



England

Graham Walker (captain), Martyn Adams, Mike Betts, Paul Canning, Jim Longmore, Brian Froggat, Keith Gollop, Chris Guthrie, Nikki Long, Paul McLinden, Richard Meigh, Paul Miller, Nigel Nixon & Paul Wild.

IRELAND WIN AT HOME

A BIG wave greeted competitors for this spring’s Home International at Lough Arrow in Co Sligo, Eire. Cold weather had meant that the predicted mayfly had not emerged from the silty depths, therefore keeping the fish’s attention fixed firmly on the vast hatches of sooty olives.

Good bags of fish had been taken during practise with various areas such as Rungbuan, Jack’s and Laundry Bay proving to be hotspots. But with all the attention, the lough had understandably switched off by the final.

Tactics had been varied, although many anglers favoured to follow the developing olives as they ascended from deep water through the nymphal stage to adults. This effectively promoted sinking lines in the mornings and intermediates after lunch.

On the final day, the wind had changed from a cold northerly into the west, rendering the majority of productive drifts at the southern end of the Lough, calm and unproductive.

This gave the Irish team an advantage, as the majority of Irish boats had moved to the upper reaches of the lough where the wave was larger. The warmth from the west wind had also induced a good hatch of mayfly and a frenzied rise.

It was here, armed with Dabblers and olive patterns, that John Meagher, on his first appearance for Ireland, successfully charmed five fish to his line and claimed the Brown Bowl.

Not only did Ireland claim the prize for top rod, but swept the board with the largest fish of 3lb 6.6oz falling to Padraig Kelly, and comfortably came first in the team event.

This has been a memorable past two events for Ireland with the ’97 Autumn team triumphant for the first time in 25 years on an away location.

RESULTS:

Teams: 1 Ireland 24 fish 31lb 9.4 oz, 2 England 20 fish 27lb 4.6oz, 3 Wales 18 fish 23lb 2.2oz, 4 Scotland 14 fish 19lb 1oz.

Individuals: 1 John Meagher Ireland, 5 fish 5lb 1oz, 2 Basil Shields, Ireland, 3 fish 5lb 8oz, 3 Jim Longmore, England, 3 fish 4lb 15oz, 4 Paul Jenkins, Wales, 4 fish 4lb 13.8oz, 5 Richard Meigh, England, 3 fish 4lb 0.6oz, 6 Sam McGowan, Ireland, 3 fish 3lb 13oz; 7 Eugene McArdle, Ireland, 3 fish 3lb 11.4oz; 8 John Ross, Scotland, 2 fish 3lb 10.6oz.



1. Ireland	24 fish	31-9.4
2. England	20 fish	27-4.6
3. Wales	18 fish	23-12.2
4. Scotland	14 fish	19-1.0



England
John Horsey (captain), Ken Hardy, Keith McAdam, Bill McHarg & Neil Raistrick.



1. Wales	56 fish	2811 points	38 placings
2. Scotland	43 fish	2213 points	48 placings
3. England	32 fish	1588 points	53 placings
4. Ireland	30 fish	1470 points	61 placings

[Full Results >>](#)

ENGLISH
NATIONAL RIVER
CHAMPIONSHIPS

SNOWBEE (UK) were the main sponsores of this event held on the Rivers Derwent and Greta in the beautiful setting of the Lake District. The 32 finalists were given the challenge of fishing a large slow river and a smaller rocky spate. All used barbless hooks for a total catch of 137 brown trout (an improvement of 48 over the previous year). The fish were measured and returned with 20 points awarded per fish and 1 point per centimetre according to their size. Snowbee (UK) will also be sponsoring the Home International held on the Tweed, Scotland on July 1st.

