

With yet another sell-out, latest match in Boddington pairs...

Series helps end year on a high

IT may have been awful weather, and post-Christmas hang-overs doubtless clouded a few horizons...but the latest Ringer Pairs was still a sell-out – again – with at least six wannabes turned away.

And despite the odds being against them on a cold and dour-looking Boddington, Saturday, most people caught with a few reaching the 60lb mark.

Father and son duo Graham and Jason Morris took top spot with three points – a first and second in section, shading out Phil and Steve Ringer who had four with a first and third.

Richie Edwards and Snowy Ashington totalled five and Nigel Franklin

and Kevin Wright six. Top weights, 63lb and 62lb, fell to Neville Bailey and Lee Jepson, but lack of back-up from their partners on the day kept both out of the money.

The next round, a week on Sunday, is already fully-booked.

● **A PREDATOR trip to Rutland Reservoir left Tristan Williams flying high after boating a new PB 25-9 pike on his first crack at vertical jigging while, in a totally different environment, young Sam Hipkin had a bristling 3-2 perch from the tiny River Ouzel.**

● HALF-a-hundredweight (56lb) of skimmers from eight ounces to two-and-a-half-pounds helped Adam Waklin to joint top-spot in Monday's Meadowlands open as he and Steve Daly both netted 78-10. Steve Jackson had 66lb. The previous day's pairs do went to Wayne Sharman and Carl Mullen who tied with Alan Walton and Dave Pritchard on points but won on weight.

● CASTLE Ashby opens: Sat., Brickyard, Mick Hewlett 34-8, Mick Wheeler 28-6, Chris Garratt 25lb; Sun., Scotland, Jeff Rice 24-10, Keith Bishop 15-8, Rob

Harris 15-4; Sun., Grendon, Garratt 47-2 (inc 36lb of bream), Wayne Robinson 33-8, Ian Drage 26-12.

● OSPREY, Lakeside: Ed Blane 31-2, Rob Dzialak 27-9, Dave Lewis 26-14.

● NENE/ Towcester, canal, Long Pound: Baz Eaton 9-4 (skimmers) Paul Minney 8-14, Chris Howard 6-12.

● MK Vets, Stony Main, Ouse: Dider Hefferon 7lb (perch), Paul Swain 3-12, Austin Maddock 2-2.

● THE Forrester's Arms charity do on Nene's Nether Heyford canal was a scratcher but raised £50 for charity. It was tiny roach all the way as Stuart Alderman had 1-12, John Smith 1-6 and Bert Isle 1-4.

● DRAYTON's 'First to catch a common on Boxing Day Cup' competition was still running on New Year's Day...because no one had, at that point, caught a common.

● **FIXTURES:** Sunday, MKAA individual league first round, (Ouse or GUC weather depending) 01234 713144, also Newport pike open 07896 782715; Tues., Jan 23 Olney Ouse open 01234 240061 ■



■ **SAM Hipkin's 3-2 perch from the tiny Ouzel at Newport**



■ **WHAT a fish: Tristan Williams with 25-9 PB Rutland pike**

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