

England’s team plans

AT THEIR FIRST annual meeting at Leicester, the newly-formed Confederation of English Fly Fishers set up administrative machinery for selecting England’s team to compete in the international trout fly fishing competitions.

As it is not possible to fish eliminating matches in time for the 1975 international matches on Lough Conn in May and Loch Laven in August, the England teams for these matches will be selected proportionately from the four English Federations. The full complement of 12 anglers will be selected for the first match and eight for the second contest, the four top weights from the Lough Conn match making up the 12 for the contest on Loch Laven.

A system of eliminating matches will begin in May at federation level, ending with 15 anglers from each area competing in a national final at Grafham Water,

from which the England teams for 1976 will be selected.

Initially the new confederation is short of funds and has set itself a target of £500 to be raised by next March. Donations are being sought and approaches to various bodies will be made for financial assistance to get the confederation on a sound financial footing. An appeal is also being made to Mr Denis Howell, Minister for Sport.

First principal officers of the confederation elected were: chairman and England team captain, Mr Don Fulcher (Midlands); secretary, Mr Stephen Marsh-Smith (Bristol); treasurer and fund-raiser, Mr Topp (Salisbury); deputy chairman, Mr Brian Stapleton (Merseyside); Press liaison officer, Mr Cliff Thompson, 83 Park Road, Peterborough. (Telephone: Peterborough (0733) 62638.)

INTERNATIONAL FLY-FISHING
The teams for
Lough Conn

THE FIRST TEAM to represent the recently formed Confederation of English Fly Fishers and to fish for England in the home countries’ spring international trout fly-fishing match on Lough Conn in Ireland in May has been announced as follows: D. E. Fulcher (Kettering FF, captain), A. H. Ashness (Northern Federation), V. Byrne (Leicestershire FF), R. T. Curtis (Peterborough FF), V. Church and P. Dobbs (Mid-Northants FF), C. Greenaway (Kettering FF), E. J. Pastore and R. R. Smith (Northern Fed.), S. Marsh-Smith and S. Pope (South West Federation), D. Pribble (East Midlands Trout Fishers). Reserves: R. Blackwell (Leicestershire FF) and T. R. G. Carter (Southern Federation).

The team to represent Scotland in this match will be: the 1975 president of the Scottish National Angling Clubs Association, the secretary (Alastair Nicoll), H. J. Wilson (Cupar), A. R. M. Stewart (Bohemian), M. G. McKinnell (Edinburgh Saturday), L. Hutchison (Leven), P. Young (Heriot FP), C. Hope Murray (Western), R. E. Dixon (Reston), P. Keay (Stormontfield), Dr A. M. Westwater (Leith FF), I. L. Ross (Perth RASC). Reserves: C. Johnston (Veterans), and W. Hodge (Gartmore).

Welsh changes

THE WELSH FLY FISHING Association, which is responsible for the selection and running of the Welsh fly fishing team, has decided to change its procedure for team selection. In the past the Welsh team for the year has been selected on the results of a national trial, fished on various reservoirs in Wales and followed by a final trial on Trawsfynydd Lake.

In future two national trial matches will be held annually, the first to select the team for the spring international match and the second for the autumn international match. This means that all the Welsh clubs will be invited to send two sets of three anglers to the national trials annually. The first national trial will be held this year on Llandegfedd Reservoir on May 3, and this will be followed by the final trial on Trawsfynydd Lake a fortnight later. The successful six rods who win their places in these trials will fish for Wales in the spring international match in Wales in 1976.

The second set of trials will be held in August. The first national trial will be on Llyn Clywedog on August 17, with the final trial a fortnight later. This second match should satisfy those who have complained for years that the Saturday trial matches have been unfair to duty-bound businessmen. The six successful anglers from the second set of trial matches will go into the Welsh team to fish the autumn international match in 1976 which is to be fished in England.

The Welsh Fly Fishing Association also decided at its meeting to instigate a National survey to ascertain how much of Welsh rivers are still held in the hands of angling clubs. The association conducted a survey of Welsh rivers some 10 years ago and this resulted in Welsh angling clubs receiving strong financial support from the Welsh Sports Council. It is anticipated that this survey will reveal that Welsh clubs are finding it difficult to survive.

