

Records tumble in mucky water...

RECORDS have been tumbling this week – **Despite most fisheries being soured by up to three inches of cold, murky, rainwater.**

First on the podium was town specialist group's Jamie Cartwright as he set a new barbel high for the river Nene with a 15-15 whiskers.

He was into the fish within 10 minutes of casting out a home-concocted paste bait, just as dusk was falling – beating the river's previous best by an ounce.

But the margin was even closer on Towcester's Bairstows lake where Darren Sylvester broke the club's carp record by just 8 drachms with a 19-10-8 mirror.

And over on Stanwick's Roman lake Don McInnes had a new PB with a 26-2 pike – his only run of the day – on popped-up mackerel.

● Yet another record could be in the making in the Castle Ashby AT league, where Sunday saw Starlets cruise to their third straight win in three rounds – putting them on course for that elusive six-out-of-six series run.

Yet while the hot shots are covering themselves in unpaid team glory...the canny old geezers of 'Ashby A team and 'Ashby 'Youth' are raking in the dosh by consistently taking the lion's share of section and individual placings payouts.

So everyone is happy!

Ashby A's Dick Rogers had top weight this week with 35 bream for 81lb with Chiltern-Got Baits' Keith Bishop on 68lb and RAF's Craig Shaw 54lb.

Starlets lead the field with 3 points with A Team and Maver MK both on 11. Four other sides all have 14.

● FINEDON found Decoy lake, Whittlesea, in fine form as Barry Lawrence won with 98-12 of carp. Dave Roberts' 74-3 included some barbel and Bill Boyne netted 52-6.

● Elsewhere sport was rather more pedestrian. Dave Chapman made it three wins in a row as he won the final leg of White Hart Flore's summer series with 46lb from Barby Banks. Dick Spriggs and Paul Jackson tied on 35-8. Dave Griffiths won the A series title with 173 points and Tom Griffiths the Bs with 243.

● CASTLE Ashby: Saturday, Grendon, Chris Garrett 68-8, Bob Reed 38-8, Mark Moody and Paul Mascoli both 32-8; Grendon, midweek, Alan West 37-6, Mick Hewlett 24-2, Bas Wright 20-6.

● NENE, Lodge lake: John Balhatchett 30lb, Brian Beard 20-12, Dave Gibbins 7-15. Others struggled.

● OLNEY Ouse midweek: Les Wallis 9-11 (including a 7lb bream), Ron Bull 5-10, Eamon Kelly 5-1.

● TOWCESTER Bairstows open: Wayne Robinson 6-3-8, George Cooke 4-13, Mick Goodridge 4-11.

● RUSHDEN, Rysons lake: Steve Dunnell 6-2, Paul Moore 5-4, Gary Winkle 5-3.



■ **JAMIE** Cartwright with new River Nene barbel record at 15-15.

Picture by Carpin Capers' Dougie.

● TOWCESTER vets, Castletorpe cut: Tosh Saunders 6lb, Mick Read 5-10, Walt Ashby 3-8.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Muscott Mill cut: Ken Cadd and Steve Smith both 2-6, Gareth Abraham 2-5-8.

● FIXTURES: Sunday, Olney Ouse open, 01234 240061'



■ **DARREN** Sylvester with new Towcester carp best at 19-10-8.

Picture by Mick Goodridge