

VERULAM ANGLING CLUB MATCH RESULT

Date : 27th December
 Venue : Riverside Road
 Match : Midweek

POSITION	NAME	WEIGHT	Peg	COMMENTS
1	Allan Bayman	28.07	37	17.13 silvers carp of 10.4
2	Phil Rule	8.08	11	Perch of 2.4 and 2.2
3	Barrie Cowley	7.15	54	
4	Steve Burfoot	6.15	31	
5	Martin Boddy	6.05	49	
6	Dan Patrick	6.04	2	
7	Stan Kiddle	4.13	14	
8	Roger Smith	3.00	9	
9	Alan Thomas	DNW	7	
Fished	9	69.03		

We had 17 booked in but with a flurry of snow and very strong north-westerly winds, a lot of people dropped out. Those brave or foolish enough to stay on numbered nine and as we set off to our drawn pegs the snow & sleet got heavier.

We were well spread out. Barry was sat exposed on 54, Phil was back on 11 from where he won the Christmas match (in worse conditions), Steve had some shelter on 31 and Stan was stuck facing into the blizzard on 14. In the end he sat sideways to the bank just to get some cover from his brolly. I was lucky enough to get 37 from where I won on my last visit to Riverside in early December having missed the Christmas match due to the snow.

At the start of the match I lost a decent fish first put in and then had a reasonable bream. The wind was horrendous, making presentation very tricky. The odd fish was being caught but the roach seemed to be few and far between apart from some smaller samples.



The recent showing of good perch continued with a fair few over a pounds showing topped by Phil's two over 2lb.

I was now getting a good run of crucians and brown goldfish of a good stamp, about a pound each, with the odd skimmer. Successful tactics was single pinkie on a very light hook-length and 22 hook. Amazingly, the fish seemed to respond to heavy baiting and I got through a good amount of groundbait.

Around midday I hooked something much bigger and after a long slow battle of over 20 minutes wrestled a double-figure common into the net. The last couple of hours saw an improvement in the weather, with the wind easing off and the snow and rain going but I found the fish now backing off, probably after the disturbance of the carp.



Overall considering the horrendous conditions it fished reasonably well and it was great to see so many quality perch. Most people reported losing fish suspected as being perch too, with the bony mouths proving hard to get a hook hold in.

The winning weight of 28lb 7oz would be a decent weight in the summer so was shocking for the end of December. If you fancy joining in our next match is on Tuesday 2nd Jan at Riverside Rd. then 16th & 30th January. Plus on the 9th & 23rd January we are at Frogmore.

Draws are at 8:30 and fishing 10 to 3 although this may be tweaked slightly on the day.

Pools are optional and are just £5. Steve Burfoot will be running these matches so if you want to book on please contact him here or telephone 07505 109880. Fishery nets provided.