

VERULAM ANGLING CLUB

MATCH RESULT

Date : 1st August

Venue : Riverside

Match : Midweek

Match report: *by Stan Kiddle*

Following concern that we would not have enough allocated pegs today, we had one person cancel so we were OK. And, of course, as is often the case, the rest of the fishery was almost empty with no more than six other members at any one time from what I could see.

Taking last number in the bag I was blessed with peg 19 which has plenty of fish-holding areas but also a reputation for snags. Andy was on end-peg 22 and Allan on 16, both recent winners along with peg 30 where Roger would spend the day. That's the great thing about Riverside at the moment, plenty of fish in almost all swims and winning is no longer decided by the draw-bag.

With the weather switching from bright to showery and back again, plus gusting winds, it wasn't the balmy day like we've enjoyed on recent previous Tuesdays but a nice day overall and everyone caught fish. Unusually a number of chub showed, four or five from 2lb down to 8oz...the biggies which are over 4lb rarely make a mistake.

My match started as usual with a few dobs with a chunk of flake which provided two carp in two put-ins before the roach became a nuisance. First look on my open-water line produced a good bream and then an 8lb common on expander and then it was a matter of rotating between my margin, the open water and the snags. Up to the last hour I had been lucky then had two I couldn't stop getting to the roots before trying a chunk of meat on my heavy-duty paste rig. This produced another 8lb'er before losing the hook on another animal.

I could see Barrie on 24 netting fish steady all day so suspected he was ahead of me if his fish were of good size and a lack of splashing noises from the pegs to my right suggested I was in with a chance. Opposite me Martin Funnel was doing were fishing long into open water, waiting for bites on corn over groundbait but his reluctance to ship back over the golf-course fence was slowing him down. In the last hour he had two 3lb bream literally leap off the hook which would cost him 2nd place as it turned out.

Allan was first to weigh and a bad back restricted him from trying long lines and his fish were mostly small. My net of large carp went 30lb plus I had 11lb of bream, crucians and brown goldfish. Of note was a 3lb cross between a brown fantail goldfish and a carp. Looked a little weird but that large tail gave it plenty of fight.

Down on 20, 21 & 22 Steve did best, ahead of Simon and Andy, with nearly 26lb, using banded 6mm pellet tight over and Roger's net from 30 was almost carp-free – an excellent 35lb of bream, crucians and brown goldfish on meat fished in open water. Good enough for a clear 2nd as Barrie's net of all carp were numerous but small; paste tight in the reeds doing the damage.

	NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS	Peg	COMMENTS
1	Stan Kiddle	41.06		19	
2	Roger Brown	35.02		30	
3	Barrie Cowley	30.14		25	
4	Martin Funnel	27.12		24	
5	Steve Burfoot	25.13		21	
6	Allan Bayman	22.05		16	
7	Chris Stride	14.08		28	
8	Simon Gee	12.08		20	
9	Andy Trigg	12.00		22	
fished	9	197.04			

