

As winter catches continue to tumble, was that the...

# Most rubbish week in years?

**IS this the worst winter-fishing spell so far this century? It certainly seems like it judging by recent results...or lack of.**

Saturday's Ferry Meadows Golden Rod heat saw 48 anglers trying to qualify for next month's £12,000 final, and when it was over...Lee Jones had won with a three-ounce roach.

And that was the **ONLY** fish caught as 47 other rods blanked!

One of them was Steve Ringer, who'd blanked the previous day and did it again next day, too...proving three blobs in-a-row can happen to the best as well as the rest.

● **ABINGTON's Becketts Park Nene sweep was almost as bad with Andy Weatherley 'setting the world alight' with three fish...for just two ounces. John Gamble and Paul Powerville had 0-1 each. The rest blanked.**

● **WELLINGBOROUGH's** canal league round (Foxton) was a little better...though Ivor Stokes reckons it was still the worst they've had in 15 years, with 26 from 48 drynetting.

One section fished half-decent, and Browning Grey's Martin Culver won with 6-3 as Browning Red's John Lewis had 4-6-12 and Browning Central Sphere's 4-0-15.

Central Sphere won on the day, three points up on Wellingborough A who are joint overall leaders with Browning Central Silverlight.

● **TWENTY-two from 26 in one Boddington pairs section blanked...meaning Phil Ringer took £150 for fifth on his own with 76-12. Glen Maxwell and Neil Russell won (3 points) with Terry Fowkes and Paul Fox on 4 and George and Paul Johnson on 5.**

● **OLNEY's** Ouse do was another game of two halves as Alan Lambert netted five perch for 12-11 – an absolutely stunning catch! Neale Shearn (second) had a 3-2 stripy and Mike Farey a 2-5. The rest had little to show.



■ A 21-9 Stanwick common for Martin Green



■ **ADRIAN Stokes** – winner at 'Ashby with 23-8 of silvers  
Pic Mick Wheeler

● **NENE/Towcester, Stony Ouse:** Baz Eaton 7-12, Les Goodridge (inc a 4-6 chub) 7-6, Andy Law 6-8.

● **NOT everywhere was bad. Only two blanked in Meadowlands' 45-peg feeder-only round. Mark Griffiths 75-4, Andy Ingleson 51-4, Carl Mullen 43lb.**

● **WHITE Hart Flore, Dog Lane:** Dave Griffiths 47-8, Tom Griffiths 35-11, Glen Tilson 30-9.

● **THERE** were mixed fortunes in Castle Ashby's league: Scotland, Adrian Stokes 23-8 (silvers), Mick Hewlett 18-10, Mark Morgan 17lb; Brickyard, Mark Moody 78-6, Mick Bodilly 40-10, Paul Robinson 31lb; Grendon, Keith Garratt 26-14, Andy Jones 22lb, John Kent 11-7.

Team Pizamenti won on the day and lead Team Robbo by two points overall.

● **GLEBE,** belated fur-and-feather, Home Farm: Dave Haddon 8-12, Dave Jones 4-13, Dave Dille 4-5.

● **FIXTURES:** Sun., MKAA individual league 01234 713144; Tues, Olney Ouse open and, Feb 24, charity open, 01234 240061 for either ■