1 Simon Kidd, Severn Trent, 14 fish for 684 points (6 placing points); 2 Ian Greenwood, Yorkshire, 11 for 583 points (8 placing points); 3 Mike Tinnion, Tyne and Wear, 9 for 413 points (11 placing points); 4 David Mee, Yorkshire, 8 for 405 points (11 placing points); 5 Tony Curtis, Anglia, 4 for 204 points (11 placing points); Reserve, Ken Hardy, North West, 6 for 295 points (14 placing points).

1. Simon Kidd (<i>Severn Trent</i>)	14 fish	684 pts	6 placing points
2. Ian Greenwood (<i>Yorkshire</i>)	11 fish	583 pts	8 pts
3. Mike Tinnion (<i>Tyne & Wear</i>)	9 fish	413 pts	11pts
4. David Mee (<i>Yorkshire</i>)	8 fish	405 pts	11pts
5. Tony Curtis (<i>Anglia</i>)	4 fish	204 pts	11 pts
6. Ken Hardy (<i>North West</i>)	6 fish	295 pts	14 pts
7. Martyn Adams	5 fish		14 pts
8. Jim Miller	6 fish		16 pts
9. John Horsey	5 fish		16pts
10=Mick Broadgate	7 fish		17pts
10=Ray Burt	7 fish		17pts
12.John Tyzack	7 fish		17pts
13.Tim Burn	5 fish		19pts
14.Chris Howitt	6 fish		20pts
15.Keith McAdam	5 fish		20pts
16.Simon Gawsworth	6 fish		21pts
17.Peter McGuckian	4 fish		22pts
18.Howard Croston	3 fish		22pts
19.Isaac Miller	3 fish		22pts
20.Graham Willis	4 fish		23pts
21.John Lindsey	5 fish		26pts
22.Andy Donaldson	1 fish		26pts
23.Andrew Esplin	3 fish		27pts
24.Trevor Colclough	2 fish		28pts
25.Lester Booth	1 fish		28pts
26.Martin Introna	1 fish		28pts
27.Barry Unwin	1 fish		28pts
28.Rob Day	1 fish		29pts
29.Jim Johnson	1 fish		30pts
30.Andrew Green	1 fish		31pts
31=Tony Buckland	Nil		32pts
31=Alan Jenkins	Nil		32pts

