

Duo's 2,000lb six hour purple patch

DRAYTON reservoir has done it again – set another British record with two anglers landing more than a TON of carp in the weekend's England carp team trial.

And that was a good old-fashioned Imperial ton, with the pair bagging 2,315lb in 48 hours... more than 2,000lb of that in a blistering six hour spell!

At one point Mark Bartlett and Kev Hewitt found themselves fighting four fish – two rods each – simultaneously.

Ten other pairs, including town's British Carp Champions Rob Julyan and Ash Taylor, found the going much tougher because they weren't on the shoal.

Drayton bailiff Mark Ryder said: "Honestly, it was a bit slow. Had it been a month later there would have been a lot more fish out. Any of the pairs could have done it had they drawn right."

Rob and Ash totalled around 220lb. The latter said: "We didn't disgrace Northampton. We had big names either side of us and kept up with them, but most of the fish were in one spot. You could have drawn a ring round them."

Now town's duo are fingers crossed to see if they make a second trial which could lead to places in the world championship in Romania.

Total match catch was 846 fish for 9,418lb... on a slow weekend.

- **BACK** on terra firma at Lakeside, Towcester, Barry Hatch won Osprey's match with 135lb of carp as Lol Summers had 108lb and Mark Brown 93lb. Summers topped the club's winter series with 43 points, ahead of Matt Grant 42.

- **MAKINS'** spring individual league opener saw Wayne Sharman out front with 72lb as Carl Mullen had 47-6 and Phil Hull 39-12. Old stager Pete Davies was last on his lake with 4-6...

- **AT** Barby Banks John 'Rockin' Berry won White Hart Flore's do with 55lb with Dave Chapman on 53lb and Alan Barnes 50-8.

- **DAVE MOORE** had a ball at Stanwick with carp of 31-4, 21-10 and 17-4 from Elsons, where Don McInnes and Gareth Keating both had 22s. Lewis Fisher had a 25 from Mallard. Swan and Coote have been producing doubles.

- **FIRST** time on Furzton lake, town's Graham Collins bagged a 24-10 common, midweek, and Wappenham Water produced carp to 20-4.

- **CASTLE** Ashby's Grendon midweek fell to Mick Waddham 38-4 ahead of Mick Hewlett 25-12 and Phil Wintle 19-12. Kevin Folwell had 19lb in Saturday's Brickyard do with Hewlett and Ian Hutton tied on 17-12. Back on Grendon, Sunday, Phil Bardell had 21-12 of bream with Phil Garrett 20-12 and Hewlett 18-4.

- **FINEDON**, Wold Farm, Poddington: Paul Moore 35-10 of small carp, Tony Potter 26-10, Gary Winkle 25-10.

- **TOWCESTER**, Bairstows open: Myles Phillips five carp 29-12, Dave Martin two for 21-7, Darren Panell 3-8 of silvers.

- **OAKHILL** open, near Oundle: Craig Palmer 20-3 (4 carp), Paul Dolby 17-15, Pete Thorpe 13-13.

- **AT** Dog Lane Daventry's Rich Wills found 11-11-8 was enough to win the Bag'em silverfish individual league final round. Colin Youds netted 10-13-12 and Tom Clish 10-11-8. That left Kevin Folwell (pictured below) £400 better off and top of the series, 37lb, with Wills on 34lb and Gil Corns 29lb.

- **BITS 'n Bobs'** Bob Smith hit the big time – for Flore & Brockhall – with 6-4-6 of roach and perch in the club's canal teams of three final leg. Ray Ayres (Ayres Rock) 2-6-4 and Dolphin Boys' Jim Tanser 1-6-11.

Final placings: Bits 'n Bobs 72 points, The George 70, Dolphins 61, Workers 60, Flower Pot

Men (don't even ask) 55, and Melbourne 34.

- **CASTLE**, Crescent lake silverfish sweep: Bob Spencer 5-10 of small roach, Jeff Rice 5-8, John Lewis 4-12.

- **TOWCESTER** vets, Navvi canal: Andy Jones 5-9, Tosh Saunders 5-4, George Cooke 4-1.

- **TOWCESTER & DAA** renewals: Don't send to address in card (P Mason has moved). Tickets from Towcester football supporters' club, or by post (send SAE) to Mrs Toni Broughton, 67 Towcester Road, Northampton.

- **FIXTURES:** Sunday, Towcester Bairstows open 01327 353263.

April 15: Bob Church charity fly-fishing Grafham open, international rules, entry £54.50 inc hot meal, 01604 492705; ALSO, MKAA canal league teams of four starts 07703 556788.

Monday April 16: Northampton Nene AGM/presentations, 7.30pm, The Yeoman of England, Wooton.



■ Sun-burned, exhausted...happy. Drayton and British record busters Mark Bartlett and Kev Hewitt. Photo courtesy Angler's Mail



■ Bag'em league top trio Kevin Folwell, Rich Wills and Gil Corns

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