

Winning this year's Drennan trophy proves...

Jamie's a national star - official!

AS today's Chron hits the streets town big-fish ace Jamie Cartwright will be picking up the UK specimen world's ultimate accolade - the Drennan Cup!

He will be at the tackle company's Oxfordshire HQ collecting the pot some would give an arm and a leg for...together with national acclaim AND a healthy £2,000 winner's cheque.

Winning 'The Drennan' is held in such high regard because, run by Angling Times throughout the year, it tends to recognise consistency in big fish catching rather than one-off lucky-break captures.

And the Northants Specimen Group member is nothing if not consistent. An automotive manufacturing industry manager by day, he has a list of red-letter day fish to his credit which could fill a pretty big book - despite still only being in his 30s.

Regular companion on the bank, Carpin Capers' Dougie, said: "He has that certain something which puts him head and shoulders above most.

"Fair play to him: he has a family and a full-time job yet still finds time to be a focussed perfectionist who really thinks his fishing through, targets fish, and does the business. I know - he beats me often enough."

● STANWICK has a new venue record - Trevor Gurney's 45-7 common from Roman Lake. Mallard has produced another string of 20s with Sam Rabino's the best of week at 21-7, while Mark

Mullen led the way on Elsons with a 20.

● GILDER's Dan Todd has been having after-work carp to 17-4 from Nene's Rothersthorpe Road Meadow Lakes.

● THIS year's Meadowlands spring league has gone to Steve Daly - four points clear of Lanes Tackle staffer Wayne Sharman. The final leg saw Jason Lebosquet win on 178-6 with Ben Taylor on 120lb and Daly 105lb.

● TOWN's Browning Gold are leading the Milton Keynes spring canal league, with two rounds to go.

● CASTLE Ashby: Sunday, Grendon, Bob Reed 87-12, Chris Garrett 40-12, Richard Dunkley 36-12; Saturday, Brickyard, Dick Rogers 34lb, Frank Pizamenti 26-12, Dave Bowler 22-4; midweek, Brickyard, Keith Bishop 28-2, Rogers 26-1, Reed 25-12.

● TOWCESTER vets, Flecknoe: Gren Read 75-10, Bob Eales 42-3, George Mynard 22-8.

■ TOP CLASS: town star Jamie Cartwright with (below) cracking 12-8 bream - a fish which helped him scoop this year's Drennan Cup national accolade...and (this picture) an 'accidental' 32lb carp while breaming which added to his points tally



● WHITE Hart Flore, Bishops Bowl: Paul Jackson 66lb, Trevor Griffiths 46lb, Steve Bull 35lb.

● COUNTY vets, Mill Cotton: Nick Antonacci 56-2, Jason Binder 52-8, Geoff Rice 31-4.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Banks: Ron Ayres 44-8, Rob Rawlins 34lb.

Dave Ayres 25-8.

● LITTLE Harrowden, Biggin Lake: Jim Broadbent 33-6, Stan Atter 32-6, Rus Mayhew 27-10.

● FINEDON, Browns Farm: Gary Scott 21-9, Barry Lawrence 20-3, Dave Roberts 14-14.

● TOWCESTER, Bairstows: John Broughton 16-12, Brian Beard 15lb, Barry Eales 11-8 ■

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