Airflo Classic - Individuals

Packington

1. Malcom Randle

2. Michael Laycock

3. Adrian Holland

4. Ian Thompson

5. Mike Symons

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7. Tom Nelson

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9. Leigh Pond

10.John Davies

11.Nick Halstead

11.Adrian Joyce

12.Kieran Clarke

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14.Paul Grevett

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16.Colin Bradley

17.Baz Reece

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19.Peter Morris

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21.Vince Howley

22.Andy Cottam

23.Mark Footitt

24.Bob Woodward

25.Maurice Moscow

26.Simon Robinson

27.Carl Long

28.Mark Corrigan

29.Chazz Povey

30.Billy Thompson

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32.Brian Austin

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37.Stuart Hoodey

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39.Robert Thomson

40.Andrew Szoradi

41.Simon Johnson

42=Derek Bolton

42=John Clark

42=John Croyden

42=Ronald Hibbert

42=John Rigby

- ? Ray Appleby

? George Barbrook

? Nigel Blundell

? Trevor Branford

? Roger Cramer

? Roy Croydon

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? David Green

? Trevor Hyrons

? Dave Johns

? James Johnson

? Simon Kidd

? Paul Knight

? Mark Miles

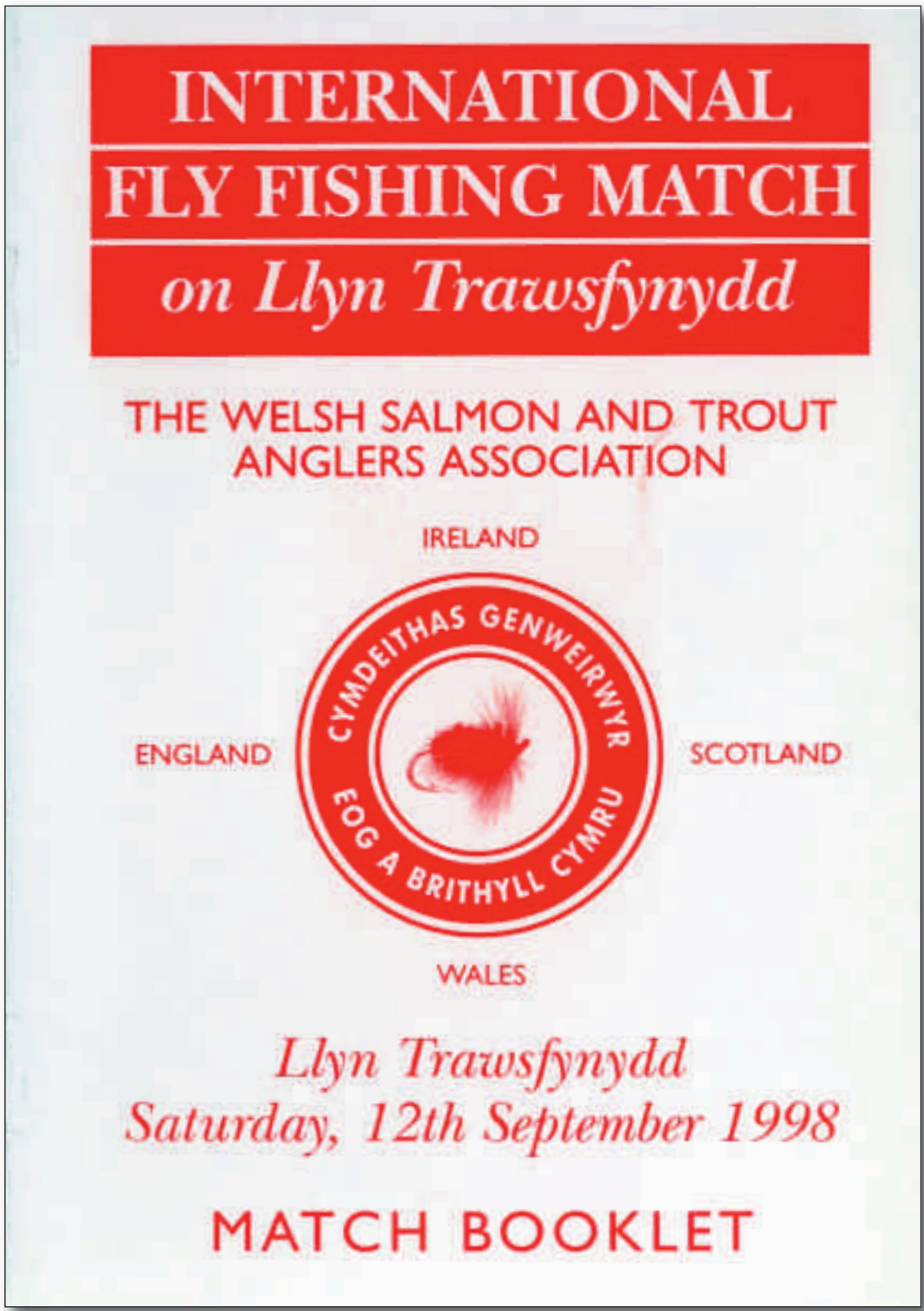
? Steve Parker

? Peter Strother

? Robert Thompson

? Roy Whitwell

? David Wortley



England
Hugh Frew (captain), Martyn Adams, Iain Barr, Trevor Bellamy, Andrew Dixon, Julie Emerson, Darren Hoskin, Chris Howitt, Jim Longmore, Nikki Long, Pat McLintic, Richard Meigh, David Monks & Rob Sosbe.

The winning Cortland Team England, sponsored by Normark.