TROPHIES

Melvin Murderer

- S ✓ 1. The Graham Munro Hall Memorial Trophy (The Premier Award) is held by the winning team until the next International Match.
 S ✓ 2. The Irish Tourist Association Cup is held by the winning team until competed for again in Ireland.
 MMT ✓ 3. The Captain's Badge is held by the winning Captain until the next International Match.
 ✓ 4. The Brown Bowl is held by the Angler with the best basket.
 ✓ 5. The Hilliard Williams Cup is competed for by Scotland and Ireland.
 ✓ 6. The Hastings Clay Cup is competed for by Ireland and Wales.
 ✓ 7. The Lowe-Hall Salver is competed for by Scotland and Wales.
 ✓ 8. The Grahame Cup is competed for by England and Scotland.
 ✓ 9. The 'Melvin Murderer' is competed for by England and Ireland.
 ✓ 10. The Anglo Welsh Trophy is competed for by England and Wales.
 ✓ 11. The Lavery Cup is held by the Irish Angler with the best basket.
 ✓ 12. The Gillie Farr Trophy is held by the Welsh angler with the best basket.
 ✓ 13. The Phoenix Salver is held by the Scots angler with the best basket.
 ✓ 14. The Spoon is held by the team with the lowest total.
 ✓ 15. The Mallet is held by the International Chairman during his term of office.

President 1975

Mr. David K. Ring, Ireland
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IRELAND—Lt.-Col. Michael T. Moylett, 47 Hollybrook Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3.

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ENGLAND—Steven Marsh-Smith, Linden Lodge, Linden Road, Clevedon, Somerset.

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ON

LOUGH CONN

SATURDAY, 24th MAY

1975

NOTES FROM RULES

- The Match is fished by teams which will be composed of males only. The result is according to the total team weights.
- The boats leave the pier at 10 a.m. and must be back at the pier by 6 p.m. when the weighing will take place.
- Artificial fly (excluding lures, demons and tandem flies) only are permitted and they must be cast in the usual fashion. No more than four flies shall be mounted on a cast at a time and they shall not be closer together than twenty inches. Trolling of flies is prohibited. No flies shall be artificially weighted.
- No boatmen or person other than the team member is allowed to fish and no person shall accept flies or casts gratis from any tackle maker. *Eleven 11*
- Only trout, and none under *ten* (10) inches from nose to fork of tail will be admitted.

A Dinner will be held in the Downhill Hotel, Ballina, after the Match when lounge suits will be worn.

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Captain—Mr. D. E. Fulcher GART.

	No.	Lbs.	Ozs.
2 Mr. D. E. Fulcher	3	2	14 3/4
18 Mr. A. H. Ashness	3	2	3
22 Mr. R. Curtis	1	0	11 3/4
14 Mr. V. Byrne	2	1	9 3/4
24 Mr. V. Church	3	2	0 1/4
30 Mr. P. Dobbs	-	-	-
6 Mr. C. Greenaway	5	3	13
8 Mr. R. Harper	6	3	14
26 Mr. E. J. Pastore	4	4	0 1/2
10 Mr. S. Pope	3	2	0
16 Mr. D. Pribble	5	3	12 3/4
4 Mr. R. R. Smith	2	1	9 1/2
(4) Total	34	28	9 1/4

Reserves:

12 Mr. R. Blackwell	3	1	11 1/2
28 Mr. T. G. Carter	4	2	11

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Group A	Peter Walsh 3	Group B	108
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SCOTLAND		IRELAND	
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Captain— Mr. M. W. Thomson		Captain—Mr. S. Dunbar	
	No. Lbs. Ozs.		No. Lbs. Ozs.
1	Mr. M. W. Thomson 4/3/5	2	Mr. S. Dunbar 2/1/11½
23	Mr. H. J. Wilson 5/3/15½	18	Mr. T. J. Corcoran 2/1/12½
15	Mr. A. R. M. Stewart 4/3/4¾	22	Mr. J. Howe 6/4/15
11	Mr. A. E. Campbell 6/4/9¾	14	Mr. C. Hatfield 2/1/9
13	Mr. H. Wyse 6/3/10	24	Mr. M. Phelan 2/2/5
25	Mr. A. S. Nicoll 1/0/10½	20	Mr. P. Hoare 2/1/9
21	Mr. C. Hope Murray 3/2/2½	6	Mr. M. Killian 9/8/3½
3	Mr. R. E. Dixon 4/2/13	8	Mr. M.L. Phelan 6/3/15½
5	Mr. P. Keay 2/1/14½	26	Mr. T. J. O'Connor 2/1/14¾
24	Dr. A. M. Westwater 5/3/9	10	Lt.-Col. M. T. Moylett 3/2/1½
19	Mr. I. L. Ross 11/9/4½	10	Mr. J. Fleming 5/3/5
9	Mr. C. Johnston -/-/-	4	Dr. E. Scully 3/3/8
1	Total 51/39/2	2	Total 44/36/12½
Reserves:		Reserves:	
4	Mr. W. Hodge 3/2/3	12	Mr. P. Gallagher 1/-/12¾
14	Mr. J. Wallace 2/1/5	28	Mr. J. Berry 3/2/5½

