

After awful winter, do improving catches mean there's...

A touch of spring in the air?

DON'T hold your breath...but spring may be on its way - with SOME match weights markedly up on those of recent weeks.

In the latest Boddington pairs Steve and Phil Ringer shared 94lb which, with Neil Russell and Glen Maxwell also on three points, saw the brothers with a 6lb advantage on the count back. Ash Smith and Tony Lawton were third on four points.

● MEADOWLANDS' feeder-league final round saw Mike Hudson with 86lb as Francis O'Reilly caught 74-8. Carl Mullen had 53-8 and won the league with a 123-2 series total, 20lb clear of Darren Saunders.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Tofts: Tom Griffiths 95lb, Brian Beard 67lb, Tony Ward 30lb. Mid-week oldies', Barby, Gary Muddiman 27lb, Terry Perrin 14-11, Mick Hawkins 14-6.

● **OLNEY's Ouse produced a 6-5 chub for Paul Andrews, while Dave Partridge had a 3-3-8 perch in a match.**

● CASTLE Ashby opens: Wed., Brickyard Courtney Hewlett 38-8, Nigel Baxter 37lb, Frank Pizamenti 28-4; Sat., Brickyard, Gary Millward 47-8, C Hewlett 37-12, Keith Garratt 35-6; Sun., Grendon, C Hewlett 58-8 (bream), K Garratt 51-8, Roger Dunkley 49lb.

● CASTLE, Canons, silverfish-league opener: Chris Rose 8-14, Nick Antonacci 7-12, Geoff Rice 7-4.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Dennetts: Bob Prowse 11-8, Steve Smith 8-8, Rob Rawlins 8lb.

● OLNEY, Ouse: Mike Farey perch to 3-2 for 7-12. Paul Caton 5-8, Nigel Porter 4-1.

● COUNTY Vets, Canons: Paul Lafflin 6-12, Dave Cantrell 5-10, Bob Spencer 4-14.

● NENE and Towcester, canal, Heyford: Les Wallace 6-14 (inc a 2lb perch), Dave Gibbins 6-4, Graham Martin 5-12.



■ PAUL Andrews with 6-5 Ouse chub

● **SUNDAY's Wellingborough canal winter league do (canal, Honeypot Lane) was better than the previous one...but still saw 13 blanks from 45.**

Ivor Stokes reckons this has been the worst series in his 15 years as organiser, producing 61 blobs so far - with one round to go -

compared with just four in last year's series!

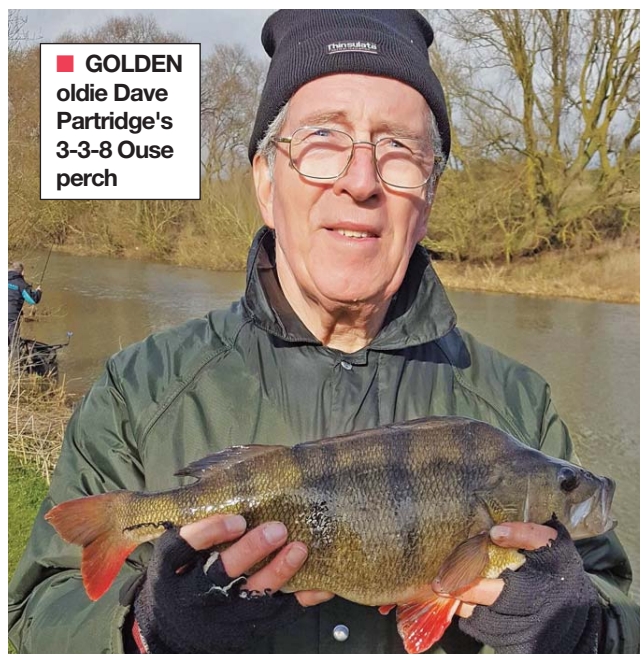
W'borough A's Rob Heeley won with 4-1 as teammate Dave Mawby had 3-6-9 and Browning Northants Grey's Norman Bradshaw 3-5-8.

W'borough A won on the day and lead overall with seven points, one-up on Browning Central Silverlight who are four ahead of Browning Grey.

● ON Drayton one man netted 25 carp to 19lb in a session...with the big-hearted guy at the next peg blanking because he was so busy helping land the other man's fish!

On Stanwick's Mallard James Walker had commons to 20-5 with Strachan Morris getting an 18-6 from Swan.

● **NOTE: Rivers now legally closed until June 15** ■



■ GOLDEN oldie Dave Partridge's 3-3-8 Ouse perch