

So now forget the Olympics – because with...

Three golds it's 'Go Phil Go!'

NEVER mind Mo Farah and Team GB – super-rod Phil Wintle has just bagged HIS third national championship gold!

Fishing Saturday's Division 1 on a rock-hard gale-lashed tidal Trent, the Northampton electrical contracting boss added a section-winner's gong to his collection.

With two national championship individual outright winner's golds already under his belt – Division 3 with Towcester back in 1988 and Division 1 with Milton Keynes two years ago – he is now probably the most 'decorated' man on the modern 'national' scene

And his performance, achieving the angling equivalent of lightning striking three times in one place, helped MK stay in the top flight – while arch-rivals Garbolino Black Horse ended up 46th (third from bottom)...and took the relegation plunge to next year's Division 2!

Saturday's conditions were so rough that some were using SEVEN ounce feeders to hold bottom...

Drawn in F section at South Clifton, Phil said: "I had two fish – a small perch and a 2lb bream (for a total 1.290 kilo) – but only saw one bite. It was such a struggle that six blokes blanked to my right and two to my left."

● FISHING Willowbrook Dave Buckland had a 20-8 mirror and three big doubles, while Stanwick produced half-a-dozen 20's headed by Bradley Wegner's 26-12 from Elsons as Jamie Flowers had a PB 25-10 on Mallard.

● OLNEY's river is 'Ousing' biggies for Phil Lee. Six weeks back he had a 7-1 chub from the weirpool – and now he's bagged an 11-12 barbel from it!

● MILL Lane, Meadowlands: Andy Sibbly 128-14, Alan Aird 94-8, Kevin Low 92-15.

● CASTLE, Canons: Nick Antonacci 121-12, Bob Spencer 88-8, Paul Lafflin 68-8.

● FINEDON, Lawn Farm: Bill Boyce 113-6, Dave Richardson 76lb, Alan Eade 66-4.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Bishops Bowl: Mick Wheeler 99lb, Gary Muddiman 86lb, Trevor Griffiths 82lb.

● CRANFORD, open: Tony Claydon 80-5, Paul Wright 66-7, Clive Turner 39-3.

● SPORTS & Social, Shearsby: Lee Cox 79lb, Stan Atter 57-8, Stuart Cheetham 50-2.

● TOWCESTER Vets, Dog Lane: John Balhatchett 66-12, Bob Eales 59lb, Gren Read 58-12.

● CASTLE Ashby Brickyard: Wed., Frank Pizamenti 55-12, Courtney Hewlett 32-8, Mick Wadham 32lb; Sat., Keith Garrett 60-12, Pizamenti 56-8, Chris Garrett 43-14.

● GLEBE, Shearsby: Marcus Annable 52-1, Dave Haddon 44-14, Dave Jones 44-5.

● NENE, Bishops Bowl: Kevin Elliot 33-4, Chris Howard 32lb, Les Ramsden 22-6.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Banks: Steve Smith 24lb, Terry Smith 23lb, Ken Cadd 20lb.

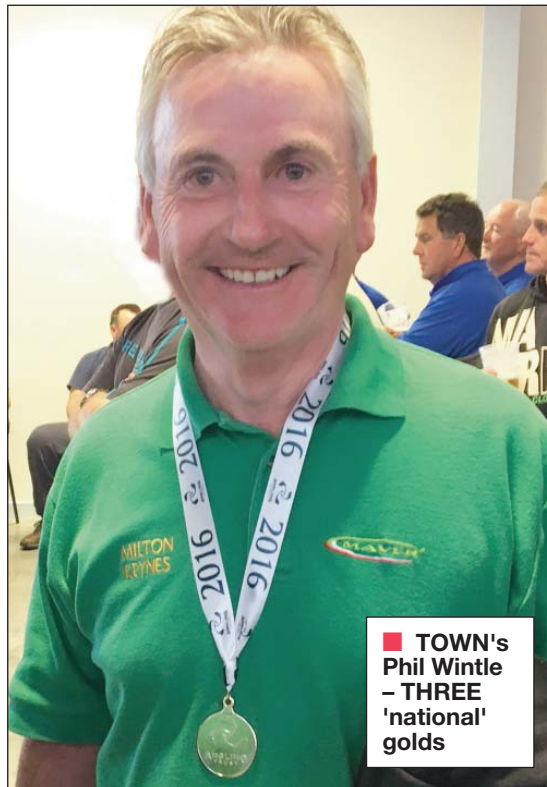
● FIXTURES: Furzton Fest; Sat, 'float only'; Mon, bank holiday open; Sept 23-25 carp open – all on 01908 313158.

● Sept 4, Bedford Hospital Cup Ouse open, 0123 741942;

● Sep 18, Olney's Citizen Cup (Ouse) –

up to £1,000 in prizes and only 60 tickets so when they're gone they're gone! Call 01234 240061.

● Sept 25, Northants County Cup Foxton Locks cut, teams-of-eight, entries by Aug 31 on 07711 086436 ■



■ TOWN's Phil Wintle – THREE 'national' golds



■ DAVE Buckland with Willowbrook 20

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