Group A	44
WALES	
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Captain—Mr. R. H. M. Williams	
	No. Lbs. Ozs.
✓ 1	Mr. R. H. M. Williams 4/3/0
✓ 23	Mr. V. Williams 4/4/15
✓ 15	Mr. G. Rowlands 3/2/1¾
✓ 11	Mr. R. D. Roberts 2/1/9¾
✓ 13	Mr. E. B. Hughes 1/0/4¾
✓ 25	Mr. E. Hughes 4/3/1¾
✓ 21	Mr. A. Bevan 1/0/13
✓ 3	Mr. F. M. Williams 4/3/9
✓ 5	Mr. G. Williams 5/3/9
✓ 24	Mr. A. Owen 2/9
✓ 19	Mr. R. H. Smont 6/4/1½
9	Mr. R. Williams 6/4/4½
3	Total 47/33/14
Reserves:	
4	Mr. E. Edwards 3/2/8
14	Mr. T. Hiron -/-/-
	H.B. Lewis
PREVIOUS RESULTS	
(Fished on Loch Leven up to and including 1970)	
1932 S.I.E.W.	1933 I.E.W.S.
1934 S.E.W.I.	1935 E.S.W.I.
1936 E.I.W.S.	1937 S.I.E.W.
1938 S.W.E.I.	1939 E.S.I.W.
1940-49 No Contest	
1950 E.W.S.I.	1951 E.S.I.W.
1952 I.S.E.W.	1953 S.W.E.I.
1954 S.E.W.I.	1955 S.E.W.I.
1956 England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland	
1957 England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland	
1958 Scotland, England, Ireland, Wales	
1959 England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland	
1960 England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland	
1961 England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales	
1962 Eng.and, Scotland, Wales, Ireland	
1963 England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland	
1964 Eng.and, Scotland, Ireland, Wales	
1965 Eng.and, Scotiand, Wales, Ire.and	
1966 Scotland, England, Wales, Ireland	
1967 Wales, Eng.and, Scotiand, Ireland	
1968 Wales, Scotland, England, Ireland	
1969 Scotland, England, Wales, Ireland	
1970 Wales, Ireland, England, Scotland	
1971 (Killarney) Wales, England, Scotland, Ireland	
1971 (Menteith) England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland	
1972 (Llyn Alaw) Wales, Ireland, (Joint Scotland-England)	
1972 (Grafham) Scotland, Ireland, England, Wales	
1973 (Menteith) Wales, Scotland, Ireland	
1973 (Corrib) Ireland, Wales, Scotland	
1974 (Menteith) Scotland, Wales, Ireland	
1974 (Trawsfynydd) Scotland, Wales, Ireland	



ANGLING REPORTS

Scotland win in Ireland

In difficult fishing conditions, with a cold north wind and brilliant sunshine, the International Fly Fishing match on Lough Conn in Co. Mayo, on May 24, was won by Scotland (team picture above), their third consecutive victory.

Their 12 team members caught 51 trout weighing 39 lb 2 oz. Second place was taken by the Irish team with 44 fish weighing 36 lb 12½ oz. Wales, in third place, took more fish than Ireland, but their total weight was lower. They had 47 trout weighing 33 lb 14 oz. The England team, making its reappearance under the banner of the Confederation of English Fly Fishers, founded last year, came fourth with 37 trout weighing 28 lb 9½ oz. Total number of trout caught by the teams was 179 weighing 138 lb 5½ oz, which was considered excellent in view of the conditions.

The Brown Bowl, awarded to the angler with the best basket, was won by Ivor L. Ross (Scotland) (fifth from left in picture) with a catch of 11 trout for a total weight of 9 lb 4½ oz. He took his trout on a Mayfly and a Green Peter, fishing a long line on the drift near the pier.

The autumn international match takes place on Loch Leven on August 23.