LOCH-STYLE HOME INTERNATIONAL

ENGLAND BEAT THE ALGAE

ENGLAND scored a sensational victory in the 84th Loch Style Home International on Llyn Trawsfynydd. To celebrate their centenary, the hosts Pryor Angling Club invited the four teams to be guests in a pairs competition, to act as a warm-up to the main competition.

Despite very strong winds, bucketing rain and brown algae, the warm-up was very successful especially for Chris Howitt and Cortland Team England. Chris and his team captain Hugh Frew caught eight fish including one of 6lb and just pipped Scott Graham, the Welsh captain and Phil Hooper for first place. England sounded a warning for the forthcoming International by also coming third and fifth. Chris took the prize for the heaviest fish.

Internationals often hinge on the discovery of 'the method,' and Chris Howitt certainly found it.

Conditions mainly ruled out imitative or surface tactics over open water. A few fish were to be taken within feet of the banks and bushes and some were caught on Hi-D lines and lures.

The Green Pea and the Rutland Sparkler both worked. But the most successful method was to fish two small Boobies 10 feet down, as deep as the wind would allow, using a Cortland 6 or Di-7 line.

Leader length was important, the best being about five feet to the first dropper and six feet to the point. Best colours were orange with white eyes and black with yellow eyes and a green fluorescent tail.

The fish frequently plucked the fly several times before taking and it was vital to wait for a continual pull rather than strike. Those who did not wait did not catch!

After very successful practise days the English team began the match praying that the method would still work. And it did. They were well clear of Scotland in second place and remarkably Chris Howitt continued to show why he has earned 12 Home International caps. The only competitor to catch eight fish, he made history by becoming the first ever to win the coveted Brown Bowl for the third time. Not content with that he again caught the biggest fish, a rainbow of 8lb.

The victory was a splendid send-off for Bob Church, who was managing the team for the last time. In recognition of his contribution to top level competition fishing over many years. He was given a standing ovation at the International dinner.

Home Internationals are always memorable and Pryor Angling Club are to be congratulated for making this one particularly so in the face of very difficult conditions.

Results
Teams: 1 England, 40 fish for 70lb 7¼oz; 2 Scotland, 24 for 43lb ¼oz; 3 Ireland, 18 for 32lb 13¼oz; 4 Wales, 20 for 29lb 14oz.

Individuals: 1 Chris Howitt, Eng, 8 for 15lb 10oz; 2 William Dewer, Sco, 6 for 10lb 12oz; 3 David Monks, Eng, 4 for 10lb 2¼oz; 4 Jim Longmore, Eng, 5 for 7lb 7¼oz; 5 Noel McLoughlin, Ire, 3 for 6lb 13¼oz; 6 John Healy, Ire, 2 for 6lb 7oz; 7 Nikki Long, Eng, 3 for 6lb 5¼oz; 8 Thomas Melville, Sco, 2 for 6lb 3oz; 9 Rob Sosbe, Eng, 3 for 6lb 1¼oz; 10 Douglas Skedd, Sco, 4 for 5lb 12¼oz; 11 Trevor Bellamy, Eng, 4 for 5lb 5¼oz; 12 Joe Barry, Ire, 4 for 5lb 3¼oz; 13 Colin Riach, Sco, 2 for 5lb 1¼oz; 14 Pat McLintic, Eng, 4 for 4lb 15¼oz; 15 David Malcolm, Sco, 3 for 4lb 14¼oz; 16 Tim Hughes, Wal, 3 for 4lb 11¼oz; 17 Michael Hennessey, Ire, 3 for 4lb 10¼oz; 18 Aled Dixon, Wal, 2 for 4lb 4oz; 19 Iain Barr, Eng, 3 for 4lb 2¼oz; 20 John Buchanan, Sco, 2 for 3lb 11¼oz.

Chris Howitt claimed his third Brown Bowl, thanks to this 8lb rainbow.

