

TEAM ENGLAND PRO-AM - RUTLAND WATER 28 APRIL 2012

Ever since Anglian Water announced a hosepipe ban for the Anglia region a few weeks ago it's not stopped raining. Great for the reservoir, which is now only a few metres down on its spring level, and for the resident ducks, but for anglers and photographers it's not so good. Images of fishermen with their hoods up getting wet does not inspire.

Today's conditions are the same as they have been for several weeks, a strong north easterly breeze and driving horizontal rain...lovely! However, this Team England get together has attracted a very healthy entry of 58 anglers including both 2012 England Home International squads.

The fishing turned out to be extremely good sport with the England Pro's taking a convincing team win with a total weight of 427lb 13oz to the Amateur's 330lb 5oz.

Top individual was Pro, Lloyd Pallet, with 8 fish for 26lb 4oz (inc time bonus) and Lloyd backed up his winning bag with the biggest fish of the day a cracking rainbow tipping the scales at 6lb 7oz. He took his fish on a Di5 combined with a mixture of Mini Lures and Nymphs fishing along the Normanton bank and Fantasy Island.

Pro, Nick Dunn claimed second place with 8 fish for 25lb 0oz. Nick also backed up his bag with a 6lb 1oz rainbow. Ian Donaldson took third place with 8 fish for 24lb 9oz.

Top Amateur was Kieran Caufield who took a well deserved fourth place with 8 fish for 23lb 12oz.

Top lady was the in-form Martha Thomson with 8 fish for 23lb 6oz taking her to fifth place overall. And, Lloyd Pallet had boat partner Martha to thank for his victory as it was her tactics that the pair used to such good effect...and she bagged up before he did!

Team Result:

1. England Pro 427lb 13oz
2. Amateur 330lb 5oz

Individual Result:

1. Pro, Lloyd Pallet 8 fish (inc bonus) for 26lb 4oz
2. Pro, Nick Dunn 8 fish for 25lb 0oz
3. Pro, Ian Donaldson 8 fish for 24lb 9oz
4. Am Kieran Caulfield 8 fish for 23lb 12oz
5. Am, Martha Thomson 8 fish for 23lb 6oz
6. Am, Neil Deakin 8 fish for 23lb 4oz
7. Pro, Rob Sosbe 8 fish for 23lb 1oz
8. Am, James Britten 8 fish 22lb 7oz
9. Pro, Richard Slater 8 fish for 22lb 4oz
10. Pro, Fred Bainbridge 8 fish for 21lb 14oz

Biggest fish: Lloyd Pallet rainbow 6lb 7oz

(Report courtesy of Cliff Waters, Fishypics)