

## Black Horse still galloping away with 'Ashby league, with...

# 'Mail coming up fast on the rail!

### TWO rounds down in the 'Ashby winter league and Black Horse are romping clear - like a thoroughbred among milk-float nags!

Notching two straight wins they lead the series with a perfect two-point score. But, with four legs still to go, it only needs one 'water jump' stumble...and chasing Royal Mail Northampton, four points from two runners-up spots, could yet take the lead.

'Mail's Mick Wheeler set the pace, Sunday, with top individual weight of 53lb (Scotland Pond) alternating method and soft-pellet waggler - just four ounces clear of RAF's Steve Reid on the same lake. Mailman Nick Cowap had 49lb (on Brickyard) with RAF's Mike Diziley on 48lb (Scotland).

Top teams on the day (and in the table to date): 'Horse 56 points, 'Mail 42, RAF 40.

- AN impromptu 'ladies' day' at Stanwick saw Lyn Worster with carp of 19lb and 18-8 from Mallard as Karren Holder had a 14 and Kellie Margrison two low-doubles.
- OPENING week of Bishops Bowl's pike season saw plenty of doubles with Gary Cheeseman getting a 14-10 and Towcester's David Jones three doubles to 14lb.
- NEWPORT Pagnell's Sherington Bridge

Ouse open saw Kevin Osborne opt for a size 20 on 1.5lb BS in clear-water conditions - and land 15-12 of perch to almost 3lb on the cobweb-style gear. Myles Phillips stick-floated 12lb of dace, followed by Mark Haynes on 10-1.



■ 'ASHBY winter league winner - Royal Mail's Mick Wheeler

● DAVENTRY, Tofts: Paul Knapman 74-1, Kevin Ross 70-2, Martin Paynter 69-6.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Gary Muddiman 62lb, Mick Howkins 57lb, Dave Griffiths 54lb.

● GLEBE, Peatling Parva: Dave Haddon 49lb, Marcus Annabelle 31-8, Martin Shaul 23-4.

● FINEDON, Peatling Parva: Roger Brain 44lb (barbel and two ide), Alan Eade 37lb, Gary Scott 36-8.

● BISHOPS Bowl vets: Dave Gibbs 42-10 of skimmers and small carp, Chris Harrison 34-12, Andy Poole 21-13.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Flecknoe: Bert Isle 31lb, Ray Ayres 26lb, Steve Smith 20lb.

● TOWCESTER Vets, Waterloo: Chris Howard 26-4, John Balhatchett

17-8, Gerald Greene 15lb.

● OLNEY predator match, Ouse: Ron Bull 25-15 (five pike), Kevin Lake 9-13, Barry Testro 8-13.

● COUNTY Vets, Canons top: John Lewis 18-12, Alan West 16lb, Bob Spencer 12-4.

● MOBBS Miller, Willow Creek Nene backwater: Jim Broadbent 13-14 hempseed roach, Stan Atter 8lb, Stuart Cheetham 7-9.

● CASTLE silverfish league opener, Canons bottom: Aide Stokes 11-4, Paul Lafflin 10-12, Nick Antonacci 10-4.

● TOWCESTER, Grafton cut: Chris Howard 6-5 from the 'over-shot', Tony Hirst 3-5, Les Goodridge 2-8.

● HEADING for Astwell Mill, Towcester's tench and rudd water? Access from the Wappenham-Helmdon road is to close for four weeks starting November 8, but you can still get there from the Syresham road ■



■ PIKER Gary Cheeseman with 14-10 Bishops Bowl snapper