

Does three clear AT league wins in a row mean...

Starlets are the only ones to watch?

STARLETS are ruling Castle Ashby's AT winter league with rods of iron – while the rest squabble over second-place.

Sunday saw the seemingly unbeatable crew score their third clear win in a row, giving them a perfect score of just 3 points at the halfway stage.

Maver MK hold second overall – just – on 8 with Team Guru tight up behind on 9.

The only big surprise of the latest leg was 'Ashby's Youth side (70 must be the new 21 – LoL) powering to second on the day.

Their Bob Reed was top individual with a 17 bream 47lb as Starlets' Denny Ashington had 45-5 and Guru's Mick Wheeler 23-15 in the seven-team 70 peg match.

● Town's grand old big-fish geezer Bob Church showed he still has what it takes while sharing a Grafham boat with Andy Axon...luring a mighty 15-1 zander (pictured right) on mackerel.

● On the same day on the cut just above Weedon Gilders' staffer Dan Todd and pal Paul Bond used soft lures to share nine Zs to 3-12 and 10 perch to 2-3.

● And in yet another world town specialist group co-founder Ron Kyte was wrestling with a 4lb Ouse eel. Many think the species virtually extinct in that river, but not Ron. He's had them to 5-4 while barbel fishing.

● Towcester made the most of Astwell Mill's weed starting to die down. Jim Harris had six tench for 19-8, Wayne Robinson three and some skimmers for 17-4, and Mark Read 8-8.

● Nene secretary Neil Stafford tells me that, catching roach to 12 ounces on single maggot from Bozenham cut, he retrieved to find TWO maggots on his size 20. He said: "It must be a club record, no other idiot could catch his own free offerings..."

● Topping Kingsmill's final points do with 139lb of Pines lake carp, Terry Fowkes

also took the series cup, with Gary Abrahams runner-up. Mark Wadhams was second on the day, 124lb and Steve Johnson had 115lb.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Jeff 'Wiggo' Wiggins 135lb, Dave Griffiths 73lb, Rob Wickham 65lb.

● BISHOPS Bowl open: Derek Cullip 78-12, Gavin Webb 52-10, Eric Lillyman 45-10.

● TOWCESTER VETS, Tofts: Tosh Saunders 63-13, Gerald Greene 58-4, John Balhatchett 56-5.

● CASTLE Ashby: midweek, Scotland pond, Alan West 35-4, Roger Clutton 26-8, Grant Howie 23-10; Saturday, Brickyard, Darren Diver 34-4, Courtney Hewlett 24-14, Frank Pizmenti 23-12.

● OLNEY Ouse open: Neale Shearn 10-8 (roach), Pete Hawley 10-3, Chez Kaciniel 9-1.

● NENE, Weedon canal: Pete Laughton 10-4 (good roach), Dave Gibbins 5lb, Paul Minney 3-4.

● MOBBS Miller, Heyford canal: Danny McMeakin 6-11, Jim Archer 4-13, Jeff Beeby 4-12.

● FLORE and Brockhall, Muscott Mill cut: Gareth Abrahams 4-5, Steve Smith 3-8, Rob Rawlins 3-5.

● Fixtures: Saturdays and Sundays, Bishops Bowl opens

01926 612379; this Sunday, Olney Ouse open 01234 240061 ■



■ TOWN super-vet Bob Church with 15-1 Grafham mega zander



■ ALL coral-pink fins and brassy glow – Adam Short's 11-12 Olney Ouse barbel is a real golden girl stunna!

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