

'Commercials' aren't the only places for ton-up match bags...

Some club lakes can do the business, too

CASTLE's Canons Ashby lakes have proved – again – that you don't ALWAYS have to fish 'commercials' to get big weights.

With the continuing warm spell bringing carp well on feed, Sunday's club do saw the top three land almost 400lb between them.

Pete Lafflin had skimmers, as well as carp, to finish a pound short of 150lb with Alf Gillard netting 132-4 and Jeff Rice 102lb.

● But for most of the rest of the match fishing fraternity it was business as usual – heads down over various carp 'puddles'.

● Mobbs Miller fished Decoy lake, Cambs, and Jim Broadbent had a runaway win with 110lb. Jim Archer netted 63-8 and Phil Hamilton 62-12.

● Some carp being too preoccupied with spawning to fancy feeding didn't stop club champ Rich Wills clocking up Daventry AC's first match ton of their season, with 100-8 at Tofts. Ivan Mills came close on 97-4 as Tony Ward netted 90-10.

● Castle Ashby weight-of-the-week was Richard Dunkley's Sunday win on Grendon with 91-8. Geoff Jones had 67-4 and John Kent 39-12.

Three matches in a row on the Brickyard started Monday with Keith Garrett top on 42-4 followed by Stuart Cheetham 42-4 and Chris Garratt 33lb. Wednesday it was Kent's turn on top as he had 84lb ahead of Keith Bishop 52-8 and Roger Tebbutt 49-2.

Saturday saw proprietor Mick Hewlett get a look in as he netted 44lb. Bob Reed had 37lb and Courtney Hewlett 36-8.

● White Hart Flore's Harry Page Barby Banks memorial drew 35 rods and fell to Dave Walker with 88lb. Tom Griffiths caught 78-8 and Vinny Atkinson 66lb. It also raised some £250 for charity.

● And a memorial for Terri Tapp on Tofts was lady's day as Gaynor Mills hand-bagged the rest with 88-11. Mark

Greenaway caught 72lb and Glen Ribbons 56-9. Town's Phil Wintle won a section as did Daventry's in-form Mick Turner.

● Much predated – and maligned – Abington Park lake showed it still has what it takes as Vince Battams (below) won Abington's do with 39-6. Malcolm Bunyard caught 14-2 and Andy Weatherly 13-5.



■ **WHAT a lump!**
Stanwick's 34-15
leathery mirror 'Spike'
with captor Pete Day

● Well over a dozen 20s were landed from Stanwick during the week, headed by 'Hippy Neil's' 31lb Elson's mirror.

● FINEDON, Peatling Parva: Paul Brand 53-8, Bill Underwood 47, James Sherman 37-7.

● KINGSMILL

AC, Flecknoe: Tony Whickham 38-12, Mark Whaddams 36-12, Andy Sibley 27-4.

● NEWPORT Abbey pits open: Paul Abbott 21-1 (tench and bream), Rob Dzialak 14-4.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Mill: Steve Smith 25lb. Rob Rawlins 19-6 – to the disgust of Jim Tanser on 19-4...

● HEYFORD Fishery silverfish do: Dave Gibbins 9-6, John Balhatchett 7-14, Dick Stafford 5lb.

● AVOID it: MK's Willen lake closed to angling Sunday June 23 (dragon boat championship) ■



■ **Life was a walk in the park for Vince Battams winning Abington's sweep with 39-6**