

GREEN 'UN/DAIWA CLUB ANGLERS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL



# 'Marra' the merrier after 60lb in an hour

WINNER'S DOSSIER

After catching a few carp from the island margin on method feeder, 'Marra' Molyneux came inside to fish two sections plus a top 2, loose feeding two 12 oz tins of luncheon meat chopped into 6mm cubes to keep the fish interested. He presented a 6mm cube on a size 16 B911 hook beneath a 4 x 12 pole float rigged on 0.17mm

main line to a 0.15mm hook link. His parent club fished a match on the same day as the final at Bank End Fisheries just a couple of miles away and his clubmates came straight down to support him at the end of their match. 'I'm chuffed to win but gutted to miss Bank End - that's let Rob Burgin in again!'

ANGLING

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Practice makes perfect, they say, but those who were predicting weights of ide topping 100lbs in the Green Un/Daiwa Club Match Angler Championship after enjoying brilliant sport in the build-up on this superb venue were in

for a big shock.

Heavy rain in the 48 hours leading up to the final resulted in a sudden rise in water levels and a sharp drop in the water temperature.

Everyone's game plan flew straight out of the window as the resident shoals of ide proved reluctant feeders.

Suddenly it was a case of carp or bust and even they were proving difficult to tempt.

Most struggled in the early stages but a tip from Westwoodside Coarse Fish-

ery manager Dave Taylor put Vic Molyneux on the road to victory. Mentioning he'd recently slipped into a slightly deeper hole quite close in on Peg 16 and got a soaking while doing a spot of fishery maintenance was just the heads-up Molyneux, known to his mates as 'Marra', needed.

Careful plumbing revealed a depression just 3 metres out in front of his platform which he then fed with 6mm cubes of luncheon meat.

In a purple hour he netted well over 60lbs of immaculate

hard-fighting common carp, the biggest pushing double figures, and from then on the 33-year-old HGV driver, who qualified with Houghton Main, was uncatchable as he racked up his biggest match win to date.

Result:

1. **Vic Molyneux 130-10** (Daiwa tackle to the value of £675 plus £200)
  2. **Steve Foster 53-8** (Daiwa tackle to the value of £615 plus £120)
  3. **Pete Dawson 51-7** (Daiwa tackle to the value of £540 plus £80)
  4. **Warren Loosemoor 46-14** (Daiwa tackle to the value of £450)
  5. **Simon Bradshaw 37-5** (Daiwa tackle to the value of £300)
- Section Winners:** Johno Turton, Mark Bows, Dave Patrickson (Daiwa Airtly)

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Glory boy Vic Molyneux, above, with the trophy and left with his catch; also pictured, clockwise from top left, are runner-up Steve Foster; the main prize winners back left to right are the top five in the match: Warren Loosemoor; Steve Foster, Vic Molyneux, Pete Dawson, Simon Bradshaw; front section winners Dave Patrickson, Johno Turton and Mark Bows; third-placed Pete Dawson, Matt Oldfield and Mel Barker

## City duo lead Yorks to glory in Shires

BADMINTON

James Farmer (King Egbert) and Natalie Chan-Lam (Sheffield High School) captained the boys and girls Yorkshire team which narrowly defeated Buckinghamshire to win the Under 17 Shires Badminton League finals in Hertfordshire.

Having qualified as regional winners Yorkshire beat Cheshire 20-0 in the first round and reached the play-off for first and second against Bucks with a 15-5 victory over Hampshire.

After the mixed and singles games the score was 6-6 and the county took a 9-7 lead after the boys doubles but then lost three of the girls doubles games resulting in a 10-10 draw.

With the result depending on points scored Yorkshire were winners by just two, 359-357.

This made up for a points defeat to Bucks in the deciding match of the England Under 17 Inter-Counties Team Tournament which involved 37 counties at Nottingham University.

They defeated Warwickshire 10-0 and Hampshire 12-11 on games after drawing 5-5 on rubbers to set up a decider against Bucks.

Yorkshire lost the first four rubbers but pulled back to achieve a 5-5 draw and the two sides drew 11-11 on games, but on points scored Bucks won by 17, with a final score of 285-268.

Farmer played for England for the first time in the Under 17 Six Nations Team and Individual Competition in Holland. In the team event England finished fourth and he Matt Clare (Ripon) reached the last eight of the boys doubles competition. They lost to the eventual winners, a pair from Denmark who they had beaten in the team event.

SNOOKER Vacancies in pub league

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