1982

Loch-style Home International - Spring

Llyn Trawsfynydd - 15th May 1982

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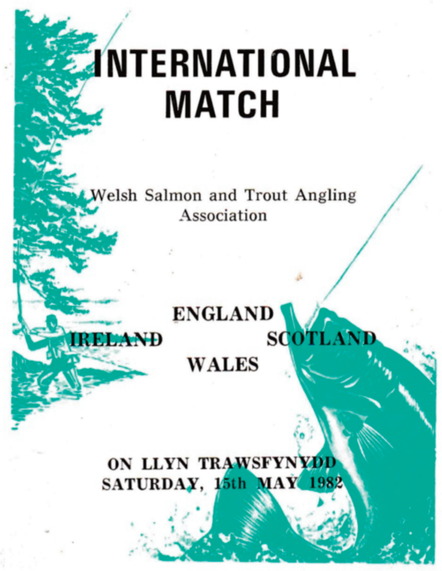
INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Welsh Salmon and Trout Angling Association



ON LLYN TRAWSFYNYDD
SATURDAY, 15th MAY 1982

Congratulations to the International Fly Association on achieving its Golden Jubilee

1932—1982

From the Welsh Salmon and Trout Angling Association.

ENGLAND

Captain: BOB DRAPER

		Fish	LB	OZ
1.	Richard Webb	1		8½
2.	Bill Day	1		8
3.	Alex Amos	2		14
4.	Jeff Loud	2	1	5
5.	Chris Ogborne	1		7
6.	Dave Lovelace			
7.	Stan Pope	3	1	11
8.	David Malpas	3	1	10
9.	Steve Pope	5	2	15
10.	Don Pendlebury			
11.	Vic Winterton	1		8
12.	Les Hardman	3	1	4½
	TOTAL	22	11	11
	Reserves:			
13.	Bob Draper	4	1	7
14.	John Hedges	2	6	2

IRELAND

Captain: JOE BARRY

		Fish	LB	OZ
1.	Joe Barry	–	–	–
2.	Sammy Moore	4	2	4½
3.	Ray McDwyer	4	2	3½
4.	David Smith	–	–	–
5.	Sean Moogan	1	–	10
6.	Chritsy Sleator	3	1	10
7.	Louis Brennan	1	–	6½
8.	Matt Hynes	1	–	12
9	Eamon Tonge	3	1	9
10.	Tom Healy	1	–	9
11.	Tommy Tuck	1	–	9
12.	Maurice Willis	–	–	–
	TOTAL	19	10	9½ oz
	Reserves:			
13.	George Timmins	1	–	11½
14.	Michael O'Toole	1	–	8

SCOTLAND

Captain: ARCHIE F. REDDICK

		Fish	LB	OZ
1.	Archie F. Reddick	2	1	1½
2.	Alastair S. Nicoll	2	–	15
3.	Douglas Stockdale	–	–	–
4.	James M. Pirie	–	–	–
5.	Alexr. D. Wilkie	3	1	7½
6.	Donald Westwater (Dr)	–	–	–
7.	David Chalmers	–	–	–
8.	George McNairn	2	1	0½
9.	Brian A. Gibbons	2	2	11
10.	Robert R. B. Mather	5	2	13½
11.	Alexr. D.D. Forgan	2	–	15½
12.	Angus S. Hutton	–	–	–
	TOTAL	18	11	0½
	Reserves:			
13.	William Miller	–	–	–
14.	James McKenna	–	–	–

WALES

Captain: TONY BEVAN

		Fish	LB	OZ
1.	Tony Bevan	3	1	9
2.	Mark Thomas	1	–	7
3.	Gareth Thomas	5	2	10
4.	Peter Medlicot	2	1	0
5.	Gwynfor Jones	1	–	8½
6.	Brian Dallimore	–	–	–
7.	Dai Gildas Jones	–	–	–
8.	Mitch Atherton	–	–	–
9.	Emrys Owen	1	–	6½
10.	John I. Thomas	2	1	4
11.	Jeffrey Thomas	4	2	6
12.	Illtyd Griffiths	1	–	9
	TOTAL	20	10	12
	Reserves:			
13.	Philip Copeman	1	–	7½
14.	Peredur Eklund	1	–	7

LOCAL RULES

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15. The **H. Emyr Lewis Memorial Trophy** is held by the Angler with the heaviest trout.
16. The **Spoon** is held by the team with the lowest total.
17. The **Mallet** is held by the Chairman during his term of office.