England
D. E. Fulcher (Captain), A. H. Ashness, V. Byrne, V. Church, R. Curtis, P. Dodds, C. Greenaway, R. Harper, E. J. Pastore, S. Pope, D. Pribyl & R. R. Smith. (Reserves) R. Blackwell & T. R. S. Carter.

1. Scotland	51 fish	39-2-0
2. Ireland	44 fish	36-12-4
3. Wales	47 fish	33-14-0
4. England	37 fish	28-9-4



Captains – D. E. Fulcher (England), M. W. Thomson (Scotland), David K. Ring (IFFA President), R. H. M. Williams (Wales) & S. Dunbar (Ireland).



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Ireland
S. Dunbar (Captain), T. J. Corcoran, J. Howe, C. Hatfield, M. Phelan, P. Hoare, M. Killian, M. L. Phelan, T. J. O'Connor, Lt. Col. M. T. Moylett, J. Fleming & Dr. E. Scully. (Reserves) P. Gallagher & J. Berry.



Scotland
M. W. Thomson (Captain), H. J. Wilson, A. R. M. Stewart, A. E. Campbell, H. Wyse, A. S. Nicoll, C. Hope Murray, R. E. Dixon, P. Keay, Dr. A. M. Westwater, I. L. Ross & C. Johnston. (Reserves) W. Hodge & J. Wallace.



Wales
R. H. M. Williams (Captain), V. Williams, G. Rowlands, R. D. Roberts, E. B. Hughes, E. Edwards, A. Bevan, F. M. Williams, G. Williams, T. Hirons, R. H. Smont & R. Williams. (Reserves) R. Jones & H. E. Lewis.

Roses all the way . . .

THE SPIRIT of angling and the friendships and goodwill it creates, even at international level, were exemplified in Ireland at the end of May when teams from the four home countries met to fish their spring competition on Lough Conn in Co Mayo.

The England team had been unable to take the traditional roses with them to wear on the day of the match owing to an Irish ban on the import of produce, and on arrival at their hotel in Ballina the English captain, to his dismay, was told that no roses were obtainable in the district. However, with typical Irish hospitality, the two girls at the reception desk promised they would do their best to obtain the necessary roses in time for the contest.

The difficulties of the English team fell on the ears of one of the wives of a Welsh team member during a conversation at the hotel bar in the evening, who said she had seen a basket of artificial roses in a Ballina shop window. Beggars could not be choosers and it was agreed they should be purchased. Nothing more was said until it was learned that the lady from Wales and another from Scotland had spent three hours that day transforming a basket of artificial roses into 16 attractive individual buttonholes.

But that was not the end of the English team's embarrassment. Returning to their hotel they found the Irish girls, after telephoning to many parts of Ireland, had found a shop with real live roses and had arranged for them to be picked up by car and delivered to the hotel in time for the match. The captain's dilemma was solved when it was decided to wear the artificial roses during the match while the real roses would adorn their buttonholes for the teams' dinner in the evening.

Two Irish girls, one from Wales and another from Scotland, by their own efforts, had made sure the English team would go on the water and to the dinner 'properly dressed.'

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TROPHIES

- Graham Munro Hall Memorial Trophy** ✓
(The Premier Award) is held by the winning team until the next International Match.
- The **Lady Graham Montgomery Cup** is held by the winning team until competed for again in Scotland. ✕
- The **Captain's Badge** is held by the winning captain until the next International Match, ✓
- The **Brown Bowl** is held by the Angler with the best basket. ✓
- The **Hilliard Williams Cup** is competed for by Scotland and Ireland. ✓
- The **Hastings Clay Cup** is competed for by Ireland and Wales. ✓
- The **Lowe-Hall Salver** is competed for by Scotland and Wales. ✓
- The **Grahame Cup** is competed for by England and Scotland. ✓
- The **"Melvin Murderer"** is competed for by England and Ireland. ✓
- The **Rose Bowl** is competed for by England and Wales. ✓
- The **Laverty Cup** is held by the Irish Angler with the best basket. ✓
- The **Gillie Farr Trophy** is held by the Welsh angler with the best basket. ✓
- The **Phoenix Salver** is held by the Scots angler with the best basket. ✓
- The **Spoon** is held by the team with the lowest total. ✓
- The **Mallet** is held by the Chairman during his term of office. ✓

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INTERNATIONAL ANGLING MATCH



ENGLAND SCOTLAND
IRELAND WALES

LOCH LEVEN

SATURDAY, 23rd AUGUST, 1975

PRESIDENT, 1975—Mr David K. Ring, Ireland

Honorary Secretaries
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WALES—H. Emyr Lewis, Castle House, Trawsfynydd, Merioneth.
ENGLAND—Steven Marsh-Smith, Linden Lodge Linden Road, Clevedon, Somerset.
INTERNATIONAL—Alastair S. Nicoll.

