

'Horse man Carl gallops away with title in a match to forget!

NEW county champ Carl Steffan had the title pretty much in his pocket within two minutes of Sunday's cup match starting!

By then he had netted a 2lb+ perch which grabbed the Black Horse A man's worm first cast – and was on his way to a clear win with just 3-14!

With 104 anglers (13 teams of eight) Northants' County Cup is still one of the biggest in the area, but for most the Yelvertoft canal section do was, if not the match from hell... one to forget.

On a dire weather day 'Horse A had all top-three individual spots with Andy Curless runner-up on 2-14 and Matt Collerson 2-12 – but still finished two points adrift of team champs Browning A, whose Alan Robinson was 4th on 2-10 followed by Old Kings Head's Ian Wills 2-9-8 with White Hart Flore's Tom Griffiths and 'Horse A's Paul Cowan both on 2-5.

Top teams: Browning A 85 points, 'Horse A 83, Wellingborough A 75, Browning B 65, 'Horse B 64, Towcester 61.

● **BIG fish** showed all through Olney's Ouse cup open – a 60 peg sell-out with £1,200 in prizes – and Bob Gale won with three tench and some bits on worm for 14-5-12.

Nigel Porter ran him close with 14-1, including two chub to 4-13. Alan Hursey had tench and a big perch in his 9-2 as Chris Malia had 8-11.

● **COULD** this be a 'new' trend (even if little in angling is really new)? Seven Acres owner Frank Clynes was gobsmacked when young Lee, from nearby Paulerspury, demonstrated a new piking technique.

"He'd tried spinning for pike, unsuccessfully, when after some internet research he sprayed WD40, which he'd read contained fish oils, on his lures. Whatever is in it he had four pike to 11lb straight off," said Frank.

● **STANWICK's** fish of the week was a 31lb common from

Mallard, and Lee Cartwright had a 27-1.

● **AFTER** four rounds it was all square in the Castle/Royal Mail Northampton series. And Sunday's fifth and final leg on Canons also ended in a draw... 'Mail's Ryan Harris had 68-

12, with Castle's John Lewis and Stan Atter 36-5 and 35-8.

● **CASTLE** Ashby: Sunday, Grendon, Geoff Ringer 88-4, Chris Garrett 76-12, John Price 73-4; Saturday, Brickyard, Bob Reed 38-12, brothers Chris and Keith Garrett both 36-8; Wednesday, Grendon, Phil Wintle 45-12, Chris Barley 42-6, Reed 38-4.

● **WHITE** Hart Flore, Spring Pools: Glen Tilson 75lb, Dale Gibson 67lb, Chris Freeman 53lb.

● **RUSHDEN**, Wold Farm: Mick Large 23-8, Dave Ross (still getting over the shock) 16lb, Steve Dunnell 15-12.

● **FLORE & Brockhall**, Muscott Mill canal:



■ **EVEN 'older' guys can get bright-eyed over a 'first' fish – and Towcester's Darren Emery's expression says it all as he displays his first-ever crucian, on a trip to MK. Magic!**

Paul Humphries 5-12, Rob Rawlins 4-7, Steve Smith 2-9. Jim Tanser... another wooden spoon with 2lb.

● **MOBBS** Miller, Oundle Nene: Mick Wilson 5-7, Ken Taylor 4-2, Phil Hamilton and Danny McMeakin both 3-5.

● **FIXTURES:** Northampton Specimen Group carp open, Stanwick, October 20/21, 07565 420496.



■ **BOB** Gale clutches £500 after winning Olney's Ouse open

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