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Captains - Tony Bevan (Wales), Joe Barry (Ireland), Archie F. Reddick (Scotland) & Bob Draper (England).





England

(Rear) Tom Bilson (Team Manager), Dave Malpas, Richard Webb, Don Pendlebury, Les Hardman, Chris Ogborne, Steve Pope & Bob Draper (Captain & Reserve). (Front) Vic Winterton, Dave Lovelace, Alex Amos, Bill Day, Jeff Loud, Stan Pope & John Hedges (Reserve).





Ireland

Joe Barry (Captain), Sammy Moore, Ray McDwyer, David Smith, Sean Moogan, Christy Sleator, Louis Brennan, Matt Hynes, Eamon Tonge, Tom Healy, Tommy Tuck & Maurice Willis. (Reserves) George Timmins & Michael O'Toole.





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All Teams

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TROUT AND SALMON

England make it four



The English International team: Standing — *Tom Bilson, Dave Malpas, Richard Webb, Don Pendleburgh, Les Hardman, Chris Ogborne, Steve Pope, and Bob Draper. Kneeling Vic Winterton, Dave Lovelace, Alex Amos, Bill Day, Jeff Loud, Stan Pope and John Hedges.*

IT IS DOUBTFUL whether in the 50 years of the International Fly-fishing Competition any result has been closer than at Trawsfynydd, the golden jubilee match. The weights of the four teams were so close in both numbers of fish and total weight that one good fish could have changed the outcome completely.

Yet it was the English team which won, making it four championship wins in a row. Many will think that the results these last few years bear a distinct resemblance to those of the 'sixties, when the English team was so powerful that the other countries were reduced to fighting for second place. The English team in the 'sixties had six successive championship wins, and it would seem that this feat is well within the reach of the present team.

Llyn Trawsfynydd did not fish well for this auspicious occasion. On the Thursday, normally a practice day, a light-hearted competition was promoted which mixed the team members and officials, and nearly 300 fish were taken. Top boat was that of Emrys Owen, of Llanystumdwy, and Louis Brennan, of Ireland, with 29 fish weighing 15 lb 6 oz. In practice on Friday, many team members had catches well into double figures. But on Saturday the weather conditions were totally against the lake fishing well.

Trawsfynydd does not fish well in hot weather because the water having been used to cool the reactors in the atomic station, is already too warm for the comfort of the fish, and warm sultry conditions increase the problem.

Steve Pope, of England, with his cane rod and light line, showed all the competitors that a gentle approach pays in calm conditions. His five fish, weighing 2 lb 15 oz made the best bag of the match, but it weighed only 1½ oz heavier than the five fish caught by Bob Mather, of Scotland. Gareth Thomas, of Wales, also caught five fish, and they weighed 2 lb 10 oz. The top rod in the Irish team was Sammy Moore, with four trout for 2 lb 4½ oz.

So Steve Pope took the Brown Bowl and the Grafham Trophy, for the best individual basket and best English team weight; Bob Mather, the Phoenix Salver (best Scottish weight); Gareth Thomas, the Gillie Farr Trophy (best Welsh weight); and Sammy Moore, the Laverty Cup (best Irish).

Team weights were: England 22 trout for 11 lb 11 oz; Scotland 18 trout for 11 lb 0½ oz; Wales 20 trout for 10 lb 12 oz; and Ireland 19 trout for 10 lb 9½ oz. The reserves had another seven trout for 3 lb 11 oz.

The Autumn International will take place on Lough Conn, always a popular venue, on September 11, fishing from Crossmolina. The 1983 Spring Match will be at Rutland Water and the Autumn Match could go, for the first time, to the Orkneys.

Mr Jack McNeely (Ireland) was elected International President for 1983, taking office on January 1

We'll see you at Tatton Park!