NOTES FROM RULES

- The Match is fished by teams which will be composed of males only. The result is according to the total team weights.
- The boats leave the pier at 10 a.m., returning by 6 p.m. Starting and finishing gun will be fired at these times. The starting and finishing line will be the red buoys outside the pier.
- Artificial fly (excluding lures, demons and tandem flies) only are permitted and they must be cast in the usual fashion. No more than four flies shall be mounted on a cast at a time and they shall not be closer together than twenty inches. Trolling of flies is prohibited. No flies shall be artificially weighted. Size limit will be an iron of not more than five-eighths of one inch from tip of eye to bottom of bend.
- No boatmen or person other than the team member is allowed to fish and no person shall accept flies or casts gratis from any tackle maker, nor allow his angling status or any success to be used for commercial purposes.

Only trout will be weighed in and none under 9 inches overall length.

The International Dinner will be held in the Halfway House Hotel, Kingseat after the Match, at 8.30 p.m. Ladies may attend. Lounge suits or blazers.

Match
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ENGLAND

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Captain—Mr D. E. FULCHER

	No.	Lbs.	Ozs.
15	Mr D. E. FULCHER	-	-
28	Mr J. FAIREY	1	1 1/2
19	Mr C. GREENAWAY	1	2 1/2
34	Mr R. GUNTON	2	4 1/2
35	Mr S. MARSH-SMITH	11	15 1/2
24	Mr E. J. PASTORE	2	4 1/2
38	Mr D. PRIBYL	2	1 10 1/2
21	Mr R. SAINT	2	2 11
25	Mr G. TOPP	3	3 2 1/2
31	Mr P. WEST	2	4 11 1/2
29	Mr D. S. WEBBER	2	3 9 1/2
40	Mr S. W. WOOD	4	5 15
(2)	Total	32	50 10 1/2
26	Reserves Mr J. BURROWS	1	1 8
16	Mr R. SHUTER	2	3 14

SCOTLAND



Captain—Mr MALCOLM W. THOMSON

	No.	Lbs.	Ozs.
15 Mr MALCOLM W. THOMSON	2	2	4½
28 Mr HARRY J. WILSON	* 4	9	9
19 Mr A. R. M. STEWART	-	-	-
34 Mr A. ERIC CAMPBELL	-	-	-
35 Mr LESLIE HUTCHISON	3	3	5½
24 Mr PAUL YOUNG	4	4	2½
38 Mr C. HOPE MURRAY	1	0	6½
21 Mr PETER KEAY	1	1	6
25 Dr A. M. WESTWATER	4	6	15½
31 Mr IVOR L. ROSS	4	5	5
24 Mr CHARLES JOHNSTON	1	2	5
40 Mr W. HODGE	4	5	9
(4) Total	28	41	4½

Reserves

26 Mr IAN MACLACHLAN	1	1	12½
16 Mr JAMES WALLACE	3	5	2
*WINNER - PHOENIX TROPHY			

IRELAND



Captain—Mr E. O'SULLIVAN

	No.	Lbs.	Ozs.
18 Mr E. O'SULLIVAN	1	2	1½
41 Mr P. J. CONNEFF	-	-	-
22 Dr C. W. MEARNs	1	1	10
32 Mr E. LENNON	-	-	-
23 Mr M. SWEENEY	* 8	14	12
24 Mr T. KILLEEN	4	6	10½
20 Mr P. O'REGAN	-	-	-
39 Mr J. ALLARD	1	2	0½
43 Mr R. M. DEACY	2	3	11
36 Lt.-Col. M. T. MOYLETT	2	4	1
34 Mr C. SLEATOR	2	3	5
30 Mr O. BREDIN	3	5	11½
(3) Total	34	43	5

