

There was a disappointing end for Dale Stones and Ben Fisk in the big weekend's Fish O'Mania Final fished at Cudmore Fishery, Stoke. Both did all the hard work getting through to the semi final and then made it through to the Final on Saturday only to miss out on the huge £50,000 pay out to the winner. That went to Andy May, Ben came in 7th with Dale making 12th place. If it's any consolation to them it was a magnificent achievement just to get there, they can be rightly proud of their performances in front of thousands of spectators, not to forget the live TV cameras throughout the whole event. A mention too for Spalding youngster Tom Edwards who came 4th in the Junior Fish O'Mania final.

There looks to be a gradual improvement in sport at Haddon Lodge looking at the latest results and if only the anglers were to get all the carp out that were hooked I know we would be looking at some huge weights throughout the summer months. In Sunday's match it was Lucio Melillo Sn taking first place he caught on pellet netting both carp and skimmers for 32lb 4oz. Runner with 23lb 6oz was Martin Harwood, then came Martin Quelch on 20lb 7oz.

Hot peg 15 on the Yew Pool at Decoy Lakes was the one to draw in the latest Hotpoint AC match and pulling it out of the bag was Colin Buckingham and he took full advantage comfortably taking the honours with 93lb 10oz, all taken on a small feeder fished close in due to the windy conditions. Runner up was Paul Faulkner a couple of pegs away, he caught well on paste from the deep margins to finish with 84lb 2oz, then came Vinny Stapleton weighing a level 65lb.

With several of the clubs anglers practicing for the forthcoming Semi Final of the Angling Times Knock Out event at

Packington Fishery on Sunday the JVAC anglers had a little extra room around the Willows at Decoy Lakes. That usually makes for really big weights but unfortunately the strong wind made it really tough going for some, but match winner Nick Carlton made light work of it and topped the field from unfancied peg 22 with a net of barbel taken close in on the pole for 113lb 4oz, all caught on a worm and caster approach. In second place was the ever consistent Chris Saunders, he fished cat meat from peg 34 to record 108lb, then came Steve Smith with 97lb 12oz taken from peg 25 fishing a short pole line.

In the last Decoy Lakes open match on the Six Islands Pool before the Decoy Festival fished earlier this week John Whincup put a marker down by winning this one with ease which would have made him one of the favourites to scoop the coveted festival title. John drew peg 25 and caught on a long pole line with pellet and also in the margins for a massive 195lb. Lee Marlow came in second with 150lb, followed by Pete Dobson on 117lb 2oz and Jimmy Brooks with 102lb 9oz.

With weed cutting taking place not far from the match length on the Ramsey St Marys section of the Middle Level system anglers fishing the Thursday Ramsey AS match found it really tough going. Topping the field with a modest net of small fish was Paul Kilby with 3lb 10 ½ oz. Ray Myring was second on 1lb 3oz, with Keith Rayment third with 11oz.

Sunday's club match was fished on a windswept Six Island Pool at Decoy Lakes. Keith Rayment topped the field from peg 24 with 96lb 4oz, taken from peg 24 on paste. Runner up with 85lb 8oz was Vince Hull, he caught on pellet and corn close in for 88lb 4oz, then came George Coles with 85lb 4oz and Andrew Rayment on 64lb 8oz.

The latest Tuesday Club match was fished on the high bank pegs on Gunwade Lake, Ferry Meadows. No big bream weights were recorded but some nice mixed bags of fish were caught on the long pole. Out in front was a delighted Fred Tame who won his first match with the club with 15lb of mainly skimmers caught on sweetcorn, second was the ever consistent Mike Smith with 11lb 8oz and in third place with 10lb 12oz was Mike Mohan.

Sport at the popular Kingsland Fishery is proving to be a big draw to pleasure and match anglers alike. In the Whittlesey club match on the Big Carp Lake on Saturday it was Andy Lawrence leading the way with 111lb 12oz, catching carp on a short pole line with paste and meat. Runner up with 86lb 12oz was Mark Barron, he fished a small Method feeder. In third place putting a level 72lb to the scales was Paul Wright, he caught shallow and late on from the margins.

Float Fish Farm Fishery is another first class water close to the city centre that's well worth a visit after producing yet another very impressive set of match results over the past couple of weeks. In the Wednesday over 60's match Danny Carlton put a fine 164lb 4oz to the scales taken from the Two Island Pool on peg 31. Runner up was Dave Schwinger on peg 8, he weighed in 140lb 6oz, then came Ted Rowe with 115lb.

It was far from easy on the same venue for the Saturday open match, but again some very good weights were recorded.

Leading the way was Andy Adams on peg 34 who is making a habit of framing from the fishery over the past few weeks, he topped the field with 101lb 10oz. Not too far off the pace was Tony McGregor with 95lb 3oz, then came Mike Linnell on 71lb 13oz.

This weekends Golden Peg stands at £204 so if you are not booked into a match pop over and give it a try, there is a big payout just waiting for you if your lucks in.

A small Method feeder was the approach that saw Marcus Webb top the latest Webb's AC match fished at North View Fishery on Sunday. He fished tight over to the island to record 56lb 6oz to see off the challenge of runner up Ken Allum. Ken caught on pellet and meat for 43lb 10oz, followed by Alan Forrest with 39lb 13oz and George Scally with 36lb 2oz.

Ferry Meadows returned to top form for those fishing the Steel City Open on Sunday. The high winds affected sport on many venues across the area but this water thrives on a good blow. Feeder king Steve Ringer put a magnificent 144lb 5oz net of bream to the scales from Gunwade Lake on peg 58. Steve Cook came in second he put 57lb 15oz to the scales, then came Mick Davies on 57lb 5oz.

Fenland Rods angler Mac Campbell continued his successful season, this time on the Snake Lake at Headfen Fishery. Drawing peg 5 he fished the pole close in tight to the bank with luncheon meat and maggots putting a winning weight of 97lb 5oz to the scales. Runner up was Dave Garner who struggled in the first half of the match but his swim came good in the end weighing in 82lb. Third place went to Tony Nisbett on 81lb 9oz.

Dave Williams is the man in form on the North Level drain after adding another win to his list of impressive results this year. He topped the Wednesday Tydd Gote match with a mixed bag of small fish taken on the pole with pinkie over groundbait for 8lb 12oz. Runner up with 7lb 13oz was John Taylor then came Len Chucksmith with 6lb 14oz.

Andrew Kilby took the honours in the Sunday club match with 10lb 12oz, Pete Emery was second on 10lb 6oz, followed by Colin Burton with 9lb 13.

In the Rookery Waters £1,000 Qualifying Open at the weekend Steve Pell made the most of his good draw booking his place in

the August two day final with a match winning 132lb 10oz. Drawn on peg 18 he fished 4mm and 6mm cubed meat tight over to the far bank in 12 inches of water battling against the wind and rain to put carp averaging 1-2lb to the scales. Runner up was Richard Bond fishing the Method feeder tight over with meat from peg 45 to weigh in 121lb 6oz. Third place went to Graham Welton on peg 27 with 63lb 14oz.

Taking the honours in the Thursday £1,000 qualifying open on the Magpie Pool was Kev Wadge. A simple pellet shallow attack and pellet and dead maggots in the margins saw him weigh in 116lb 6oz. Runner up was the consistent Graham Welton who fished short and then switched late on in his right hand margin for 11lb 12oz, followed by Kevin Shellie with 103lb 12oz.