This year's Game Fair is at Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire, on July 29, 30 and 31, and *Trout and Salmon* will be there as usual, sharing a stand with our sister publication, *Trout Fisherman*, on Fishermen's Row. The Editor, Roy Eaton, will be there to welcome readers, and Marcus Warwick will be giving demonstrations and advice on cane rod-building. We look forward to seeing you. More information about the Game Fair is on page 21.

NEXT MONTH

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SALMON ON THE DRY FLY, by GEORGE BEA
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England win at Trawsfynydd

THE 50th Home International Fly fishing Championships sponsored by the National Westminster Bank and held at Trawsfynydd Reservoir, Gwynedd, North Wales produced a closely-fought contest with only 1 lb separating the four teams at the weigh-in.

In first place was the England team whose 12 anglers took 22 fish for an 11 lb 11 oz total. Scotland were second with 18 fish for 11 lb ½ oz, followed by Wales with 20 fish totalling 10 lb 12 oz and Northern Ireland, 19 fish for 10 lb 9½ oz. Am 2/6/82

England again

ENGLAND made it four home international victories on the trot when they topped the weights at Llyn Trawsfynydd on Saturday.

Man of the match was young Steve Pope of Bristol, Avon. He took a five-fish bag weighing 2 lb 15 oz. Steve's method was different to most of the competitors — a cane rod with light line. Most of his fish fell to a Black Pennel pattern on size 10 hook fished a the surface.

***Result:** 1 England 11 lb 11 oz (22 fish); 2 Scotland, 11 lb 0½ oz (18); 3 Wales, 10 lb 12 oz (20); Ireland, 10 lb 9½ oz (19).*

NO STOPPING ENGLAND

Only 17½oz between first and last team in the Golden Jubilee International at Trawsfynydd. Report and pictures: Moc Morgan

The English team scored a fourth successive victory in the Golden Jubilee match, the fiftieth anniversary of International Fly fishing competition.

The whole atmosphere for the event was set on Thursday when twenty anglers from each country, fourteen team members, and six officials were sent out two to a boat to catch as many fish as they could. This was not a team effort as each boat's total was added up and the heaviest boat won the prize. Champions on that day were Emrys Owen from Wales, and Louis Brennan from Ireland who had 29 fish for 15lb 6oz. The lake fished well that day, with the majority of boats weighing in with over ten fish.

The conditions deteriorated during the practice sessions on Friday. Despite this a few English boats caught over thirty fish. On Saturday, the match day, the first hour proved to be all important. After that the sun became a real spoil sport. In the hot sultry conditions, and flat calm waters, the fish became very difficult and the anglers had to work very hard.

On Friday many anglers had taken fish in the Home Bay. When the gun went, most of the boats started fishing right in the starting area. This proved to be a wise choice, as the boats that made off for other areas were motoring during the best part of the match.

Even in such a short period one or two flies had already become favourites with the International competitors. Most anglers had a Green Peter and a Bibio in their casts or in reserve.

For those first couple of hours a number of fish were caught, but it rapidly became clear that the poor conditions and the angling pressure of so many top anglers over the last few days had made the fish less ready to take the fly than on the practice days. Fortunately a cloud rolled over now and then, but there was a spell in mid-afternoon when the fish totally disappeared, maybe due to thunder in the area. You could sense the utter despair of the anglers as they kept flogging away, more by habit than conviction.

The man of the match was Steve Pope from Bristol. In 1974 Steve must have been one of the youngest ever anglers to fish an international match when he fished for the President's Select team. In those days there was no official English team in the competition.

It's likely that his light outfit of split cane rod and delicate floating line helped him. He took his fish in the cloudy spell between noon and two. His effective fly was a size ten Black Pennell. Could Steve have known that the fly has had an excellent season in other Welsh waters?

Stan Pope, also from Bristol, but no relation, Dave Malpas, and Les Hardman backed Steve up with three fish apiece, to sweep England to victory. The others should have known. Any English team that can afford to leave Bob Draper in the reserve boat is a strong one.

Once again the Scottish team came in second, despite the fact that the Welsh squad, coming third, for the second time running brought in more fish. It seems that the Scottish team make a habit of hooking bigger fish.

