

Is town fly-fisher Mike in line for 'living legend' accolade?

TOWN's Mike Green must be a living legend having landed FOUR pike over 30lb – the best an incredible 40-8 – all on fly!

And he's had three other 30s, too, using more conventional pike tactics.

His latest (pictured) went 30-4 and was his only pull of a marathon session on Chew Valley reservoir: "But well worth the effort."

Can 'Iron Mike' make it a dozen 30s before hanging up his rods? He's got the right genes: "My father recently flew a Spitfire, for the first time in 70 years...at the age of 95."

● **DON'T** delay. Get on the rivers and make the most of the tail (hopefully) end of the floods.

As they began slowing to run-off conditions this week, some folks had cracking catches.

On the Ouzel Paul Hack landed a magnificent 6-13 PB chub, losing two bigger ones, while Roger Stratton trotted a juicy worm for a 5-15.

On Olney's Ouse Keith Mitchell bagged five bream to 7-9 and two river tench to 6-3 for well over 40lb. Then



■ **DEMON** feather-fisher Mike Green with his latest fly-caught 30lb pike

Cheetham 41lb.

● **ROYAL** Oak's Wayne Sharman set a Packington's Gearys lake record when he won with 163-12 of carp. Ron Savage had 80lb and Neil Russell 49-8.

● **NENE** points match, Flecknoe: Dave Gibbins 73-1 (14 carp), Chris Howard 37-9, John Balhatchett 33-6.

● **CASTLE** Ashby: Grendon midweek, Bob Reed 70-4, Gary Millward 69-12, Chris Barley 48-14; Saturday, Brickyard, Keith Garrett 61-8, Mick Hewlett 35-12, Pete Lovell 29-14; Sunday, Grendon, Chris Garrett 44-4, Steve Dorkes 37-12, Keith Bishop 36-14.

● **WHITE** Hart Flore,



■ **A 5-9 tench is good for me at any time. But this one provided an extra glow as I 'wormed' it from a swim vacated by a guy who, blanking, told me no-one had seen a tench on that lake for a couple of years...**

Sean Mynard had a PB 6-7 tench... which Dan Shaw topped with a 6-10.

● **SATURDAY** night's torrential rain pouring into Canons top lake Sunday morning stirred up the carp for Jeff Rice who won Castle's do with 99lb. Nick Antonacci had 46lb and Stuart

Bishops Bowl: John Berry 43-12, Drew Adams 38-8, Steve Bull 36lb. **CROCKETT & Jones**, Holmes Farm: Kev Stevens 31-14, Paul Barnes 30-7, Andy Hornby 29-10.

● **RUSHDEN**, Dennetts: Dave Ross 26-8, Steve Dunnett 14-9, George McMillan 11-9. **LITTLE** Harrowden, Mill Cotton: Jim Broadbent 21-7, Stan Atter 16-2, Peter Thurne 15-4.

● **OLD** Kings Head, Oundle Nene: Pete Hayward 23-4 (6 bream), Darren Oakley 16-8, Pete Shirley 12-12. **TOWCESTER**, Dog Lane: Matt Brafield 18-12, Graham Martin 15-9, John Broughton 15-9 (and lost a big 'un).

● **FLORE & Brockhall**, Meadow lakes: Rob 'I'm a star' Rawlins 14-7, Steve Smith 12-8, Ken Cadd 4-3. **TOWCESTER** vets, Stanwick: Mick Read 9-12 (roach), Gerald Green and John Balhatchett both 6-4.

● **FIXTURES**: July 14 John Buxton charity match, Shearsby, 01327 351780. July 17, Olney Tuesday Ouse open 01234 240061 ■

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