Reserves

19 Mr A. T. CONLON	2	4	3½
42 Mr J. DUNNE	-	-	-
*WINNER - HAVERTY CUP			

WALES



Captain—Mr R. H. M. WILLIAMS

	No.	Lbs.	Ozs.
18 Mr R. H. M. WILLIAMS	* 8	14	4
41 Mr V. WILLIAMS	5	4	10
22 Mr G. ROWLANDS	2	5	4
32 Mr R. D. ROBERTS	2	4	3½
23 Mr E. B. HUGHES	1	1	13
29 Mr C. HUGHES E. EDWARDS	3	4	2½
20 Mr A. BEVAN	2	3	8½
39 Mr F. N. WILLIAMS	3	6	2
43 Mr G. WILLIAMS	-	-	-
36 Mr A. OWEN	1	1	11
34 Mr R. H. SMOUT	3	6	4
30 Mr M. WILLIAMS	3	4	13½
(1) Total	33	63	5

Reserves

19 Mr E. EDWARDS G. JONES	6	9	4½
42 Mr T. HIRONS	9	14	10
*WINNER - BROWN BOWL GILLIE FARR TROPHY			

PREVIOUS RESULTS

Loch Leven 1932 to 1970

1932 S. I. E. W.	1933 I. E. W. S.
1934 S. E. W. I.	1935 E. S. W. I.
1936 E. I. W. S.	1937 S. I. E. W.
1938 S. W. E. I.	1939 E. S. I. W.
1940-49 No Contest	
1950 E. W. S. I.	1951 E. S. I. W.
1952 I. S. E. W.	1953 S. W. E. I.
1954 S. E. W. I.	1955 S. E. W. I.
1956 E. I. W. S.	1957 E. W. S. I.
1958 S. E. I. W.	1959 E. S. W. I.
1960 E. S. W. I.	1961 E. S. I. W.
1962 E. S. W. I.	1963 E. S. W. I.
1964 E. S. I. W.	1965 E. S. W. I.
1966 S. E. W. I.	1967 W. E. S. I.
1968 W. S. E. I.	1969 S. E. W. I.
1970 W. I. E. S.	
1971 (Killarney) W. E. S. I.	
1971 (Menteith) E. W. S. I.	
1972 (Llyn Alaw) W. I. S./E.	
1972 (Grafham) S. I. E. W.	
1973 (Menteith) W. S. I.	
1973 (Corrib) I. W. S.	
1974 (Menteith) S. W. I.	
1974 (Trawsfynydd) S. W. I.	
1975 (Conn) S. I. W. E.	



England
D. E. Fulcher (Captain), J. Fairey, C. Greenaway, R. Gunton, S. Marsh-Smith, E. J. Pastore, D. Pribyl, R. Saint, G. Topp, D. S. Webber, P. West & S. W. Wood. (Reserves) B. Roberts & R. Shuter.

Triple triumph for Wales

LOCH LEVEN, August 23

AFTER A LEAN SPELL extending over several years, Scotland's Loch Leven brown trout are now as fit and strong as they ever were, and the loch's former well-earned reputation of being the finest brown-trout fishery in Great Britain has been restored.

The fighting qualities of these superb fish, all bred naturally in the burns feeding the loch, provided wonderful sport for teams representing the four home countries when they fished their second and last international match of the season on the loch on August 23.

It was a day of triumph for the Welsh team, for they finished first as a team and their captain, R. H. M. Williams, weighed in the heaviest bag with eight fish weighing 17 lb 7 oz. Only one of the 12 team members failed to catch a fish. The team's total of 33 trout weighed 63 lb 5 oz, including the best individual fish at 4 lb 1½ oz, caught by Gwilym Rowlands.

Only one fish behind to gain second place was England, whose 32 fish weighed 50 lb 10½ oz. Stephen Marsh-Smith, the youngest competitor in any team, caught the most fish with 11 trout weighing 15 lb 13 oz. Again, only one member of the team was fishless.

Although they caught four fewer fish than Scotland, the Irish team filled third place with 24 trout weighing 43 lb 5 oz. Three team members were fishless, but the third highest individual weight went to M. Sweeney who had eight trout weighing 14 lb 12 oz.

Scotland, winners of the last three international matches on 'away' waters, fared the worst on their home loch, their 28 fish weighing 41 lb 7½ oz. Best individual catch was by Harry J. Wilson with four trout weighing 9 lb



ABOVE: The two principal officials and four team captains before the start of the competition. Standing, left to right: David K. Ring (Ireland, and 1975 International president) and Alastair S. Nicoll (Scotland, and International Fly Fishing Association secretary). Seated, left to right: Merfyn Williams (Wales), Malcolm W. Thomson (Scotland), E. O'Sullivan (Ireland) and Donald E. Fulcher (England).



