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INTERNATIONAL FLY-FISHING

Scotland win at Grafham



Don Fulcher (international president) and Alastair Nicoll (hon sec) check results.



Eric Campbell (Scotland), individual winner with 10 fish for 10 lb.



READY FOR THE GUN: Hectic activity on the jetty as boats are manned and engines started.

SCOTLAND were victors in the 1977 International Fly-fishing Match at Grafham on June 4 by the narrowest of margins in a day which saw only light individual catches and Loch-Leven-style baskets of fish. Their winning weight of 38 lb 9½ oz included Eric Campbell's best-of-match basket of 10 fish for 10 lb. In second place, Wales, with 30 fish weighing 37 lb 0½ oz, had the fish of the day in Trevor Hirons' 2 lb 15 oz rainbow. England were third with 31 fish for 33 lb 3½ oz and Ireland fourth with 31 for 32 lb 5½ oz.



VICTORS TO BE: The Scottish team is piped to the boats by reserve rod Gilbert McIver. Right: The captains, G. Rowlands (Wales), A. S. Hutton (Scotland), B. Dilger (Ireland) and T. Bilson (England), with (centre) the president, Donald Fulcher, and secretary, Alastair Nicoll.

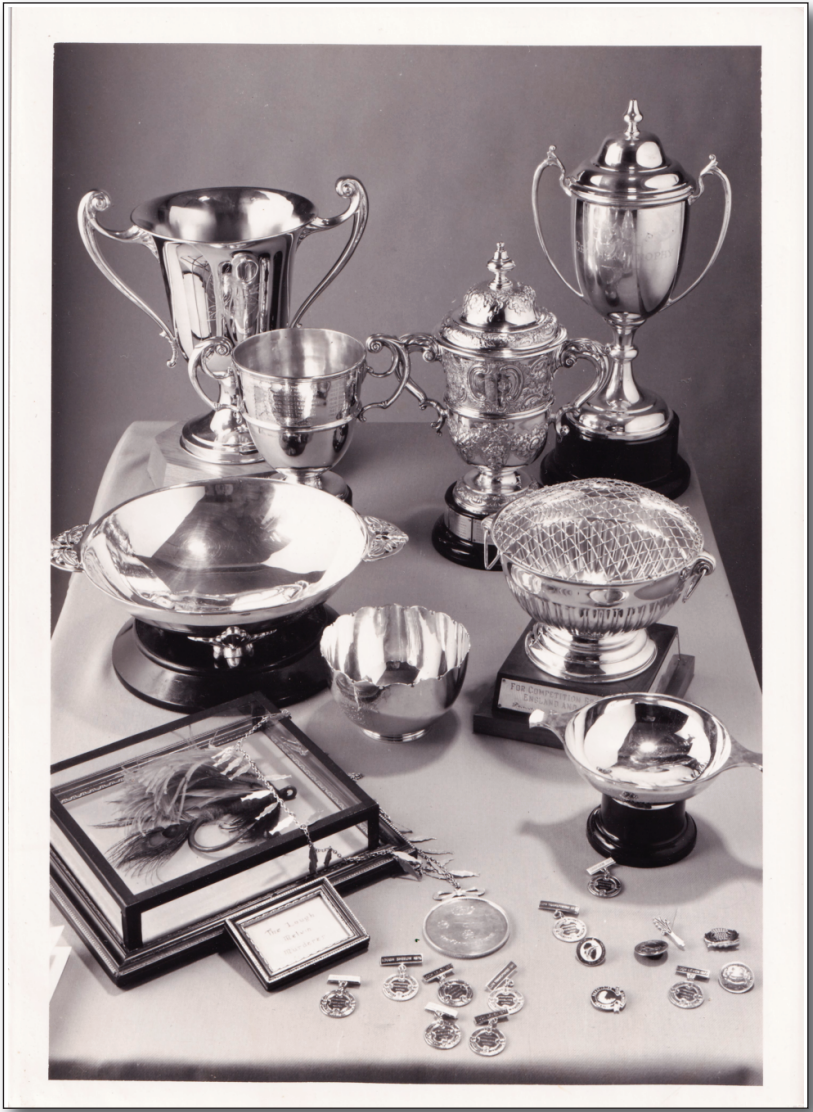


1. Scotland	36 fish	38-9-8
2. Wales	30 fish	37-0-8
3. England	31 fish	33-3-8
4. Ireland	31 fish	31-11-8





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## England win at Loch Leven

**Northampton's Bob Draper takes the Brown Bowl**

ENGLAND, with a team weight of 34 lb 9½oz (31 fish), were comfortable winners of the autumn international trout fly-fishing competition on Loch Leven on August 27. It was their first success in the twice-yearly international matches since the formation of the Confederation of English Fly Fishers in 1974, which, through eliminating contests, selects the England team.

Wales came second with 26 trout weighing 22 lb 14 oz, Scotland, who won the spring match on Grahnam Water, were third with 18 trout weighing 20 lb 4½oz, and Ireland fourth with 12 fish weighing 10 lb 9½oz.

Fishing conditions were difficult in a high wind and mostly bright sunshine. The England team's decision to fish with a team of flies on a sunk line was the successful method on the day, with the Dunkeld as the point fly taking most fish.

The Brown Bowl for the highest individual catch was also won for England by Bob Draper (Northampton) with 11 trout weighing 16 lb 6 oz. Top weight in the Welsh team was T. Fenton with 11 fish at 10 lb 12½ oz. In the Scottish team, Eric Campbell, who was the individual winner at Grahnam in the spring, had seven trout weighing 6 lb 10½ oz. Ireland's best individual weight was one trout of 2 lb 12 oz for S. McIntyre.