Brian Gibbons took the best fish of the match at 2lb 3½oz, while his team mate Bob Mather took the best Scottish bag, five fish for just 1½oz less than Steve Pope. Bob caught most of his fish on a Bibio and a sink-tip line.

The Welsh team were disappointed with their third place with just two fewer fish than the English. Top rod was Gareth Thomas with five fish for 2lb 10oz. He took them on a Blackie, a highly rated local pattern, and a Dunkeld.

The Irish took the wooden spoon for the fourth time in succession. They managed that despite taking more fish than the second placed Scottish.

Top rod was Sammy Moore who fished so well at Draycote last year, and who managed four fish for 2lb 4½oz, as did team mate Ray McDwyer, for an ounce less.

Three of Sammy's fish took the Green Peter, which accounted for many of the fish, throughout the match.

There are lighter spots in every match. I won't name the two Irishmen who having capsized their boat, proceeded to tour Caernarfon Castle still wearing waders.

The next match goes to Lough Conn, where surely the Irish will be able to redeem themselves. Whatever happens, there's no doubt that the good spirit that has prevailed in these matches will continue. ■

The full result was:

First, England, 22 fish for 11lb 11oz.
Richard Webb, 1 fish for 8½oz; Bill Day, (1) 8oz; Alex Amos, (2) 14oz; Jeff Loud, (2) 1lb 15oz; Chris Ogborne, (1) 7oz; Dave Lovelace, (Nil); Stan Pope, (3) 1lb 10oz; Dave Malpas, (3) 1lb 10oz; Steve Pope, (5) 2lb 15oz; Don Pendlebury, (Nil); Vic Winterton, (1) 8oz; Les Hardman, (3) 1lb 4½oz; Res: Bob Draper (1) 7oz; John Hedges, (2) 1lb 2oz.

Second, Scotland, 18 fish for 11lb ½oz.
Archie F. Reddick, 2 fish for 1lb 1½oz; Alastair S. Nicholl, (2) 15oz; Douglas Stockdale, (Nil); James M. Pirie (Nil); Alexander D. Wilkie, (3) 1lb 7½oz; Dr Donald Westwater, (Nil); David Chalmers, (Nil); George McNairn, (2) 1lb ½oz; Brian A. Gibbons, (2) 2lb 11oz; Robert Mather, (5) 2lb 13½oz; Alexander Forgan, (2) 15½oz; Angus Hutton, (Nil); Res. William Miller, (Nil); James McKenna, (Nil).

Third, Wales, 20 fish for 10lb 12oz.
Tony Bevan, 3 fish for 1lb 9oz; Mark Thomas, (1) 7oz; Gareth Thomas, (5) 2lb 10oz; Peter Medlicot, (2) 1lb; Gwynfor Jones, (1) 8½oz; Brian Dallimore, (Nil); Dai Gildas Jones, (Nil); Mitch Atherton, (Nil); Emrys Owen, (1) 6½oz; John J. Thomas, (2) 1lb 4oz; Jeffrey Thomas, (4) 2lb 6oz; Illtyd Griffiths, (1) 9oz. Res: Philip Copeman, (1) 7½oz; Peredur Eklund, (1) 7oz.

Fourth, Ireland, 19 fish for 10lb 9½oz.
Joe Barry, (Nil); Sammy Moore, 4 fish for 2lb 4½oz; Ray McDwyer, (4) 2lb 3½oz; David Smith, (Nil); Sean Moogan, (1) 10oz; Christy Sleator, (3) 1lb 10oz; Louis Brennan, (1) 6½oz; Matt Hynes, (1) 12oz; Eamon Tonge, (3) 1lb 9oz; Tom Healy, (1) 9oz; Tommy Tuck, (1) 9oz; Maurice Willis, (Nil). Res: George Timmins, (1) 12½oz; Michael O'Toole, (1) 8oz.

Captains: England, Bob Draper; Scotland, Archie Reddick; Wales, Tony Bevan; Ireland, Joe Barry.





Triumphant England. Steve Pope, centre, gets the thanks of skipper reserve Bob Draper, while team manager Tom Bilson raises the clenched fists of victory.

Main picture Unusual scenery as competitors drift amongst the stanchions. Miserable flat calm, and hazy light, are not the most suitable conditions for an International.