RIGHT: Merfyn Williams, the Welsh team captain, with the heaviest bag of the competition eight brown trout, weighing 17 lb 7 oz.

9 oz. Only two members of team failed to catch fish.

It was in the first and last hours of the eight-hour competition, when most trout were caught. There was then a good breeze and an overcast

sky, but in the middle of the day the sun came out and the trout went down and were hard to tempt. Small flies, down to size 14, brought most fish to the net. The trout, had to be well hooked if the strength of these powerful fish was to be contained. Many were the stories of fish tempted, hooked and then lost.

Not since 1970 had the international been fished on Loch Leven, and on that occasion fish caught were lean, offered little sport and were obviously suffering from some infection. On top of that the loch has suffered from a prodigious growth of algae. This has now almost disappeared, the fish are healthy and strong and anglers, using rods up to 12 ft long and tripping their team of flies just under the surface, have been enjoying sport which they have not known since the sixties.

The international dinner after the match was presided over by the 1975 chairman of the International Fly Fishing Association, Mr David K. Ring, of Ireland. It was the biggest — and voted the best — of all similar occasions in the past, and its success, and that of the competition, was due to the untiring work of the host country Scotland, the international committee, and, in particular the popular secretary and principal organiser Mr Alastair S. Nicoll.

The spring international match next year will be in Ireland, but the venue and date have not yet been fixed. The autumn match will be in Wales on Llyn Trawsfynydd on August 28.

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A report and pictures of the English National fly-fishing match are on page 42. Editor.



THE BEST individual fish was this brownie of 4 lb 1½ oz, proudly held by its captor, Gwilym Rowlands, a member of the Welsh team.

Trout and Salmon

1. Wales	33 fish	63-8-0
2. England	32 fish	50-10-8
3. Ireland	24 fish	43-5-0
4. Scotland	28 fish	41-7-8

Full Results >>



England

D. E. Fulcher (Captain), J. Fairey, C. Greenaway, R. Gunton, S. Marsh-Smith, E. J. Pastore, D. Pribyl, R. Saint, G. Topp, P. West, D. S. Webber & S. W. Wood. (Reserves) B. Roberts & R. Shuter. (Morris Allen Photography)



Ireland

E. O'Sullivan (Captain), P. J. Conneff, Dr. C. W. Mearns, E. Lennon, M. Sweeney, T. Killeen, P. O'Regan, J. Allard, R. M. Deacy, Lt. Col. M. T. Moylett, C. Sleator & O. Bredon. (Reserves) A. T. Conlon & J. Dunne. (Morris Allen Photography)



Scotland
M. H. Thomson (Captain), H. J. Wilson, A. R. M. Stewart, A. E. Campbell, L. Hutchison, P. Young, C. Hope Murray, P. Keay, Dr. A. M. Westwater, I. L. Ross, C. Johnston & W. Hodge. (Reserves) I. McLachlan & J. Wallace.
(Morris Allen Photography)



Wales
R. H. M. Williams (Captain), V. Williams, G. Rowlands, R. D. Roberts, E. B. Hughes, E. Edwards, A. Bevan, F. N. Williams, G. Williams, A. Owen, R. H. Smout & M. Williams. (Reserves) G. Jones & T. Hirons.
(Morris Allen Photography)

Trophy for the winner

IT HAS BEEN announced that the John Player tobacco company will support the first national championship of the Confederation of English Fly Fishers, to be fished at Grafham Water on September 13. They have agreed to present to the winner an Imperial Panatella trophy in the form of a Zaglo glass decanter engraved with a fishing scene. They will also underwrite the cost of certificates and give a reception for competitors and officials. Mr Trevor King, John Player's cigar marketing manager and a keen fly-fisherman himself, says he believes that the formation of the confederation in 1974 was beneficial to fly-fishing interests in Britain.

It is expected that 60 competitors will take part in the national championship, made up of the top 15 anglers from each of England's four areas. The top 16 in the championship will be invited to fish for England in the two international matches in 1976, the first four in the first match also fishing in the team in the second match.

INTERNATIONAL FLY-FISHING

Four-rainbow catch wins English National



FIRST: R. Draper (Midlands).



SECOND: Donald Fulcher (Midlands).

