

Castle Ashby league is now oh so tight at the top as ...

# Just two points span four teams

**TIGHTER than a chancellor dishing out tax credits – that's Castle Ashby's winter league with just two points spanning all top FOUR teams!**

Finding their form at last Maver MK romped home eight points clear of Black Horse, with Royal Mail Northampton and RAF neck and neck four points further back.

And – with two rounds to go – that leaves 'Mail and 'Horse tying for the league-lead on 10 points, with RAF on 11 and MK on 12.

MK's Richard Lattimer set the pace from the off, netting a mixed bag 48-2 on Scotland Pond. RAF's Steve Reid made second, 44lb from the Brickyard, followed by 'Ashby Youth's Dick Rogers on 42-11 from Grendon.

● A QUIET Ouse perch session exploded into sensational action for Mark Jones when his trotted worm was taken by an 8-1 chub – the second largest recorded from the upper river (there was an 8-2 five years back) in modern times.

Using a size 16 on 3lb line, it needed all his skill to keep it out of a major snag only a few yards downstream of his peg on an MKAA stretch in the Stony Stratford-Wolverton area.

Beating his PB by more than 2lb, he said: "It was a real blink-and-rub-your eyes moment, and I did that three times when it came into my net because I couldn't believe what I was seeing."

● CLUB epitaph: Mobbs Miller held its last match before disbanding, Sunday, after 40 years in existence and 20 years after the factory it was based-on had shut down.

Many of its 25 members are now well into their 70s, and Jim Broadbent won their final outing, on an arm of the Nene at Oundle, with 11-8 of roach. Steve Cheetham had 10-8 and Jeff Beeby 8lb.

● WHITE Hart Flore's Tom Griffiths has waited years to break the 'ton' in a winter club match, and finally did it at Barby Banks with 101-6. Dave Griffiths had 35-9 and Dave Chapman 29-3.

● MEADOWLANDS League: Lee Davis 91-8, Wayne Sharman (league leader) 89-12, Ray Durrant 69-12.

● GLEBE, Peatling Parva: Dave Haddon 75-4, Jack Shaul 70lb, Martin Shaul 63-8.

● DAVENTRY, Bishops Bowl: Kevin Ross 57-8, Pete Palmer 25-8, Mick Turner 22-4.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Marshes: Kerry Booth 31lb, Bob Prowse 25lb, Bert Isle 17-7.

● CASTLE silverfish league, Canons: Geoff Rice 21-8, Paul Lafflin 11-9, John Lewis 11-8.

● COUNTY Vets, Canons: Ron Coles 20-8, Lafflin 17lb, Alan West 15lb.

● NENE-Towcester, Long Pound cut, Stoke: Paul Minney 18-10 (two 4lb chub plus skimmers), Dave Gibbins 16-12, Les Goodridge 9-12.

● NEWPORT-MKAA, Sherington Bridge Ouse: Bob Gale 14-5, Mick Stanley 13-13, Steve Wright 13-12.

● TOWCESTER Vets, Navvi canal: John Balhatchett 8-14, Les Goodridge 7lb, Tosh Saunders 5-10 ■



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