

County Cup brings twelve teams of eight together in...

# Local cut match of the year!

**P**ROBABLY the biggest local canal match of the year by a good stretch – that was Sunday's Northants County Cup which pulled in 96 entrants!

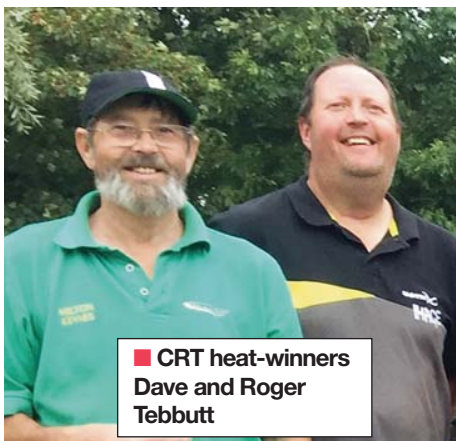
Perhaps predictably, it was the sponsored matchgroups which took all top four team spots with Black Horse winning by a length and Browning squads bagging the next three places.

*But Towcester proved themselves a bunch of stars as they made fifth overall – and 'best of the rest' among the good-old-boys non-sponsored club sides!*

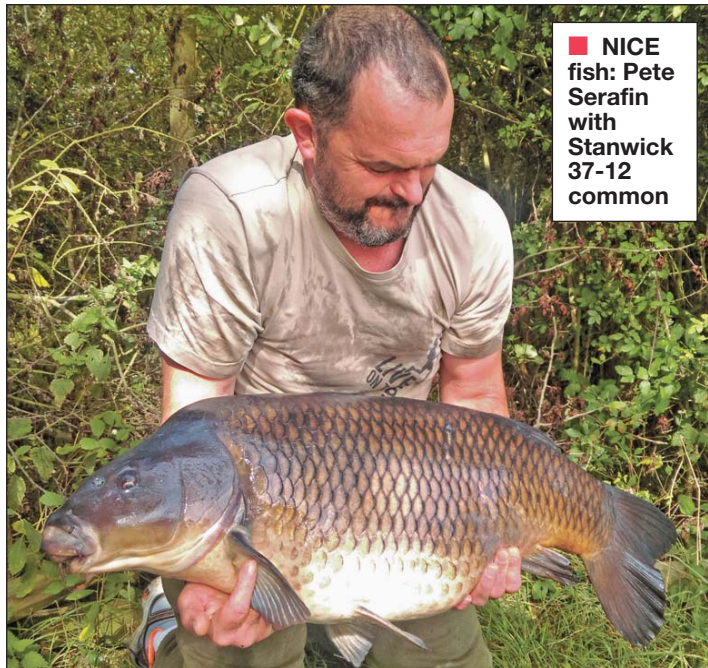
Fished from Foxton through to Husbands Bosworth tunnel, and following three cold nights on the bounce, the match saw a dozen teams of eight in a small-fish race with roach – and even a few gudgeon – featuring.

Browning Red's Norman Bradshaw came off best with 8-6 as Roy Woodward (Browning Black) had 8-4, Black Horse's Dave Smith 7lb, 'Horse's Gordon West 6-8 and Browning Central's Matt Hodgetts 6-6.

Teams: 'Horse 86 points, Browning Central 75, 'Red 72, Black 70, Towcester 51, Wellingborough A 48, Sensas Bennetts 45, Nene 42, Irthlingborough 39, Old Kings Head 38, Wellingborough B and White Hart Flore both on 30.



■ CRT heat-winners Dave and Roger Tebbutt



■ NICE fish: Pete Serafin with Stanwick 37-12 common

● STANWICK produced two 30s this week, both from Elsons, with Pete Serafin getting a 37-12 and Dick Deville a 34-

8. Brad Wegner had a 25 on Mallard.

At Drayton Jamie Reynolds had 30 fish, including a brace of 20s, in a session while Rob Simms had 25 to 17lb and Richard Tunes 17 to 20lb.

● NEWPORT father-and-son Roger and Dave Tebbutt used their local knowledge to scoop top spot in Saturday's MK heat of the CRT-AT national canal pairs league. Dave was also third individual, in what became an out-and-out small fish fest, with 7-4.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Tofts: midweek, Tofts: Tom Griffiths 214lb, John Tee 162-5, Jeff Wiggins 106-2; Sunday, Mick Wheeler 136lb, Trevor Griffiths 126lb, John Berry 112lb.

● SPORTS & Social, Decoy: Jeff Rice 180lb, Ken Taylor 142-2, Darren Childs 127-6.

● GLEBE, Peatling Parva: Dave Haddon 115-4, Marcus Annable 74-10, Glenn Kirkton 67-13.

● MILL Lane, Meadowlands: Mark Wadhams 65-11, Steve Johnson 49-15, Gary Abrahams 31-11.

● CASTLE Ashby: Wed., Bob Reed 36-4, Frank Pizamenti 31-8, Pete Gibson 30lb; Sat., Pizamenti 49-8, Chris Garrett 47-4, Courtney Hewlett 47lb; Sun., Reed 52-10, Mick Whaddham 34-8, Chris Camplin 32-10.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Banks: Steve Smith 45lb, Jim Tanser 42lb, Terry Smith 20lb.

● ABINGTON, park lake: Vince Battams (now points champ) 20lb, Andy Weatherley 8-4, Dave Panter 4-7.

● NEWPORT Ouse open: Steve Davies 16-10 (silvers), Kevin Osborne 14-9 (inc a baby barbel) Steve Wright 11-12. The 13 who weighed totalled 117lb!

● TOWCESTER Vets' Wakefield Lake charity match raised £100 for the air ambulance: Gerald Greene 6lb, Les Goodridge 4-14, George Mynards 3-9.

● FIXTURES: Tues Oct 11, Olney Ouse open, 01234 240061; Oct 16, Towcester open, Castlethorpe cut, 01908 56563617 (evenings) ■