

As Drayton hits top, string-pulling form...

# One man lands almost 3,000 lb!

**D**RAYTON Reservoir really hit blistering, string-pulling form this week – with ONE man landing way over a ton of carp in 48 hours!

That man, Matt Hostick, had fish to 22lb in his 2,845-12 catch...while Kierren Ironmonger had nine 20s among a 48-hour haul of generally smaller fish.

A third angler, name so far unknown, spent 24 hours on 'the boards' to land 51 carp – 10 of them 20s to 24lb.

● BARBY Banks' carp were well on for Andy Pell's charity open – with top spot a tight call between Damian Green, 64lb and Mark 'Totts' Tottingham, 63lb, both on meat. Trevor Griffiths had 56-2 with Andy on 53-7.

Between them, the 50 strong field made the Marie Curie charity the REAL winner on the day by raising £3,198.40 towards its works.

● A STROLL in the park, that was Sunday's Ferry Meadows open for town

hot-rod Phil Ringer as he won with 121lb of bream – more than double the second-placed weight.

And he did it in style, using open-ended feeder to catch 23 slabs to 9lb!

Matchmen catching bream to almost double figures? That IS a result...considering more than a few specialist anglers are still looking to bag their first fish in that league.

● A LOT of behind the scenes work went into Sunday's Angling Trust canal pairs heat, with some organisers 'clocking on' at 5am!

But their efforts paid off as the event pulled in 80 rods to the cut between Stoke and Yardley where Ben Garbett won with 13-11 of skimmers and bream, followed by Tony Hulme 8-6 and Tony Marshall 6-13. Mark Miners and Steve Brooks tied on 6-3.

Garbett, Hulme, Miners, Martin Culver, Alan Robinson,

Pete Laughton, Andy Webster, Ian Ingley, Steve Clark and Barry Oliver all won through to the final.

A simultaneous junior event was sponsored with £250 worth of prizes by the Canal River Trust, with national fisheries manager John Ellis doing the presentation. Carpin Capers' Dougie was among the coaches.



■ CHARITY was the real winner – by more than £3,000 – when 50 anglers fished Andy Pell's match. Pictured, top weights Trevor Griffiths, Damien Green and Mark 'Totts'

● STANWICK is still churning out 20s, with this week's biggest fish a 37 common to Adrian Priest on Roman.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Trevor Griffiths 70lb, John Berry 65lb, Rupert Wickham 57lb.

● CASTLE Ashby opens: Wednesday, Brickyard, Frank Pizamenti 47-14, Andrew Bazley 36-2, Pete Gibson 29-12; Sunday, Grendon, Pete Lovell 56-14, Gary Millward 46lb, Geoff Jones 28lb.

● MOBBS Miller, Cranford: Chris Jones 42lb, Stan Atter 35lb, Phil Hamilton 30lb.

● TOWCESTER, Silverlake: Phil Steel 32-8, Dave Martin 25lb, Graham Martin 15lb.

● CASTLE, Crescent Lake silverfish: Geoff Lewis 8-13, John Lewis 8-2, Fred Prior 5-3

● FLORE & Brockhall, Boddington: (all silvers) Fred Johnson 6-12, Brian Johnson 4-10, Gerald Cash 4-1 ■

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