

## Castle Ashby's Angling Trust winter league is...

# Set to go right down to the wire

**JUST** when it looked as though 'Ashby's winter league couldn't get any tighter...it did – and just ONE point now separates the top three teams!

And two of those – Black Horse and the RAF's flyboys – are neck and neck with just one round to go.

Still very much in with a shout, Royal Mail are just one point adrift of the leaders...but previous contenders Milton Keynes look to have run out of steam and are now four points adrift.

All the top weights in Sunday's frost-bitten round came from Scotland Pond with 'Mail's Steve Bull leading the way on 45-2 followed by 'Horse man Lee Newson 30-12 and 'Ashby Youth's Pete Lovell 23-12.

RAF tied with 'Horse on 41 points but took top spot on a count-back as 'Mail notched 40 and 'Keynes 38.

League: Black Horse and Garbolino RAF, both 12 points, Northampton Royal Mail 13, Maver MK 16, Castle Ashby Youth 27, Browning 29, 'Ashby A Team 31.

● A GILDER's staff-outing dropshotting on Pitsford saw Dan Todd boat his PB perch, a beautiful 2-13 on a Drennan 'wriggly worm'. The others couldn't get past the pesky trout.

● PREDICTABLY weekend frosts switched off Drayton's carp – but they were coming back on mid-Monday morning as two lads bagged four from the point in less than 15 minutes.

● JUNIOR Corby anglers have been voted runners-up in the county sports awards community club of the year category, second only to Far Cotton's junior boxers.

● A 4lb ZANDER from the canal at Wolverton has underlined the predatory alien species' southwards spread. Worried about the havoc they are wreaking on silverfish?

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● MEADOWLANDS individual league round fourth leg: Wayne Sharman (overall leader)

56-4, Dave Pritchard 47-12, Tony Rodgers 38lb.

● 'ASHBY opens: Wed, Scotland, Andy Bazley 53lb, Dan Webb 25-4, Mick Hewlett 17-4; Sat, Brickyard, Courtney Hewlett 31-2, Chris Garrett 27-4, M Hewlett 24-8.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Canons top: Brian Beard 40-7, John Berry 33-12, Steve Johnson 27-6.



■ WHAT a beaut! Dan Todd with 2-13 PB 'dropshot' Pitsford stripey

● KINGS Arms, Browns Farm: Dave Roberts 33-12, Tony Kirk 29-6, Dave Harvey 22-5.

● OLNEY, Tuesday Ouse open: Lee Jones 19-15 including three tench to 4-8, Dave Tebbutt 7-2, Ian Halliwell 3-6.

● MK Vets', Stony Ouse, Tony Richardson 15-10 (perch) Colin Chart 9-6, Ernie Sattler 6-6.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Dog Lane: Jim 'laughing boy' Tanser 7lb, Bert Isle 5-8, Rob 'legend in his own lunch break' Rawlins 4-4.

● COTTON Club, Bluebell Creek: Dave Haddon 5-7, Marcus Annabelle 4-15, Roy Hickey 4-8.

● TOWCESTER-Nene, Yardley cut: Bas Eaton 4-12, Andy Webster 4-0-12, Chris Howard 2-10-8 ■

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