

## Soaking up Spanish sun and beating ex-world champs is...

# All in a day's work for Phil

**SO close – yet so far. That was 'Town ace Phil Ringer as he came within sniffing distance of gold in this year's Iberian Masters!**

Fishing a canalised Spanish river, he was second on weight in the three-day feeder-only event...but finished fifth in the overall points (though still in the money).

But he did have the satisfaction, having tied with Tommy Pickering on 11 points, of beating the former world champ into sixth place following a weight count-back.

Smallish carp formed the bulk of most catches as Phil totalled 45.422 kilo (14 carp for 25 kilo on the last day) earning him fourth and fifth overall on days one and two, and a day-three section win.

Some 75 anglers from across Europe fished, with Romanian Cosin Brola winning the title.

● THINGS are still buzzing, despite changeable weather, at Stanwick where Jon Eagles had a 30-8 common. Lewis

Beaumont had a 22-8 from Mallard with Roman Buczyinski landing a 21lb mirror.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Sunday, Tofts: Andy West 148lb, Steve Johnson 97lb, Rob Wykham 88lb; Midweek, Dog Lane, Johnson 107-2, Trevor Griffiths 64-10, Dave Griffiths 48-4.

● CASTLE Ashby: Wed., Steve Bull 27-12, Paul Robinson 14-8, Terry Dunk 5-5-12; Sat., Chris Garratt 17-8, John Pearson 15-14, Frank Pizamenti 15-8; Sun., Grendon, Ian Drage 55-8, John Kent 25-4, Chris Camplin 24-4.

● GLEBE, Peatling Parva: Dave Jones 48-8, Marcus Annable 45-5, John Armstrong 31-3.

● COTTON Outcasts, Peatling Parva: Steve Hickey 30-1, Dave Jones 29lb, Steve Wills 25-10.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Marshes: Steve Smith 14-15, Mick Chambers 13-11, Terry Smith 13-9.

● CASTLE Vets, Canons: John Lewis 10-3, Dave Cantrell 9-3, Bob Spencer 7-6.

● NENE/Towcester, canal, Rothersthorpe: Les Goodridge 6-12, Bas Eaton 5-1, John Balhatchett 4-5.



■ A HARD day at the office. Enjoying the Spanish sun, Phil Ringer hooks into another Iberian carp

● THE latest southern canal league round (Kennett & Avon at Hungerford) saw James Carty win with 16-10 and Tom Boyce top a section on 6-13.

● MARK Lloyd – Angling Trust chief exec since it was formed 10 years ago from the NFA, NAFAC, ACA and the national sea anglers among others – is off to head the national Rivers Trust, umbrella organisation for more than 60 river trusts.

● THE Environment Agency's chairman has made an unprecedented public call for everyone to reduce tap water consumption – and the government to build some new reservoirs – predicting that otherwise we, and our rivers, will run dry within 20 or so years. Sadly, getting a new reservoir through planning, and building it, can take 20 years...

● FIXTURE: Monday, Nene AGM, 7.30pm Yeomen of England, Wootton; Wednesday, Castle AGM, Far Cotton WMC 8pm ■

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