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1. England	40 fish	70-7-8
2. Scotland	24 fish	43-5-0
3. Ireland	18 fish	32-13-8
4. Wales	20 fish	29-14-0

Full Results >>

'Raining' Champs

England National Loch-Style qualifiers
"bag up" in Rutland downpour.



Martin Introna takes a fish close to the bank in the North Arm.

RUTLAND WATER played host to this prestigious final which fished superbly despite light winds and constant rain. From the check-in to the end the rain fell, but 12 of the 116 competitors managed to catch their 12-fish limits.

This year's champion, Chew and Blagdon regular Tony Baldwin from Hereford, caught on a slime line around the Gibbets Gorze area of the South Arm. He fished an orange attractor with Pheasant Tail Nymph and Black Buzzer behind, to gain his limit with a four-hour time bonus.



Chew's Robert Cobbedlick showed he's still in form with fourth spot.



Bewl's Bill Rankin makes sure of his England place with 12 trout.

Second-placed Baz Reece, from Crawley stuck to his team of orange lures all day, drifting around Lax Hill. He gained instant takes by giving the lures a quick pull on his Wet Cell 2 line as the flies hit the water, gaining his 12-fish with a two-hour time bonus.

Rutland Kingfisher and TF columnist Iain Barr came third and caught the best fish of the day, a 4lb 11 1/2oz rainbow on a Frazer Nymph from the Finches area of the North Arm.

The first 20 will represent Cortland Team England in the International at Rutland next year, with 12 of the team being new caps.

The rod average for the day was an impressive 6.8, with the average bag being 13lb 9oz.



Rising NE youth star Simon Robinson qualified in ninth spot.

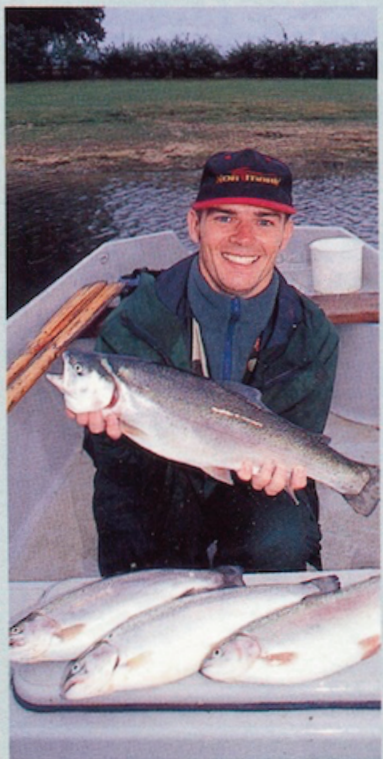
Qualifiers: 1 Tony Baldwin, 33lb; 2 Baz Reece, 32lb; 3 Iain Barr, 30lb 14 1/2oz; 4 Robert Cobbedlick, 29lb 6oz; 5 Ian Colclough, 29lb 5oz; 6 Dave Doherty, 28lb 2 1/2oz; 7 Tony Curtis, 26lb 13oz; 8 Peter Johnson, 26lb 4 1/2oz; 9 Simon Robinson, 26lb; 10 Trevor Bellamy, 25lb 8 1/2oz; 11 Bill Rankin, 25lb 7oz; 12 Michael Heritage, 24lb 4oz; 13 Graham Pearson, 22lb 13oz; 14 Graham Smith, 22lb 11oz; 15 Simon Gurney, 22lb 9oz; 16 Neil West, 22lb 3oz; 17 Martin Introna, 22lb 1oz; 18 Paul Davison, 21lb 1 1/2oz; 19 Carl Hunter, 20lb 15 1/2oz; 20 Mike Childs, 20lb 14 1/2oz.

