

Match Reports 8 November – 4 December 2022

Most Tuesdays a small number of veterans fish a knock up match but because the weather forecast for Tuesday 15th November was so bad, they decided to go out on Monday 14th instead. Willmotts Lake was the venue and between the five anglers 217lbs 8oz of carp were caught. John Ambrose recorded a winning weight of 57lbs 8oz using pole tactics with either pellet or paste as the hook bait. On what was a close match John Berry was close behind using similar tactics to record a weight of 54lbs. Outstanding result given the time of year.

With the rains seemingly here for a long time the rivers are not an option and thoughts turn to the canal for skimmers and roach. However, perch made up most of the 5lbs 11oz winning weight for Terry Smith at Froxfield on Newtown's match on Sunday 20 November. Second was Martin Connelly with 3lbs 13oz and third place came to Chris Bowman with 2lbs 14oz. The other nine anglers all caught but overall, the fishing seemed hard with a total weight of 23lbs 11oz.

The Tuesday veterans attended Willmotts again on 22nd November for some more elastic pulling sport. Unfortunately, the cold weather had an affect on the carp but even so the 6 anglers managed to winkle out 75lbs between them. George Callaghan topped the list with 21lbs 10oz with Tony Holdsworth a close second with 21lbs. Both fished maggots using pole tactics.

The hardy Tuesday boys were out again on 29th November and decided to fish Beat 3A canal section. However only one fish was caught between the 7 anglers and John Ambrose's one perch of 2oz took the honours. Probably the wrong time of year to fish the venue but fair play to all for trying.

The RDAA match at Wallingford scheduled for 27 November was cancelled due to the river conditions and so action moved to the canal at Froxfield on 4 December for the RDAA Christmas match with the Ron Want Cup and Shield up for grabs. With special Christmas prizes for the top 5 anglers and 5 section winners by default there was plenty to fish for so there was great anticipation among the 30 anglers who turned up on an overcast, dry, but cold day with a cold wind. Froxfield though rarely disappoints and this was no exception. Total weight on the day was 100lbs 9oz and the winner with an outstanding weight of 17lbs 2oz was Justin Mabere. Pegged on the first swim below lock 70 on the turning bay stretch, Justin took full advantage of a lock peg to fish the pole to great effect. Feeding pinkie and chopped worm with caster with a combination of worm, caster and single red maggot on the hook, Justin caught 3 large perch to 2lbs together with skimmer bream, and smaller perch.

Martin Hutchins continued his good form to finish 2nd. Fishing on the bottom peg in the "Turning Bay" on Froxfield "A" Section, Martin banked mainly Roach with a few small Perch using pole and whip tactics, feeding pinkie and ground bait, with single pinkie and red maggot on the hook to record a weight of 8lbs 2oz .

Fishing at the bottom of the straight on Froxfield "A", (Wides), Section, Paul Leek banked a Bream of 2lbs 8oz along with Skimmer Bream and Perch fishing feeder tactics, feeding pinkie

and ground bait, and chopped worm and caster, with single red maggot, worm and caster on the hook to record a weight of 7lbs 11oz to finish 3rd.

Dave Ward with a weight of 7lbs 2oz came 4th with Gordon McGee 5th with a weight of 5lbs 14oz (both pegged in the wides area of Froxfield A) to complete the overall prize winners.

Section winners were Paul Leek on Froxfield A wides, Richard Rosinski (4lbs 7oz) on Froxfield A short pound, Justin Magere on Froxfield A turning bay, George Callaghan (1lb 6oz) on Froxfield B top section, and Geoff Ely (2lbs 6oz) on Froxfield B middle.

This result has lifted Justin Mabere to 2nd in the Individual Aggregate Weight Trophy standings with Martin Hutchins top with 19lbs 7oz 8drms. Duncan Bales is third with 14lbs 2oz 4drms just 4drms ahead of Pete Godfrey in 4th. A big winning weight could lift any of

In the individual aggregate points trophy Martin Hutchins and Richard Rosinski share 1st place with 34 points with Fred Jones third on 32 points. Pete Godfrey, Alan Hughes and Rob Stephens follow on 30 points so all to play for here.