ENGLAND 11lb 11oz SCOTLAND 11lb 0½ WALES 10lb 12oz IRELAND 10lb 9½

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Full Results >>

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1.	Bob Draper	–	–	
2.	Stan Pope	–	–	
3.	David Malpas	3	2	65
4.	Jeff Loud	–	–	
5.	Peter Suter	2	1	36
6.	Ken Beech	1	0	65
7.	Fred Northover	1	1	53
8.	Terry Oliver	2	1	66
9.	G. J. Boulton	1	0	70
10.	Steve Pope	2	2	98
11.	Peter Thomas	6	5	78
12.	R. J. Draper	2	1	86
	TOTAL	20	19	17
	Reserves:			
13.	Tom Bilson	2	1	62
14.	Adrian Ashness	–	–	

B. Bromley
S. Hodges
N. Ashness
B Day.

IRELAND

Captain: Christy Sleator

1.	Christy Sleator	3	2	49
2.	Michael Sweeney	1	0	67
3.	Michael Kennedy	5	3	60
4.	Eamonn Neligan	6	4	41
5.	Sean Young	1	0	92
6.	Michael Tolan	3	3	58
7.	Leo Joyce	3	2	66
8.	Rory O'Connor	–	–	
9.	Joe Leonard	4	2	90
10.	Larry Sleator	3	2	67
11.	Michael Fitzpatrick	2	2	26
12.	Michael Walshe	–	–	
	TOTAL	28	23	50
		31	26	16
	Reserves:			
13.	John Murphy	5	4	52
14.	Patrick Murray	8	7	05

SCOTLAND

Captain: Archie Reddick

1.	Archie Reddick	1	2	32
2.	Alastair Nicoll	1	1	49
3.	James Sidey	1	1	47
4.	Brian Peterson	2	2	07
5.	Alexr. Wilkie	1	0	68
6.	Dr. Donal Westwater	4	4	32
7.	David Chalmers	3	2	46
8.	George McNairn	4	4	23
9.	Brian Gibbons	1	2	38
10.	Robert Mather	2	1	52
11.	Alexr. Forgan	5	4	90
12.	Angus Hutton	3	1	35
	TOTAL	27	29	13
	Reserves:			
13.	William Miller	1	1	01
14.	James McKenna	5	4	06

WALES

Captain: Trevor Hirons

1.	Trevor Hirons	2	1	62
2.	Ken Bowring	4	2	96
3.	Tony Bevan	3	2	52
4.	Alun Williams	1	1	26
5.	Terry Thomas	1	0	94
6.	Terry Fenton	1	0	68
7.	David Griffiths	–	–	–
8.	David Jones	7	4	61
9.	Cliff Harvey	2	1	91
10.	Peter Bevan	–	–	–
11.	Victor Williams	–	–	–
12.	Peredur Eklund	1	1	32
	TOTAL	22	17	82
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14.	Geraint Morgan	3	2	02

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9. The **"Melvin Murderer"** is competed for by England and Ireland.
10. The **Rose Bowl** is competed for by England and Wales.
11. The **Laverty 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 **Grafham Trophy** is held by the English Angler with the best basket.
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GAME

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

BY TONY PAWSON

THIS Saturday will see the National Westminster International Fly Fishing Championship, the second of this Jubilee season being fished on Lough Conn.

The main celebrations are linked to this and will have started earlier on Thursday the first official practice day.

There is certainly much to celebrate for over the half-century these internationals between the four home countries have developed into the main fly-fishing event of the year and the loch-style fishing on which they are based has been well established as the most popular form of trout fishing.

The start was casual enough. Four years before Ireland and Wales joined in to begin the present series, Scotland and England challenged each other to a match on Loch Leven. That followed on from the English pair of R.H. Dodds and W. McCreath challenging any other pairs to fish against them on Leven for what they facetiously termed "the trout fishing championship of the world'.

A number took up the challenge but Dodds and McCreath duly won with 73 trout weighing 56 lb (happy days!). It had been a marathon contest with competitors on the loch for 14 hours, though with recognised periods for sleep and rest and no individual allowed to fish for more than 12 hours.

