

Nene trample sponsored hot-shots to prove they are...

The County Cup boss squad!

SHOUT it out loud! Northampton Nene are County Cup champs – tearing-up the form-book on their way to the top!

Black Horse, Browning and Sensas squads were among big names left in the dust by the un-sponsored club side.

The Leicester Arm had lived up to expectations that it would be rock-hard, due in part to at least 30 boats stirring up billowing clouds of silt in the shallow waters of the 80 peg match.

Despite all that Browning Central's Chris Dyde came out on top with 4-15, a mega weight on the day. 'Horse's Graham West had 4-2 ahead of Les Wallace (Irthlingborough) 3-4, Nene's Wayne Nixon 2-15, Wellingborough's Ivor Stokes 2-8 and Bas Eaton (Nene) 2-4-8.

And, without a man in the top three, Nene emerged champions on 59 points while, having been put firmly back in their box, 'Horse were best of the rest with 57.

Others: Irthlingborough 54, Browning Red 47, Sensas Bennetts 43, Browning Black 40, Browning Central, Towcester and Wellingborough all tied on 39, Old Kings Head 17.

● STEVE Ringer added another four-grand to his year's winnings with runner's-up spot in weekend's two-day Feedermasters final on Kent's Bough Beech – netting 60lb of bream. Amazing the difference a couple of fish can

make, as winner Darren Cox got £12,000 for his 67lb.

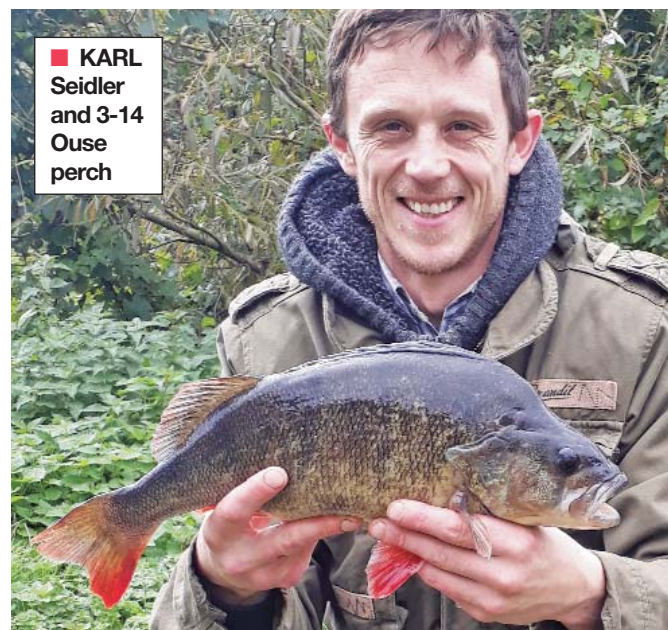
● SILVERFISH speed-machine Kevin Folwell has been working out his Castle Ashby summer matches tally, and the man who specialises in catching small fish fast is nothing if not impressive.

Up against those predominantly going for brownfish and slabs, he's netted: 15 placings (including seven wins) from 20 outings with weights to 42lb – only getting less than 20lb on five occasions.

● COULD be a good perch winter ahead on the local Ouse...Karl Seidler kicked off with a 3-14,



■ SILVERFISH speed-machine Kevin Folwell with another 'Ashby catch



■ KARL Seidler and 3-14 Ouse perch

back of Bradwell, Friday.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Tofts: Graham Cheney 190-8, Dave Chapman 173lb, Dave Cleaver 125lb. Club oldies midweek, Flecknoe: Trevor Griffiths 98-8, Jeff Wiggins 93lb, Ron Collins 88-3.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Dog Lane: Bob Prowse 81lb, Dave Westley 49lb, Tony Ward 39lb (Rob Rawlins stuck to bream and ended up nowhere with 28lb).

● MILL Lane, Meadowlands: Ken Jones 23-12, Alan Byrnes 17-10, Ron Walker 16lb.

● NEWPORT Ouse open, Sherington Bridge: Dave Tebbut 14-9, Pete Hawley 9lb, Paul Hamilton 7-6.

● AT least four mid-20s were caught at Stanwick this week as Ben Ward, Nathan Bartnick, Chris Pike and 'Woodie' all had 24lb+ fish. Elsewhere Towcester's Keith Cross had a PB 26-4 Bradwell Lake common.

● **FIXTURES: Oct 8, adult/junior pairs charity match, Mill Cotton TEXT 07840 005276; Oct 15 Towcester open Castlethorpe canal 01908 563617.**