

Three club matchmen share 50lb of dace as...

# The tiny Tove comes good

**T**HE Tove may be a tiny river...but on its day it can really produce BIG catches – including eye-widening bags of dace!

Sunday was one of its better days, for some of those in a Towcester/Nene match at least.

A monster shoal of the little silvers appeared to have taken up winter residence in a town-stretch spanning three pegs in a row, and seemed determined to eat everything thrown at them.

*Mick Goodridge had the lion's share – alternating double maggot and caster below a five number 8 float on the long pole – and ended up winning with more than 150 fish for an incredible 22lb!*

At the next peg upstream John Balhatchett totalled 17-14 and, one above him, Chris Howard made third with 14-12, the latter itself more than enough to win most other matches on the section.

Downside? The next weight was barely 2lb but, hopefully, some rain in the river will spread the shoals out a bit...if and when we get some.

● BIG pike are having a chomp with Floyd Edwards getting a 26 from Willen in MK and Callum York a 20-3 from Stanwick – the latter producing several good carp, the largest Matt Mayne's 25-12.

● A FEW Ouse chub are still being caught despite gin-clear conditions, a 6-2 and several fives have been reported from Stony down through Olney.

● WHITE Hart Flore: Sunday, Flecknoe, Dave Chapman 141-1, Steve Johnson 64-10, Gary Muddiman 58-12; Midweek, Dog Lane, Glen Tilson 31-11, John Payne 30-13, Muddiman 14-12.

● TOP weight In this week's Boddington pairs was Adam Waklin's 10 fish 98lb with

Ritchie Edwards on 89lb. Pairs: Waklin and Lee Jepson 3 points, Edwards and Snowy Ashington 4, George and Simon Parker 5.

● MEADOWLANDS pairs: Steve Daly top weight with 80lb who, with Bas Byrd won with 4 points. Darren



■ FLOYD Edwards' 26 – great start to the year

Saunders and Carl Barnfield 9, Wayne Sharman and Karl Mullen 10.

● CASTLE Ashby: Sun., Grendon, Mark Tottingham 78lb, Pete Jones 19lb, John Kent 15-8; Wed., Brickyard, Ian Hutton 38-2, Mick Hewlett 26lb, Alan West 14-12; Sat., Brickyard. Frank Pizamenti 48lb, M Hewlett 30lb, Courtney Hewlett 27-12.

● TOWCESTER Vets, canal, Banbury Lane: Paul Minney 9lb, Grenville Read and Graham Martin both 5lb.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Banks: another silverfish win for Rob Rawlins, 8-12. Mick Chambers 8-3, Canley Ward 6-9.

● FIXTURES: Tuesday, Olney Ouse open, 01234 240061; Sat. Feb 9, an evening with AT columnist Des Taylor at Waters Edge, Linford Pits, tickets £5, on01908 690969 ■



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