

Why not give it a go - **SOME** fish are still feeding ...

For those braving the cold

It has been a dour old week as winter really begins to bite – with several matches cancelled due to some venues developing a thick 'ice-cap' Sunday morning.

One going ahead was the Meadowlands teams-of-three second-round which saw local trio Geoff Ringer, Mark Griffiths and Shane Desmond – fishing as 'Team Guru' – out of the frame but still top overall with 33 points followed by Windswept on 35 and Lanes 36.

Phil Bardell was top weight with 68-4 (Nigel Smith 56-8 and Paul Terry 56-6) but his Team MK are still languishing in 14th spot from 16.

● **TEAM Ringer** lads Rob Wootton and Joe Carrass led the Hallcroft pairs all the way to Sunday's sixth and final round...when Michael Buchwalder and Frankie Gianocelli stormed through to the title.

● **MIKE Green** has banked a 20-8 pike on fly – hard on the fingers, that, this weather – his eighth 20 from the Nene!

● **WITH** air temperatures down to minus-five around Olney, first thing Sunday, chub were always going to be the best option, IF you were lucky, on the river.

Paul Hodgson bagged chevins of 5-7 and 3-14 at Olney – slamming bites on flake – while upstream Matt Jones had several to 4-12 and Gary Maton fish to 4-8.

● **STANWICK's** best of an icy week was Alex Richardson's 19.

● **WHITE Hart Flore:** Sun., Barby, Rob Wickham 94-4, Tom Griffiths 67-1, Steve Johnson 49-3; Wed., Dog Lane, Dave Walker (struggled on the same peg the previous week) 69lb, Glen Tilson 60-5, Trevor Griffiths 59-11.

● **CASTLE Ashby, Brickyard:** Wed., Pete Gibbs 22-14, Richard King 18-8, Mick Wheeler 17-4; Sat., Wheeler 12-4, Courtney Hewlett 8-12,

Frank Pizamenti 8-8; Sunday, teams-of-three iced off, knock-up on Scotland, Wheeler 5-8, Nick Antonacci 4-12, Kevin Taylor 3-8.

● **COUNTY Vets, Canons:** Dave Cantrell 14-8, Paul Lafflin 10-1, John Lewis 9-14.



■ **MIKE Green's 8th Nene 20 'on the fly'.** The plastic 'beer crate' on his belt is actually a tray for his backing line



■ **PAUL Hodgson's 5-7 Olney Ouse chub.** Deffo a 'two hat day' at -5!

● **WELLINGBOROUGH, Ringstead Nene:** All 35 caught, mostly roach. Billy Underwood 11-14, Malcolm Sylvester 9-9.

● **TOWCESTER/Nene, Tove:** Tosh Saunders 9lb (roach to 12 ounces), Paul Minney 7-3, Les Goodridge 3-12.

● **CASTLE, Canons:** Bob Spencer 6-10, John Lewis 6lb, Steve Bettis 5-8.

● **FLORE & Brockhall, Dennetts,** Steve Smith 4-4, Terry Smith and Nick Chambers both 1-7 ■

River close season - have **YOUR** say!

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