GRAFHAM WATER, Sept. 13

CHANGING WEATHER conditions made fishing difficult for the 60 anglers who had fished their way through eliminators to the English National trout fly-fishing championship competition at Grafham Water on September 13.

It was the first English National Championship to be staged under the administration of the Confederation of English Fly Fishers, formed in 1974, and was fished from 30 boats by 15 finalists from each of four regions.

Winner was R. Draper, of the Midlands Federation, who had four rainbows weighing 7 lb 15 oz. It was a repeat success for him, for in July he won the Midlands eliminator on the same water. He took his fish near the surface on Invictas and Wickham's Fancy of his own tying.

Popular runner-up was Donald Fulcher (Midlands), chairman of the confederation, who had the biggest bag of five fish with a total weight of 7 lb 9 oz. R. Purves, of the Southern Federation, was third with four fish weighing 6 lb 8 oz.

Other weights of the first 16 anglers, from whom the teams of 12 will be selected to represent England in next year's two international matches, were:

P. West (Midlands), 3 fish, 5 lb 14 oz; M. McCormick (Midlands), 3, 5-7; D. Young (North West), 3, 5-1; A. Dighton (Midlands), 3, 5-0; W. Pool (Midlands), 3, 4-13; J. Snelson (Midlands), 3, 4-10; D. Fox (South West), 3, 4-5; B. Perkins (Midlands), 3, 3-14; T. Bilson (Midlands), 2, 3-14; E. Pastor (North West), 2, 3-13; W. Lathan (South), 2, 3-13; D. Braithwaite (South West), 2, 3-12; R. Curtis (Midlands) 2, 3-7. Forty-one competitors weighed-in.

The wind veered round completely during the early and late hours of the competition, and in the middle of the day there was almost a flat calm with bright sunlight. Hook size was in accordance with international rules and was limited to 12 in overall.

At a reception given by John Player at the end of the competition, Mr Trevor King, of Players, presented an engraved decanter to the winner, Bob Draper, and certificates to the first six anglers. Runner-up, Donald Fulcher, received a water-colour of Grafham Water, painted by Christopher Fleming-Jones, and presented by his father, David Fleming-Jones, Grafham's fishery officer.



THIRD: R. Purves (Southern) (left) keenly watches the scales as his fish are weighed by Hadyn Jones, head bailiff at Grafham, watched (right) by David Fleming-Jones, Grafham fisheries officer.

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| 1. R Draper (Midlands) | 4 fish | 7-15-8 |
| 2. D Fulcher (Midlands) | 5 fish | 7-9-0 |
| 3. Roy Purvis (Midlands) | 4 fish | 6-8-8 |
| 4. P West (Southern) | 3 fish | 5-14-4 |
| 5. M McCormick (Midlands) | 3 fish | 5-7-12 |
| 6. D Young (North West) | 3 fish | 5-1-12 |
| 7. A A Dighton (Midlands) | 3 fish | 5-0-8 |
| 8. W Poole (Midlands) | 3 fish | 4-13-8 |
| 9. John Snelson (Midlands) | 3 fish | 4-10-12 |
| 10. Don Fox (South West) | 3 fish | 4-5-12 |
| 11. Bev Perkins (Midlands) | 3 fish | 3-14-8 |
| 12. Tom Bilson (Midlands) | 2 fish | 3-14-4 |
| 13. E J Pastore (North West) | 2 fish | 3-13-4 |
| 14. Bill Latham (Southern) | 2 fish | 3-13-0 |
| 15. D Braithwaite (South West) | 2 fish | 3-12-0 |
| 16. R Curtis (Midlands) | 2 fish | 3-7-8 |
| 17= D Webber | | |
| 17= R Williams | | |
| 19. Mr Combridge | | |
| 20. Mr Thompson | | |
| 21. V Byrne | | |
| 22. G Hughes | | |
| 23. A Cobbledich | | |
| 24. Steve Pope | | |
| 25. Mr Kerley | | |
| 26. Don Gifford | | |
| 27= Ken Beech | | |
| 27= Norman Chown | | |
| 27= D Lovelace | | |
| 30= Phil Green | | |
| 30= D Thorley | | |
| 32. A Amos | | |
| 33= N Ashton | | |
| 33= I Neale | | |
| 35. A Veal | | |
| 36= Tom Davis | | |
| 36= Mr Palmer | | |
| 38. G Whitehead | | |
| 39. A Ashness | | |
| 40. D Cobbledich | | |
| 41. D Pribyl | | |