Each team of 12 anglers had a number of empty creels and four of the winning England competitors were among those who failed to catch. Ironically, the two reserves with each team all caught fish. Total weight of fish caught by the four teams was 88 lb 5½ oz. The reserves weighed in 15 trout weighing 15 lb 9½ oz.

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NEXT YEAR's spring international match will be held on Lough Corrib (Oughterard) on April 22. The autumn match will be on Llyn Trawsfynydd on September 9.

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BEST CATCH in the Welsh Fly Fishing Association's autumn championship match on the Cleerwan Reservoir in Elen Valley was taken by Cliff Harvey, of Pontypridd, who had four fish weighing 2lb 12½ oz. Second was J. M. Howells, of Llanidloes, with five fish weighing 2 lb 10½ oz, and Tommy Owen, of Aberystwyth, was third with five fish weighing 2 lb 7¾ oz. The 92 anglers taking part, fishing in wet and windy conditions caught a total of 83 fish for 47½ lb.

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WINNER of the Scottish National Fly Fishing Competition on Loch Leven on August 13 was William Patrick (Lomond AC) with seven trout weigh-

ing 6 lb 2 oz. Second was Ian Arnott (Parsons Peebles AC) with eight trout weighing 6 lb 1½ oz and third John Finnan (Clackmannanshire AC) with six trout for 5 lb 12 oz.

The winner's fish came from the Carden Bay area and off the East Buoy.

Four of his fish were taken on a size 10 Wickham's Fancy fished on the bob. Despite a rod breakage, which necessitated a change to a 12 ft salmon rod (due to another breakage the previous week), he took fish right up to the finish.

Above: England's winning team (back row, left to right): W. V. Church, L. Francis, E. Weight, D. B. Allard, D. E. Fulcher, D. Fox, S. Pope, J. Barrett, I. Neale, and W. Day; (front row, left to right): W. Poole, A. R. Saint, K. Beech, T. Bilson, P. Draper, J. Ketley, and R. Draper.

Left: Individual winner Bob Draper from Northampton, with his catch of eleven trout weighing 16 lb 6 oz.

Below: The team captains (left to right), I. Jones (Wales), A. S. Hutton (Scotland), D. E. Fulcher (International President), R. Deacy (Ireland), and T. Bilson (England).

1. England	31 fish	34-9-8
2. Wales	26 fish	22-14-0
3. Scotland	18 fish	20-4-8
4. Ireland	12 fish	10-9-8

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## Midlands’ strength in English ‘National’

RESULTS in the English National at Grafham Water in September reflected the strength of the Midlands Federation. Eight of the 16 qualifiers for places in next year’s international fly-fishing contests were Midlands anglers, but John Braithwaite (South West) was the winner with a superb brace of rainbows for a total of 8 lb 5 oz.

John, a seasoned international, does most of his fishing at Chew and Blagdon, but he has found before that Grafham trout are willing to take a fly presented Bristol-fashion. Like most of the other competitors, John concentrated his efforts on Gaynes Cove — a corner of the reservoir near the dam that has fished consistently well this year. Fishing a team of flies, he took a

rainbow of 3 lb 6 oz at mid-day on a Butcher. Some two hours later, he caught a 4 lb 15 oz rainbow on a small Muddler Minnow.

The winning weight was well clear of all others on a cold day when none of the competitors caught more than a brace of fish. The few fish seen rising were mostly near the bank — a fact partly confirmed by a limit catch taken by a season-ticket holder from the dam wall. A boat angler, Eric Watson, of Braunston, Northamptonshire, caught a 7 lb 9 oz brown trout, but he was not in the contest.

The first eight qualifiers will be included in the English team to fish the International at Lough Corrib on April 22; the next eight will fish the match at

Llyn Trawsfynydd on September 9. (The top four anglers in the English team retain their places.)

Qualifiers: 1, J. Braithwaite (SW), 8 lb 5 oz; 2, S. Wood (M), 4 lb 12½ oz; 3, D. Mussell (S), 4 lb 10½ oz; 4, J. Turnock (M), 4 lb 5 oz; 5, R. Draper (M), 4 lb 0½ oz; 6, Stephen Pope (SW), 4 lb; 7, D. Raynor (M), 3 lb 8 oz; 8, A. Templeman (M), 3 lb 2 oz; 9, E. J. Weight (S), 2 lb 14 oz; 10, A. H. Ashness (N), 2 lb 5 oz; 11, D. Allen (M), 2 lb 4 oz; 12=equal, T Coles (M) and R. N. Ibbotson (S), 2 lb; 14, B. Turner (M), 1 lb 13½ oz; 15=equal, C. Greenaway (M) and B. Stapleton (N), 1 lb 13 oz. Reserves: B. Roberts (M), 1 lb 12 oz; R. Saint (M), 1 lb 10½ oz.



Far right: John Braithwaite, who won the English ‘National’ with two rainbows for 8 lb 5 oz.

1. J Braithwaite (South West)	2 fish	8-5-0
2. S Wood (Midlands)		4-12-8
3. D Mussell (Southern)		4-10-8
4. J Turncock (Midlands)		4-5-0
5. R Draper (Midlands)		4-0-8
6. S Pope (South West)		4-0-0
7. D Raynor (Midlands)		3-8-0
8. A Templeman (Midlands)		3-2-0
9. E J Weight (Southern)		2-14-0
10.A H Ashness (Northern)		2-5-0
11.D Allen (Midlands)		2-4-0
12=T Coles (Midlands)		2-0-0
12=R N Ibbotson (Southern)		2-0-0
14.B Turner (Midlands)		1-13-8
15=C Greenaway (Midlands)		1-13-0
15=B Stapleton (Northern)		1-13-0
Reserves		
17.A B Roberts (Midlands)		1-12-0
18.R Saint (Midlands)		1-10-8