

MKAA VETERANS XMAS MATCH RIVER OUSE
CALVERTON ROAD TO TOOMBS 12TH DECEMBER 2012 (12-12-12)

PLUMBER PAUL PUNCHES HIS WAY TO THE TOP

Finally, we actually got to fish a match and despite the continued inclement weather - minus 6 giving picture postcard frost covered trees 20 brave/silly/desperate to get out souls arrived for the annual xmas match. Pegging the whole of the river from the picnic area to Stony Stratford bridge we took out the worst of the better pegs to give what we had hoped to be a fair chance for all.

The all too regular cries of disbelief when Ernie drew the big bend on Toombs which was expected to romp the match must have been heard throughout Milton Keynes but fate had a surprise in store. With all the pegs in the picnic area taken this proved to be the hardest section of the three with only 2 catching out of the 8. 'Awesome' Austin Maddock had 2 dace on maggot/ stick float for 3ozs and Buffy Ash 1 dace for 2ozs which was very disappointing - I had thought everyone would catch but you know what they say about thought!! On Ousebank Way I left the 2 pegs out before the trees and the first angler in the wood was Paul Chapman who not only enjoyed a rare day off work but easily won the match fishing punch mid river to catch roach and dace throughout the 4 hours.

In fact, 3 of the top 4 weights came from 3 adjoining pegs here as Kevin Osbourne had lovely catch of dace for 2nd place and in between him and Paul Dave McClellan had over 30 small roach on a variety of baits to take this section prize. Then I left out the 5 sort of fishable pegs on Brushmill and the 1 peg on Hollands as this angler would have been on his own and no-one to help if he got into trouble so the next peg in was the gate swim which produced a level pound in the shape of 3 'peas in a pod' skimmers and 1 dace for Nigel Steel then Bob Gale 2 up from the big bend who also had a 11oz skimmer and Pete Whatley just above the bush 3 up from the bridge who had one 8oz perch. On the bend though, Ernie fished his usual tidy match for his section win and 3rd place overall with a nice catch of 1 decent perch 2 skimmers and some quality roach and a fair few smaller samples. So, there we have it - done and dusted for another year and everyone brought a prize and everyone took one home - nice.

Next week we visit Alders for the last time this year and hopefully we can catch a few - and I'll have a go myself this time.

1 st	Paul Chapman	8lbs	Roach and Dace on pole and punch
2 nd	Kevin Osbourne	6lbs 1oz	Dace on pole fished maggot
3 rd	Ernie Sattler	5lbs 7ozs	Mixed bag pole fished punch, maggot & pinkie

Roachman



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