

'Horse romp home while Milton Keynes squeak through as...

One point changes everything!

RIGHT to the wire! That was Castle Ashby's winter league battle to see who would join Black Horse in next year's national final.

There had been little doubt, right from the off, that 'Horse would win...with everything else all about who would get the second qualifier's place in the Angling Trust final.

And that turned out to be Maver MK who, following a stop-go start, worked their way through until, despite lacking a man in the top-five in Sunday's last leg, won on the day to clinch league runners-up spot.

At one stage four teams had been vying for silver. But two fell away leaving MK and Royal Mail, with the posties third on the last day – finishing third overall as lack of a single series point left them a world away from the February final.



■ **SOME** class roach in that net! Abington winner Andy Weatherley

Sunday's top rods were 'Mail's Mark Moody 55-6, 'Horse's Andy Donnelly 31-4, Browning's Barry Smith 18-15 and Oakwood's Tony Cassidy 15-5.

Final league: 'Horse 10, MK 19, 'Mail 20, Oakley 27, RAF 28, Browning 35, Ashby Youth 36, 'Ashby A Team 41.

● 'TOWN stars Steve and Phil Ringer are in England's feeder squad for next year AND the year after, the Angling Trust announced on Tuesday evening.

● **BIG** changes are

being made at Lakeside, where a £15,000 fence was installed following an otter-raid earlier in the year. Though there were still plenty of brownfish, the owners added extra carp back then. Now they've netted out loads of small silverfish and intend adding another raft of carp today.



■ **OVER** the moon – 'Ashby last leg stars Maver MK

● MEADOWLANDS league final: Steve Daly 82-14, Tony Wise 50-8, Peter Caton 45-12. League: Wayne Sharman 8 points, Glen Maxwell 12.

● WHITE Hart oldies, Dog Lane: Glen Tilson 71-2, Eddie Kelly 44-3, Terry Perrin 37.

● SPLINTERS, Canons: Trevor Griffiths 20-7, Gary Muddiman 16-8, Dave Walker 14-11.

● ABINGTON, park lake: Andy Weatherley 16-4 (class roach), Paul Scrivener 5-3, Rus Coleman 0-3. Vince Battams won the winter league despite blanking, Sunday.

● WELLINGBOROUGH, Ringstead Nene: Bill Underwood 15-10 (seed roach), Roger Johnson 13-13, Ivor Stokes 10-1.

● FINEDON, Shearsby: Dave Roberts 15-5, Roger Brain 8-6, Mark Clemmett 6-11.

● COUNTY Vets, Canons: John Lewis 10-5, Paul Lafflin 5-6, Bob Spencer 5-5.

● NENE/Towcester, canal, Blisworth tunnel: Keith Nightingale 5-13, Graham Martin 4-13, Paul Minney 4lb.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Hill View, silverfish: Fred Johnson 1-4, Rob Rawlins 0-12, Gerald Cash 0-8...

● PIKER Sam Green had 15 pike to 18-2 on Stanwick.

● **FIXTURES:** Tomorrow, Olney Ouse Xmas match 01234 240061; Sunday, Castle Christmas match, Canons, 07787 146411 ■

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