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| 1. Tony Baldwin | 33-0-0 |
| 2. Baz Reece | 32-0-0 |
| 3. Iain Barr | 30-14-8 |
| 4. Robert Cobbedlick | 29-6-0 |
| 5. Ian Colclough | 29-5-0 |
| 6. Dave Doherty | 28-2-8 |
| 7. Tony Curtis | 26-13-0 |
| 8. Peter Johnson | 26-4-8 |
| 9. Simon Robinson | 26-0-0 |
| 10. Trevor Bellamy | 25-8-8 |
| 11. Bill Rankin | 25-7-0 |
| 12. Michael Heritage | 24-4-0 |
| 13. Graham Pearson | 22-13-0 |
| 14. Graham Smith | 22-11-0 |
| 15. Simon Gurney | 22-9-0 |
| 16. Neil West | 22-3-0 |
| 17. Martin Introna | 22-1-0 |
| 18. Paul Davison | 21-0-8 |
| 19. Carl Hunter | 20-15-8 |
| 20. Mike Childs | 20-14-8 |

Match

WHAT'S THAT FLY?

THE torrential rain that fell on competitors in this year's England Loch-Style National at Rutland failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the 116 competitors. In fact there were only 16 blanks, while 12 of the top 20 will be new caps for England (see report last month). Our reporter at the dock side was there to greet the wet contestants and ask them how they had got on . . .



Iain Barr-Peterborough (finished third)
"I fished a double Cat's Whisker on the point, a Frazer Nymph in the middle and a Cruncher on the top, with a slime line. Of my 12-fish limit, four were caught on the point fly. My best fish of 4lb 11oz was taken on the middle fly and seven fish on the top fly. I finished my limit at The Finches by 3pm using a fast pull and figure-of-eight retrieve."



ABOVE: Rodney March takes another rainbow towards his total of eight for 14lb 15oz while Coronation Street star Sean Wilson can only look on.

Robert Cobbedlick - Bude (finished 4th)
"A floating line with a Stick fly and red-headed Dandel Bach fished with a figure of eight retrieve did the trick for me. I had the heaviest weight of fish without a time bonus, catching my 12 fish by 5.10pm."



Dave Doherty - Empingham (finished sixth)
"By 2.55pm I had caught my limit. I fished a Di-3 line with an Orange Charlie lure on the point and a Cat's Whisker dropper at Gibbets."



Simon Robinson - Newcastle (finished 9th)
"I used an intermediate line and scored with a Dandel Bach nymph around the Berrysbuts area of the South Arm. By 3pm I only had two fish, but by 4.20pm I had bagged-up. I caught 10 fish in a hour and 20 minutes."



Graham Pearson - Leicester (finished 13th)
"I fished off the Dam first, but by 2pm I had caught nothing. So I moved to Old Hall where I caught two and then lost two. There seemed a lot of activity on the other side of the South Arm, so I moved across to the Gibbet Goose area and started to catch immediately on an intermediate and Hare's Ear to finish with 11."



Andrew Filcroft - Stamford (finished 39th)



Orange Charlie Lure



Pearly Wickhams

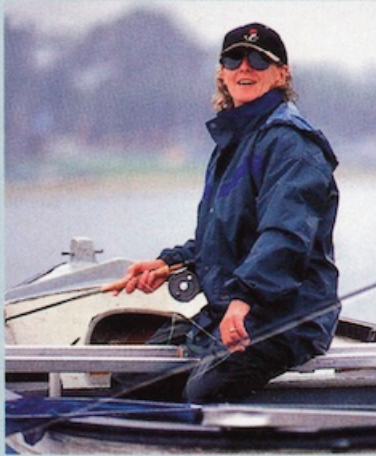
"I used a Di-3 line with a Charlie orange lure and Wingless Wickhams. By 2.30pm I had seven fish, then nothing until 5.30pm. I tried nymphs but again nothing. Maybe I should have gone higher in the water. I spent the day at Gibbets."

WHAT'S THAT FLY?

Continued



Andrew Ramsden - Keswick (finished 54th)
"I pulled an orange Booby and used Black and Gold Muddlers with Hoppers. I struggled, and had to swap lines regularly for only six fish."



