

Jake leads big Ouse chub charge

BIG chub have been gracing landing nets along the Upper Ouse again this week as the late-season rush of biggies continued unabated.

Jake Stratton – who had an 18-fish catch including three 6s two weeks back – was out front again with a 7-12 on bread from the Wolverton Whittings stretch.

There are also rumours of a fish-of-a-lifetime 8-4 from Adams Mill!

That would be a new record for the river above Olney... but the captor is believed to have been keeping his catch under wraps to get maximum 'impact' from this week's national angling press.

But someone caught a potential British record-equalling 9-4 from the river Lee – and the 'nationals' went overboard on that instead.

Funny how the best-laid plans of mice, men and secret squirrels so easily go astray...

On the DATS Ouse, at Stony, brothers Chris and Ben Milah had a ball with Chris getting 11 chub – best 7-3, 6-12 and 6-6, plus four perch for 38lb as Ben had 21lb of stripeys.

Jeff Byron had a 5-15-8 from Stone Park, just above Whittings, while on the same stretch Tony Witten bagged seven chub to 5-6 – losing five including a real biggie – on maggot and size 16.

Kevin Wilkie, reporting through Carpin Capers, broke his own PB THREE times on Olney's Ouse with five perch to 3-6...and a 5-8 tench.

● ON an Essex carp lake Osprey's Matt Grant won with 128-13, with Lol Sommers on 80lb and Mick Whitmore 75lb.

● WITH one round to go Ritchie Hull is two points clear of Gary Stanley in the Meadowlands' individual league. Shane Sayers won Sunday's fifth round with 36-10 followed by Steve Daly 30-4 and Dave Orrill 28-6.

● A Newport pits British pike champs qualifier went to Chris Puddleford with 32-14. Dave Westley had 27-5 and Sean Cahill 23-8.

● AT Stanwick, Martin Fisher had a 26lb Roman lake common. On Mallard, Alex Osborne had seven carp to 17lb, three bream to 10-8 and five tench to 6lb.

● CASTLE Ashby, Grendon, midweek: Paul Barnes 29-4, Bob Reed

15-8, Steve Abbott 15lb. Grendon, Sunday: Dick Rogers 28-4, Keith Garrett 22-12, John Kent 21-4. Brickyard, Saturday: Paul Hardman 19-12, Chris Garrett 15-12, Frank Pizmenti 14-14.



■ **GLOWING in the dark – Jake Stratton with 7-12 chub**

● WHITE Hart Flore, Peatling Pools: Pete Scott 27lb, Dave Griffiths 21lb, Alan Barnes 19lb. LOCO, Spring Pools: Ray Gregory 28-8, Dave Battison 26-4, Paul Baxter 19lb. BISHOPS Bowl open: Mark Griffiths 19-12, Geoff Ringer 18-12, Alan Paul 17lb.

● BAG'EM pairs league, Dog Lane: Martin Paynter (Daventry) 15-4, Carl Baker (Stourbridge) 7-14, Barry Carr (Daventry) 7-6. Top pairs Dave Armstrong & Bob Taylor 8-12, Rich Wills & Simon Potter 8-1. Dave West won £102 best perch prize with a 2-11.

● COTTON AA, Weedon cut: Russ Lay 14-10 perch to 2lb, Danny Brown 6-7, Marcus Annable 5-11.

● NENE league final round, Grafton cut: Alan Robinson (SPRO) 10-2 skimmers and bits, Pete Laughton (Irthlingborough Perch) 7lb. Top team on day SPRO 18-7. Final table: SPRO 17, Browning Red 20, Browning Black 24, two Irthlingborough teams, Browning Gold and two Nene teams also fished.

● COTTON Club, Ringstead Nene: Marcus Annable 6-4 – ALL bleak! Tom MacIlhinney 1-15-8, Russ Lay 1-15. TOWCESTER Vets, Broadwater Tove, John Balhatchett 8-10, Andy Jones 5-5, Tosh Saunders 4-12.

● SUPERCUP heat: Towcester trounced Daventry on the Tove. Home-side brothers Mick and Les Goodridge 7-11 and 3-13 of perch. Roy Moffatt (Dav) 2-14. OLD Kings Head, Crick canal: Pete Hayward 4-4, Fiona Dennett (good for you, lass) 1-9, Rob Bailey 1-4.

● TROUT Scene: Dave Hastie set a new Ringstead record with a 19-8 rainbow as 68 rods shared 263 trout. Pitsford opens today. Ravensthorpe's opening day saw 42 rods struggling, but Terry Vials banked an 11-7. At Elinor 228 rods shared 1,340 fish this week, best Matt Harris' 13-8.

● AND FINALLY: Flore & Brockhall's Rob Rawlins had 13lb of roach and skimmers in a midweek practice on the club cut – but come Sunday's teams-of-three was well back with 1-1. Bits & Bobs' Bob Smith 1-10, Steve Smith (Dolphin Boys) 1-8-8, Brian Johnson (George) 1-4-6. Bits and the George now top the table.

● THURSDAY (March 15) first day of river close season.



■ **NOT a good picture... but Kevin Wilkin's 31-8 Chew croc is a great fish. And it was only the town lad's second crack at boat fishing**

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