

Race for top honours gets ever tighter as...

'Ashby league really hots up!

MORE twists and turns than a politician in a press conference – that's the scramble for top honours in the 'Ashby winter league!

This week it was Milton Keynes – previously languishing well down table – who exploded into winning mode and conquered all before them.

That lifted their spirits, and their overall placing to fourth, while RAF stayed on top form to grab second on the day and, with two rounds to go, creep up to within just two points of league leaders Black Horse!

MK's Ian Smith ruled the roost with 39-12 of feeder-bream to 4lb from Scotland while 'Ashby A Team's golden oldie Bob Reed came close with 38-4 from the same pond.

RAF's Danny Hurst was third with 31-12 from Brickyard as MK's Ian Pretty had 31-4.

Teams on day: MK 46, RAF 43, 'Horse 40, Royal Mail 38, 'Ashby A Team 33, 'Ashby Youth 29, Browning 24.

League: 'Horse 8, RAF 10, Mail 12, MK 16, A Team 18, Browning and Youth both on 24.

● **GILDERS's Dan Todd pike-fished Towcester's Astwell Mill twice in a week to land seven to 15-3 on deadbaits, while Dave Wood had a 4-8 Tove brown trout.**

● **AFTER a long time trying Tom Andrews has finally banked a 3lb Ouse perch. Pete Lima, who had three Ouse chub to 5-15 at Olney last week, has since added a 5-3.**

● **WHITE Hart Flore oldies, midweek, Tofts: Trevor Griffiths 193-11, Ted Adams 136-10, Robin Wickham 122lb; club, Sunday, Barby Banks, Dave Chapman 63-1, Gary Muddiman 40-12, Dave Griffiths 39-3.**

● **MEADOWLANDS** autumn league opener: Neil Russell 183-12, Nigel Smith 135-2, Adam Waklin 122-4.

● **LOCO:** midweek, Peatling Parva, Tom Payne 55lb, Mick Smith 51lb, Dennis Sharman 47lb; Saturday fur & feather, Lubenham, Steve Billing 43lb, Andy Anderson 35lb, Barry Lee 34-14.

● **CASTLE, Canons:** Paul Lafflin 23lb, Bob Spencer 14-9, John Lewis 13-8.

● **COUNTY Vets, Canons:** Lewis 13-9, John Balhatchett 10-13, Spencer 0-3.

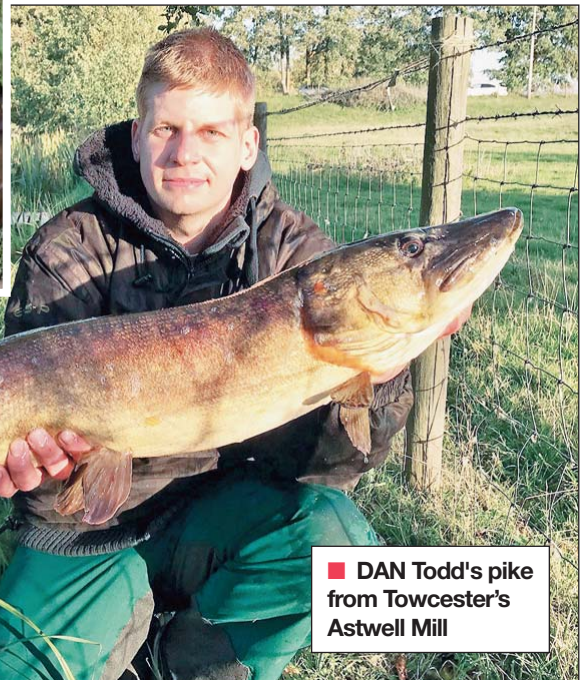
● **FLORE & Brockhall fur & feather, Dennetts:** Rob Rawlins got the turkey with 9-6, Mick Chambers 6-3, Terry Smith 5-9.

● **NEWPORT pike match, Abbey Pits:** Simon Frankum caught two for 18-10, Siena Siena four for 15-3, Jim Jakeman two for 15lb.

● **AN Angling Trust roadshow for clubs and fishery operators is being held at the Holiday Inn, Newport Pagnell, on Thursday Nov. 15. For more go to <https://anglingtrust-news.net/3XSU-H9EZ-25MALN-BS215-1/c.aspx> or visit www.anglingtrust.net and trawl the website.**



■ **HAPPY** or what: MK's 'Ashby winner Ian Smith



■ **DAN** Todd's pike from Towcester's Astwell Mill

● **FIXTURES:** Saturday, Olney Ouse RBL open 01234 240061, also Tues Nov 13 Olney open; Nov 18, Newport pike match 07896 782715 ■

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