As the rain kept coming down all day...

The carp still wanted to play!

NATURALLY cynical, most anglers expect August bank holidays to be wet...but Sunday exceeded most people's worst expectations – by the bucketful!

But those braving the weather found, with the water still warm from weeks of sunshine, that the downpours were doing nothing to put most carp off their food.

Stanwick was no exception, and Ash Wingrove continued the water's high-flying run of biggies with a 37lb common from Elsons – a new personal best.

Among more than a dozen other 20lb+ fish landed, Jason Pain netted a 28, Dan Fudacz a 26-5, Matt Lacy a 25-8, Joe Wright a 24 and Kauly Swift a 23-4.

• ROYAL Oak found carp queuing-up on Makins where Pete Caton won with 180lb as Cliff Stearn had 148lb and Wayne Sharman 118lb.

• WHITE Hart Flore found Barby Banks in upbeat form as David James netted 145lb for top spot followed by Mick Wheeler on 104lb and Mick Reynolds (his second time in the frame this year!) 75lb.

• LOCO's Lubenham do went to Richard Leahy who topped with 120lb, well ahead of Dennis Sharman on 90lb and Dave Walker 77lb. Their Peatling Parva



midweeker saw Dave Smith with 100lb as Mick Smith had 93lb and Sharman 66lb.

• THINGS were uncharacteristically quite for White Hart Flore oldies' midweeker and Eddie Kelly needed 'only' 75-10 for top spot with Pete Smy on 55lb and Glen Tilson 50-6.

• ROACH totalling 11-14 on hemp made Mark Cunnington winner of this year's Nene champs on Oundle's stretch,



along with a trophy originally presented way back by the 'Nene River Board' (anyone remember that?). Pete Laughton had 6-3 and Graham Prince 6lb.

• CASTLE Ashby: Wed., Chris Camplin 51lb, Mick Hewlett 47-4, Len Pinnocl 36-12; Sat., Courtney Hewlett 124-4, Mark Moody 72-8, Mick Wheeler 51-12; Sun., Mark Cottingham 36-12, Bob Reed 30-8, Andy Jones 26-12.

 MONDAY saw Rob Bara land a 28-6 catfish from Rocla Lake near Newport Pagnell.

• SURFACE-fished pellet brought Fishing Republic's Darren

Bruce a 5lb+ Ouse chub last week.

• NENE/Towcester, Bishops Bowl: Brian Beard 75lb, Rob Pottering 72lb, John Broughton 65lb.

• FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Banks: Bert Isle 48lb, Rob Rawlins 43lb, Terry Smith 24lb.

• COUNTY vets, Canons: Dave Swift 49-12, John Balhatchett 14lb, Dave Cantrell 10-4.

• OLNEY Brimley Cup, Ouse: Graham Prince 7-9 (roach), Pete Hawley 6-1, Dave Walsh 0-11.

• **TROUT**: Pitsford was averaging six fish per rod last week, fish to 5-8.

• **FIXTURES:** Sept 18 Olney Ouse, Ron Bull memorial open, £500 guaranteed prize pot, 01234 240061

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