

VERULAM ANGLING CLUB MATCH RESULT

Date : 7th November
 Venue : Riverside
 Match : Midweek

	NAME	WEIGHT	Peg	COMMENTS
1	Simon Jee	22.08	30	Pole and expander
2	Stan Kiddle	18.15	28	Pole and caster
3	Steve Burfoot	15.08	31	
4	Roger Brown	12.11	14	
5	Chris Stride	9.15	22	
6	Barry Cowley	7.12	19	One carp
7	Martin Leonard	5.12	24	
8	Chris Budden	3.13	25	
9	Andy Trigg	3.11	21	
10	Alan Thomas	DNW	15	
fished	10			

We now know from this match that **chub o'clock** is between 12.45 and 1pm as this week four chub were caught, all within less than 15 minutes of each other. Simon had one around 2lb then Roger and Chris B had a big chublet each before Simon also got one. None were caught before or after that spell and, of course, good to see small chub are thriving.

The day itself was reasonable, weather-wise but the day before had been clear and bright following a good frost. The colour was now dropping out of Riverside and with everyone being cautious the talk at the draw was of how fine a line one dare uses.

As Alan had done well on a pleasure session from peg 15 a week ago Steve suggested it is used instead of regular 16. With hindsight not a great decision as Alan then drew it and had only three bites. The first from a reasonable bream that came off, then a pair of tiny blade roach that were tipped back.

Simon found himself on 30, a precarious peg as the bank is half collapsed...with the other half ready to go any day. But a good practice session a few days earlier gave Simon the confidence to go out long on 4mm expanders over micros and be patient. That patience was well rewarded with about five decent bream, slightly more crucians plus those chub for a win that paid him £35 PLUS the silver-fish pool of £20.

To Simon's left and on the golf course bank Stan had positioned himself so he could fish to the left-hand cage (a known fish-holding spot) plus the open water and another cage to his right. A 30 min start on the tip at 20m produced nothing so it was onto the left-hand cage and soon a

decent carp of about 6lb was being dragged out on a very light line of 0.09mm and a 22 hook. A flouro maggot the successful bait. A much small mirror followed before resting the peg and alternating around the other lines.

Without any bites elsewhere Stan found himself concentrating on that left-hand cage and was rewarded with a perch of close to 2lb, a roach of almost 1lb and a few other bits for 3.15 of silvers plus five carp adding 15lb. Caster seemed to work that bit better. Just one carp slipped the hook at the net but probably not big enough to have beaten Simon.

Around to Simon's right, on 31, Steve was reporting two lost carp (that's the trouble with winter fishing when the carp don't follow the rules) which would have boosted his net of bream and small carp to perhaps a win. Fourth place Roger also lost a fish or two but was successful with two excellent perch of 2.00 and 1.14 on worm to add to his one carp and a few silvers.

For everyone else it was a struggle. New face Martin lost a couple of carp on the tip before netting a few small ones and a big skimmer. Barry's one carp came from one of only two bites, the other carp breaking him on the roots.

Next week it's back to Damsel Lake at Southend Farm the Riverside again, alternating each week until 12 Dec.

In the New Year we should be back at Frogmore once again, alternating with Riverside until it closes for trout fishing in late Feb when we will then elect another alternate venue.