

First class performance as Royal Mail...

Put their stamp on league!

ABOUT as erratic as first-class delivery - that's Royal Mail in the Castle Ashby AT winter league!

Up and down like yo-yos they were joint winners of the first round, last in the second...and clear winners this week.

All that, combined with league-leaders Black Horse making an uncharacteristic stumble to fourth on the day, means 'Mail are back in third place overall and just five points short of top spot - while RAF have quietly slipped through into second place.

Life can get oh so complicated in league fishing!

'Ashby A Team's Lloyd Haynes had top weight on a low-scoring day with 30lb from the Brickyard as Browning's Joe Lewis had 26-9 from Grendon and 'Mail's Mark Tottingham 22lb from the 'Yard.

League: 'Horse 6 points, RAF 10, 'Mail 11, Milton Keynes (second on day) 12, Oakwood 14, 'Ashby 'Youth' 16, Browning 18, 'Ashby A Team 21.

● **TWO casts with a two-inch dropshotted lure brought Pete Dixon (right) bristling perch of 2-12 and 3lb in successive chucks at the close of a long, long day afloat, Sunday.**

He and fellow Gilders' man Dan Todd had spent the rest of their time trying to keep their breakfasts down as their boat rocked and rolled on Grafham's wild and gale-lashed 1,500 acres - with only the odd trout on spinner to show for it.

● ON another gale-lashed expanse (Lough Inniscarra) Steve Ringer has been in Ireland all-week defending his world champion's tag - won in last year's inaugural event - in the five-day 'world feederfest championship'. He made a flying start by winning Sunday's practice with 17lb of silvers.

● STANWICKS best of week were a 27-5 mirror to Nathan

Bartnick and a 27 common to Lewis Beaumont. Drayton recently produced a new 35lb venue record to Ollie Booker.

● FLORE & Brockhall's last carp match of their season (Dog Lane) fell to Bob Prowse 95lb, way ahead of Bert Isle 22lb and Terry Smith 21lb.

● WHITE Hart Flore old boys, midweek, Tofts: Trevor Griffiths (on his birthday) 192-11, Ron Collins 158-12, Tom Griffiths 123-13; WHF, Barby Banks, Terry Adams 55-8, Vinny Atkinson and Dave Chapman both 48lb.



■ **A LIFE on the ocean wave: Pete Dixon with 3lb Grafham perch.**
Photo Dan Todd

● COUNTY Vets, Canons: Paul Lafflin 18-2, Ian Halliwell 14-8, Dave Cantrell 11-9.

● NEWPORT Ouse open, Sherington Bridge: Steve Chilton 14-6 of silvers, Alan Carr and Kevin Osborne both 7-4.

● CASTLE winter league third round, Canons: Dave Cantrell 12-11, Paul Brand (current leader) 9-7, Paul Brand 9-7, Colin Bradbury 8-1.

● NENE/Towcester, Ouse, Stony Main, mostly perch: Les Wallace 9-7, Les Ramsden 7-12, Bas Eaton 7-4.

● **FIXTURES: Sat Nov 11, Olney Ouse RBL charity match, 01234 240061**

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