Jane Percy - Winchelsea (finished 73rd)
"Like a lot of anglers, we first went to Norwanton and the dam area but caught nothing. Then we moved to the Sailing Club and Berrysbuts area where I had four by 11am. We finished at East Creek where I had one more with 15 minutes to go. Two took a wet Daddy, and three a Pheasant Tail Nymph with a pearly thorax, all on a slime line."



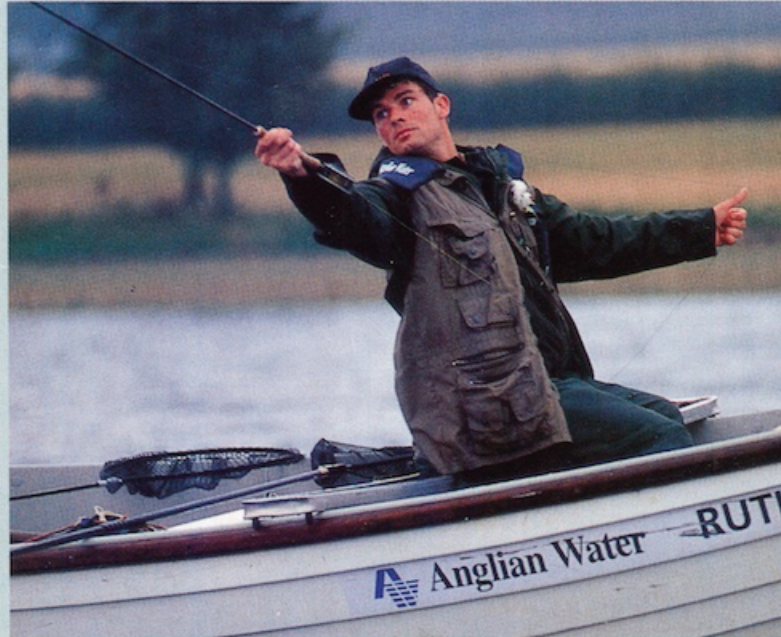
Glyn Hopper - Tunbridge Wells (finished 84th)
"I struggled today and fished much better on the practice day. A floating line was best and I stuck with it for four fish in the end. I fished a Wingless Wickhams on the top dropper, a Buzzer on the middle and a Damsel on the point. Three of my fish were off the top. I drifted around Old Hall first, but had only one fish, although I lost two at the net. I then moved to the Gorze/Berrysbuts area where I had a further three fish, but I lost a total of five by the end."



Wingless Wickhams



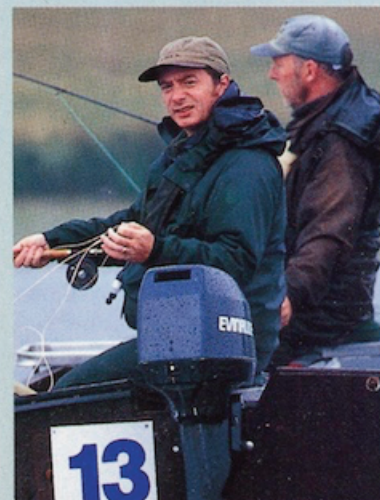
Red-head Damsel



Craig Barr - Market Deeping (finished 55th)
"I started on a floating line, then changed to an intermediate. But caught nothing. I then switched to a Hi-D line, which I used for the rest of the match. My team of flies were a Cat's Whisker, Rutland Sparkler and Hare's Ear. Casting to rising fish, I lost eight fish, which would have helped tremendously. I tried Fantasy Island first but by 2pm I had caught only one fish. But I finished with six after fishing further down that bank off Mowmaires and the Three Trees."



Cat's Whisker



Sean Wilson (left) - Coronation Street's Martin Platt (finished 102th)
"I struggled all day on an intermediate line stripping small orange lures at Finches. I wanted to move but my boat partner wanted to stay. It was very hot and I only managed to catch two fish."