

VERULAM ANGLING CLUB MATCH RESULT

Date : 20th May
Venue : Riverside
Match : Spring Warm-Up #4

Write-up by Allan Bayman:

With such good results recently it was a bit surprising to have not had more people book on this match but as it turned out the numbers meant only a few of the weaker pegs would go in.

As is so often the case a number of people had chosen to ignore the signs on the gate and were on the fishery before the match. Grrr.

With everyone here in good time, thanks to everyone, we could draw early. Ash Adams drew 22 probably the best peg on the lake, Colin Rennison was on 2, Stan on 37, Alan G on 16 and Josh on 52. Terry Searles was on 34, Dave Lawson on 30 and Rich McCorry on 20. I anticipated the winner to come from one of these.

Alan G appeared to catch from the off fishing meat in peg 16. Josh lost a number of fish, reportedly 9 in a row before getting his first one in the net.

Not long after I started getting bites and my first carp we had our first of many visitors who chose to ignore the signs on the gate which seemed to kill things.

Neil Anderson (pictured) on peg 31 was picking off some equality bream on meat and Colin Rennison on peg 2 was catching well as expected fishing tight over to the far bank. Over on peg 20 Rich McCorry was picking off the odd carp fishing over long and Stan was picking off the occasional carp on peg 37 fishing over to the tree on the far bank.

Around the fishery most people were catching but it was a little patchy. The known feature pegs were generally producing well. Dave Lawson was struggling to get to grips with peg 30 and peg 14 with its haircut was not as prolific as in the past.



As the match progressed it sounded like Josh was emptying it and Alan G was on track to smash the venue record with Colin Rennison close behind.

Paul Bangs and I were having a nice battle on pegs 46 and 47 now called Welcome Break and the Little Chef due to the number of roadside visitors. I was getting roach in bursts but then nothing and after changing to a tiny hook and stupidly light hooklength managed to string together some good roach fishing shallow. Paul was hooking a few carp but finding a lot of snags in the margins losing 4 carp during the match.

Stan was catching well now and looked to be up there although it was hard to tell how big his fish were as he looked to be fishing fairly light.

At the end it sounded like it would be between AlanG, Josh and Colin.

Paul Bangs and I were first to weigh in an identical 18lb 2oz. Josh was the first of the big weights and had 63lb 15oz and certainly would have done the venue record had he not lost so many at the start. Next big weight was Colin with 47lb. Alan G had a good net and shockingly weighed exactly the same as Josh ! Rich McCorry on 20 had 36lb 6oz and Neil on 31 had a bream day on the meat for over 50lb !! Stan finished a mere ounce behind Rich.

Overall it fished well with over 474lb of fish landed but they rather were finicky on the day.

POSITION	NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS	Peg	COMMENTS
1	Alan Gardner	63.15		16	
1	Josh Blavin	63.15		52	
3	Neil Anderson	50.06		31	Mainly bream
4	Colin Rennison	47.00		2	
5	Rich McCorry	36.06		20	
6	Stan Kiddle	36.05		37	
7	Andy Trigg	21.14		53	
8	Dan Patrick	20.02		25	
9	Allan Bayman	18.02		47	
9	Paul Bangs	18.02		46	
11	Andy Zneimer	15.02		19	
12	Steve Burfoot	12.03		51	
13	Steve McCarthy	12.00		24	
14	Terry Searles	11.11		34	
15	Martin Boddy	11.05		54	
16	Richard Lear	9.14		28	
17	Brian Lakin	8.15		11	
18	Phil Rule	8.08		9	
19	John McCarthy	4.14		7	
20	Dave Lawson	2.07		30	
21	Julien Fletcher	DNW		5	
21	Mark Gloster	DNW		14	
21	Ash Adams	DNW		22	
Fished	23	474.12			