"Tactics" were already well developed with many equipping themselves with field glasses to keep watch on rivals. Indeed at one period, when Dodds was sleeping, McCreath shook him awake with the news that Mr Short and Mr Chartress, whose record for a week on Leven was 244 lb of trout, were "in amongst them" and that it was time to get busy.

Such was the interest aroused by this casual competition that in 1928 the first match was arranged between Scotland and England with Dodds, Short, and McCreath formed into a sub-committee of the newly formed English International Fly-Fishers Association to collect a team of twenty from those who were known to fish Leven regularly.

And an impressive team it was with HRH the Duke of York as captain-elect and well-known anglers like J.J. Hardy included. In the event, affairs of state prevented the future King George VI. from fishing and W. McCreath captained the team.

As is normal with such novel events, there was some criticism and scoffing in the Press. The *Manchester Guardian* indeed commented that it was impudent to take on the Scots on their own loch with such an absurdly selected side (shades of my own experience with the recent first English entry into the Fly-fishing World Cup) But the English team won the closest of contests by just 15½ oz with both teams catching over 130 lb of trout.

Again such interest was aroused that in 1931 Wales and Ireland sent a combined team to fish alongside the contestants. They were impressed enough to each enter teams officially in 1932 to start the internationals which have continued ever since with a break only for the war years.

Teams had to be reduced to 16 as there were not enough boats for more and later this became the present 12 a side, but otherwise the shape of the contest and its rules have altered little except for some reduction in the length of rods allowed, and minor additions to ensure the true loch-style fishing with small flies is preserved.

Untill 1970 there was only one international each season which was always fished at Leven, where the English International Fly-fishers also staged their own "English National" each year. Friendlies between the four countries were often fished in the autumn with altogether 18 staged, 14 of them in Ireland, two in Wales and two in England. In addition there was one match between England and Ireland in 1937 narrowly won by the Irish on Lough Melvin.

All the official internationals were fished on Leven, and what a trout loch that was before its present sad decline! In 1938 for instance on the day of the international, the bright calm weather of the early morning was soon broken by a heavy shower and conditions became ideal.

Between them the 64 competitors caught 642 trout weighing 475 lb 11½ oz with Scotland winning by a record margin of 59 lb 14 oz.

From 1971 there have been two internationals each season fished in each country in turn, with Loch Leven no longer the only centre, and indeed some of the internationals in Scotland fished on the Lake of Menteith, Scotland's only "lake" and currently a better one than Leven.

After the match at Grafham in 1972 the English International Fly-fishers withdrew from the contests, no doubt upset by a singularly dreary match at Llyn Alaw, in which the four teams caught only three very small trout, and by some administrative developments of which they disapproved. Au 8/9/82

The English International Fly-fishers had selected from a limited "pool" of good fisherman, and though they introduced a number of new anglers for each match as a result of their own "National", they also kept a large nucleus of regular and experienced members of the team. The famous B.C. Hall, for instance, was in the team for some forty years while other experts, like Bill Milne and Bill Radley Searle, were also indispensable.

For three internationals there was no England team entered, only an invited President's team which took its place. Soon however the present Confederation of English Fly-fishers was formed to select a side from the widest possible base and using the eliminator system which broadens opportunity.

The four first contests between England and Scotland resulted in each winning twice. Since the main series started in 1932 England (despite missing three matches) has won 21, Scotland 16, Wales 10 (though their first win did not come until 1967), and Ireland five (with their first win as far back as 1933). England had a purple patch between 1956 and 1965 winning eight times in nine internationals (six times in succession) and coming second in the other. They have had another these last two years with Bob Draper victorious in all four internationals he has captained.

