

As 'Ashby winter league lead switches back and forth, it is...

Set to go all the way to the wire!

WITH one round to go Castle Ashby's winter league title is there for the taking by any one of three teams!

And with the lead see-sawing back and fourth week by week, it has become a real nail-biting bodice-ripper of a matchfishing epic.

Maver MK have taken the series lead by a single league point as previous top-dogs Guru crashed and burned into bottom-but-one spot on the day, Sunday – putting them a point behind MK overall – with the old geezers of 'Ashby Youth' now third overall and only two points adrift of Guru.

But RAF were also doing victory rolls as they won on the day, five points clear of MK and seven up on Black Horse – and their Steve Reid made top individual with 57-12. MK's Rolly McEneaney had 53-10 and Guru's Nigel Fawkes 52-6.

At the other end...'Ashby's 'A Team' finished last on the day and are last overall.

● HIS favourite 'stinky cheese' paste helped Rob Buckner lure the 5-2 chub (pictured) from the Wolverton Ouse.

● GILDERS Pete Dixon had a great day on Nene's Turvey Ouse, bagging better than 20lb of stickfloat roach to 12 ounces. Some customers in the shop have reported good catches from the Nene at Beckett's Park.

● IT may be past its summer peak, but Stanwick is still producing a steady flow of 20s. This week saw Ben Possinger bank a 22 with Ryan Leeder getting a 21 and Gaz Keating a 20-4.

● MEADOWLANDS individual

league: Glenn Maxwell 79-6 (he now leads by a point), Kev Perry 70lb, Wayne Colloff 66-4.



■ HIS favourite 'stinky cheese' brought Rob Buckner this 5-2 Wolverton Ouse chub

● OSPREY, Lakeside: Ian Millin 69lb, Charlie Lawrence 54lb, Ricky Green 59lb.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Waterloo: John Berry 42-6, Dave Chapman 39-6, Gary Muddiman 30-10.

● NENE points, Yardley Gobion cut: John Balhatchett 13-6 (next to the marina), Matt Webb 8-10, Pete Laughton 6lb.

● TOWCESTER vets, Stoke Bruerne long pound: Gerald Greene 9-13, roach to a pound, Terry Robinson 2-15, Tosh Saunders 1-3.

● FLORE & Brockhall silverfish match, Barby Banks: Rob Rawlins (back in from the cold) 7-11, Jim Tanser 7-9-12, Paul Humphries 7-6.

● ABINGTON, Heyford cut: Rus Coleman 2-4 (and £50 for being on the golden peg), Dave Huth and Andy Weatherley both 0-10. Oh dear...

● OLNEY, Ouse predator match: Charlie Maynard (aged 16) 9-14, Robbie Mynard 5-12, Kevin Lake 4-3 ■



■ Taking a day off from the match scene Maver MK's Ian Smith had 41lb of Willowbrook Lake bream – pic by Chris Morehen

Obituary: Peter Stewart – long time angler and former secretary of Plessey Towcester AC – has passed away aged 81. Pete was also a life-long stalwart of the Old Towcestrians and, latterly, big into both bowls and bee-keeping.

His funeral is tomorrow (Friday), 4.15pm at the Oak Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium, Milton Keynes, and his family say all who knew him are welcome to attend ■