Is he THE very best feeder angler on the planet? Town's...

Steve wins double world gold!

T HAD to happen some time, and it has: but local ace Steve Ringer hasn't JUST won ONE world gold...he's come home with TWO!

A perfect two-point score – two section wins in two days – earned him individual gold in the weekend's world feeder-fishing championship on Ireland's vast Lough Inniscarra. works match, Saturday. Max Romane won with 112lb with his father, Mark on 80-4 and Gerry Wilmott 73-12. Another club amassed best part of a tonne there next day, with eight 'ton-up' weights.

• WHITE Hart Flore went baggin at Barby Banks with Tom Griffiths on 108-8, Mick Wheeler 95-4 and Mark Tottingham 73lb.

And that performance underlines what some have long thought: put to the test he is one of the best, if not THE very best, feeder anglers on the world stage today.

It also helped the five man England crew (including Steve's bro, Phil. with Ringer patriarch Geoff 'running' the banks behind them) scoop team gold on 26 points... an absolute runaway win 36 points clear of Ireland - who were runners-up with 62 points in a 25 team field.

Pegged on a 1.5 million-Euro custom-built (in anticipation of the hordes of tourist anglers expected to follow) fishing bank, Steve topped 11 kilos of bream both days.



Phil was unlucky, finding himself on a 'no bream' Lower Dripsey, County Cork, section on day two...but STILL landed over 180 roach for better than 13 kilo (on feeder tackle!) to do his bit towards his England team gold.

What is the pair's ambition now? On the 350 mile drive back, Monday morning, they answered in unison: "Get home...crash out..."

• DAVENTRY's Tofts charity bash raised over £500 for Macmillan Nurses and saw Gaynor Mills out front with 211-10. Josh Palmer netted 194-2 and Lee Taylor 175-4 – with 19 others topping 100lb! Thanks to all the helpers and sponsors.

• CROCKETT & Jones hit Lakeside near Towcester for a

• BUCKO charity open, The Riddings: Fred Bishpam 85-7, Rob Camdon 74-8, John Holmes (national disabled angling champ) 51-5.

• FLORE & Brockhall, Flecknoe: Jim Tanser 63lb, Dave Ayres 49lb, Paul Humphries 40lb.

• NENE/Towcester, Bishops Bowl: Darren Pannell 53-4, John Balhatchett 40lb, Simon Cordingley 38-4.

• NEWPORT, Sherington bridge Ouse: Paul Abbott (with an otter in his swim for part of the match) 14-6 of silvers, Mick Burrell 11-15, Myles Phillips 9-2.

• OLNEY, Ouse: Pete Hawley (4th club win in a row) 5-11, Dave Walsh 3-6, Graham Prince 3lb.

• FIXTURE: August 3 is closing date for entries to teams of 8 County Cup (on 'commercials') on September 28

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