14.

● WHITE Hart Flore found fish feeding at Barby Banks where Dale Gibson won with 56lb of carp as Trevor Griffiths totalled 53-12 and Dick Spriggs 25lb.

● BISHOPS Bowl's pairs series kicked off well, given the weather, as Simon Cordingley won with 30-12 of carp, followed by Andy Poole 27lb and Geoff 'I do feel bad' Ringer on 20lb. Cordingley and Ringer were top pair with Mick Gibbs and Shaun Smart runners-up.

● LOCO's Barby Mill sweep went to Richard Leahy with three carp for 25lb as Andy Anderson netted 14-8 and Roy Quale 13-4.

● FOURTEEN-pounds of Tove dace gave John 'the bishop' Broughton the money in Towcester's match. Tosh Saunders had 2-3 and Andy Jones 1-3.



■ 'Dougie' (above) with 3-14 Ouse perch – one of two new personal bests in a week!

Emlyn Hughes had an 8lb carp from 15 inches of water on the club's Bairstows lake, where 400 carp of about a pound have been stocked.

● CASTLE: Canons, Jeff Rice 11-12, Dave Cantrel 10-4, Stuart Cheetham 8-12. DAVENTRY: Bag'em Matchbaits individual league, third round, Dog Lane. Dave West (Daventry) 11-2 of orfe and perch, Rob Cash (Rugby Tackle) 8-5, Keith Taylor (Greys) 7-12-12.

● WELLINGBOROUGH 13 team canal league: Foxton to Thedingworth, 54 fished. Glen Morris Black Horse B 8-14, Damian Green 'Horse B 7-15, Russell Mayhew Wellingboro' 5-7-8. 'Horse B top on the day. Series top three: 'Horse B 3 points, Browning Red 5, 'Horse A 9.

● NENE: Stoke canal long pound, Paul Minney 6-2, Chris Howard 2-

8, Dave Gibbins 2-7. FLORE & Brockhall teams of 3: Brockhall cut, Ian Hammond (Workers) 2lb, Reece Clulow (Workers) 1-7-3, Rob Taylor (Bits 'n Bobs) 0-9. Workers jumped from league bottom to top as two teams blanked.

● OLD Kings Head: Muscott Mill cut, Chris Garrod 0-15-4, Pete Hayward 0-3-4, Alan Knight 0-1.

● **AND FINALLY: It HAD to happen to someone, someday. All 10 rods tied in Towcester Vets' midweek Olney Ouse do... as not one of them had a bite!**

● FIXTURES. May 5, 'Bucko's' Terrie Tapp memorial open, Tofts, 01327 351780.



■ Golden oldie Graham Martin, watched by Ronnie and Rebecca Goodridge whose dad, Mick, took the picture, shows off a 33-8 Tove chub catch.