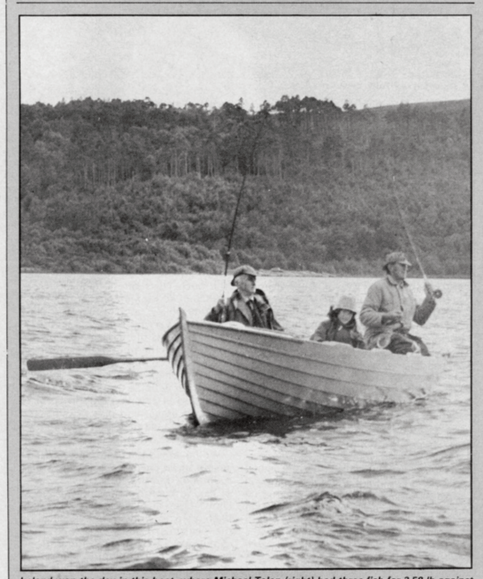
The "old" internationals had a saying that the captain was always entitled to a blank. Some of them find it an odd feature of the present "eliminator" system that you may be good enough to be *captain* one match, and yet be eliminated from the next. But the elimination system is a fair one and involves large numbers of anglers in this most enjoyable of contests. And even if it doesn't always produce the best team it has reasonably maintained the dominance the "old" English internationals established.

In their 33 matches, the "old" English International Fly-Fishing Association won 16, came second in eight, and third in nine (once third equal). They were never fourth. The Confederation of English Fly Fishers in their 16 internationals have won five, been second in four, third in three, and fourth in four.

But what matters in fishing is the friendship and the enjoyment, not arguments about method. From their start the internationals have been bountiful providers of both to many fortunate fishermen.

England foiled on Conn

PETER O'REILLY reports on the autumn International Fly-fishing Match



Ireland won the day in this boat, where Michael Tolan (right) had three fish for 3.58 lb against Angus Hutton's two for 1.39 lb for Scotland.

ENGLAND's bid to win five International Matches in a row was foiled on Lough Conn on September 11, not by the Irish, who might have been expected to win on their home water, but by Scotland. It was consistency which won the day for the Scots. All twelve team members had at least one fish to give them a return of 27 trout for 29.13 lb. Ireland had a better catch in numbers of fish per rod, but they also had two blanks and their 31 fish could turn the scale to only 26.16 lb for second place.

The day had dawned bright, warm and calm, and the feeling was that conditions would suit the sunk-line tactics of England and Wales. As the boats moved off a light breeze blew up, and by the time the first of the fast boats reached Victoria Bay and Brackwansha, revealed on practice days as promising areas, the waves were rolling with their white caps breaking and sparkling in the sun. The big waves slowed down some of the less powerfully-propelled boats as they made their way up the lake. One competitor remarked that he returned faster on the drift.

The stiff breeze and choppy conditions seem to suit the style of the Scots and Irish best. Most of them fish in the traditional style, a short line in front of the boat, working the bob fly, and this method certainly brought up more fish. The Welsh and English seemed to concentrate more on putting out a very long line and stripping back fast. The method seemed to attract the fish, but they just wouldn't stick.

Paddy Murray, the Irish number two reserve, employed the short-line tactics very successfully to take eight trout and win the Brown Bowl for the angler with the best basket. Ironically his catch did not count for the team results and he has the distinction of being the last angler to win the Brown Bowl and yet not have his catch count in the team placings. A change in the rules will remedy the situation in future.

Scotland were popular winners of the premier award. After beng runners-up in 1981 and 1982, they and their popular captain, Archie Reddick, had the good wishes of all present. Brian Gibbons may have had only one fish, but it was the heaviest of the day, to add to the Scottish victory.

England had to be content with third place, and Ireland, who were in line for a fifth Wooden Spoon in a row, were happy to pass it to Wales for a term.

This is the Golden Jubilee of the International Flyfishing Association and as a curtain-raiser to the full International a veterans' Golden Jubilee International was fished on the Thursday between veteran officials as well as some of the current team members. On this occasion the home team did take the honours, led by their captain, John Joe Duffy, with eleven trout for 12 lb. Michael Phelan was the star of the side with eight trout for 9¾ lb. The real winner, however, was the spirit of friendship and goodwill.



The jubilant Scots. **Standing, left to right:** *Archie Reddick (Captain), Sandy Forgan, Bob Mather, Alexander Wilkie, George McNairn, James Sidey, Angus Hutton, Donal Westwater.* **Kneeling, left to right;** *William Miller, David Chalmers, James McKenna, Brian Gibbons, Brian Peterson. Alastair Nicoll, International Secetary, is the missing member.*

Next day, at a meeting of the International Committee, two important decisions were made. The first was that the 1983 Autumn International will be fished on the Loch of Harray, Orkney. The second was a change in the rules, which does away with the category of reserves. In future the scores of all 14 team members will count in the final. Had this rule been in force for the current International, the result would have been much different.

