

Conditions meant most were fishing for the odd bite – but there were...

Some cracking fish from the Ouse!

THAT was a real big-fish week on the Ouse that was with – amazingly – tiny single maggot luring a mighty chub of 7-10!

Veteran matchman Gary Britton had been happily catching small silvers, midweek on an MKAA section, trotting maggot in a nine-foot deep run on 16.5 metres of pole.

Then he hooked the big 'un, which promptly gave a good impression of the bottom charging off!

Probably the biggest fully authenticated chub from above Olney this season, it could have come at a better time for Gary (pictured right, by Alan Ford) as, fishing a league days later he again had just one chub... but at 1-10 it earned third whereas his 7-10 would have won.

● The same match saw Ernie Sattler net a 6-8 – again on single maggot – for second.

● A bit upstream Dougie, from town's Carpin Capers, had just one bite on worm intended for big perch... but which turned out to be a 5lb+ male tench.

"My legs shook as I thought I'd hooked the granddaddy of all perch," he said. "It was a nice river fish, but sadly not in the same league as a perch of that size."

● A mile downstream Derek Brown, down from Coventry, had chub of 5-14 and 5-2.

● Nene's nine-month points series ground to a conclusion, Sunday, on Stoke long pound as John Balhatchett had something to smile about (bet he didn't) winning with 4-10 and scoop-ing the series £250 top pot. Bob Eales had 4-2 and Baz Eaton 3-13-8.

● OSPREY, Lakeside, Tony Winnock 90lb, Andy Boocock 55lb, Lol Summers 53lb.

● CASTLE Ashby: midweek, Scotland, Geoff Ringer 37-7, Bob Read 15-7; Brickyard, Mick Hewlett 22lb, Roger Tebbutt 15-14. Sunday: Grendon, Dick Rogers 19lb, Chris Garratt 11lb; Scotland, Kevin Folwell 23lb, Roger Clutton 19-7; Brickyard, Paul Hardman and Mark Smith both 14lb.

● LANES league, Makins: Ben Taylor 18-12, Ron Savage 16-8, Baz Hilton 15-12.

● BISHOPS Bowl open: Steve Hatt 16-5, Jim Murphy 7-7, Kevin Green 6-9. Green and Bob Bassett top pair.

● TOWCESTER, Tove: John Broughton, 5lb (2 chub) Mick Goodridge 0-2-8, rest blanked.

● GLEBE, Ringstead shallows Nene: 3 chub caught. Martin Shaul 4-14, Dave Haddon 3-8, Mark Collier 1-5.

● CASTLE, Canons: Fred Prior 4-14, Stuart Cheetham 2-12, Jeff Rice 2-10.

● WELLINGBOROUGH league 3rd round, canal Foxton/Theadingworth: Mick Moody Browning Gold 3-11, Tom Boyce Jnr Browning Black 3-8, Mick Dudely SAS 3-7. Three Browning sides tied top, with their Red and Black sides joint league leaders way clear of Hobbs Lot.

● OLNEY, Ouse: Graham Clippson 3-4, Alan Carr 0-15-8, Burrell 0-8 – 15 others blanked.

● FLORE & Brockhall, canal teams of 3: Jim Tanser 2-4, Rob Rawlins 0-5, Brian Johnson 0-4-10. Regulars lead by a point, two rounds left.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Dave Chapman 2lb, Gary Muddiman 0-12 – rest blanked.

● Herring brought Mark Moffatt (right) this 17lb Stanwick pike ■



■ POLE BENDER:
Garry Britton with
7-10 Upper Ouse
chub