Team placings

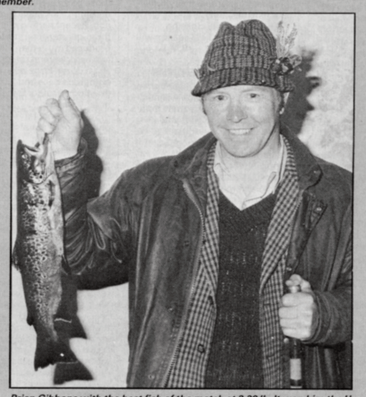
First: Scotland (27 trout, 29.13 lb).
Second: Ireland (31 trout, 26.16 lb).
Third: England (20 trout, 19.17 lb).
Fourth: Wales (22 trout, 17.82 lb).

Heaviest individual basket

First: Patrick Murray, Ireland, 8 trout, 7.05 lb.
Second: Peter Thomas, England, 6 trout, 5.78 lb.
Third: Sandy Forgan, Scotland, 5 trout, 4.90 lb.

Heaviest fish

First: Brian Gibbons, Scotland, 2.38 lb.
Second: Archie Reddick, Scotland, 2.32 lb.



Brian Gibbons with the best fish of the match at 2.38 lb. It won him the H. Emyr Lewis Memorial Trophy.



The outstanding team, Scotland's anglers all took home a fish.

1st

Scotland's carbon copy triumph

English domination broken on Lough Conn.

It is said that history repeats itself and it certainly did in the International held on Lough Conn. This event celebrated fifty years of International fly fishing competition and oddly enough the results for this match were identical with those of the same match fished half a century before.

International fly fishing matches started in 1928 between Scotland and England but the first quadrangular match was fished on Loch Leven on the May 25 1932. The results of that match were:
Total fish caught 423—286lb 9oz
Scotland — 137 — 88lb 1oz
Ireland — 104 — 74lb 8oz
England — 103 — 66lb 14oz
Wales — 79 — 57lb 2oz

It is doubtful if the match held fifty years ago attracted much attention in the angling world. Today it is different and the importance of the International fly fishing competition to still-water angling is not really appreciated. Probably the rule of the International Fly Fishing Association in limiting the size of the hook has done more than anything to decrease the use of the lure and to increase the popularity of the true loch style of fishing.

The match on Lough Conn was fished in excellent conditions and the total bag of 129 could be described as satisfactory. The quality of the fish was superb, the true wild Lough Conn trout being as beautiful as the Irish coleens. The teams had discovered during the practice sessions that the most productive areas of the lough were down the Southern end and Victoria Bay was the current hot-spot. To reach there it meant that the anglers were motoring for the best part of two hours on the getting to and getting back journeys. Yet most of the anglers decided to travel to the far end. Their choice proved a wise one.

This was the match in which the Scottish team came in from the cold. Their performance was a team one with every single member taking a fish. In addition to that the fish they took were of superior quality. Their top rod was Sandy Forgan from Dundee. Sandy is a Chief Medical Laboratory Scientist with the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service, and the secretary of the Broughty Angling Club. His successful fly was a brown Ke-He fished on a short line. He was fortunate in that the boat took four fish in the first drift. He was broken in the afternoon and after that his confidence was lost.

It was interesting to learn on talking to a number of the competitors how many had risen dozens of fish only to miss or hook and lose them. Confidence is all important in fishing and once those vibrations of confidence stop going down the line all becomes lost.

Brian Gibbons, a hospital engineer from Dunfermline, took the best fish of the match winning the Emyr Lewis Memorial Trophy. His trout of 2.38lb was taken on a Black and Peacock spider near Chain Island.

The Scottish captain Archie Reddick also took a superb trout which weighed 2.32lb. With such quality fish the Scottish team coasted to victory despite the fact that the Irish team, the runners-up, took four more fish than them. This variance between the top team in weight and the best in the sheer number of fish caught is often a cause of dismay.

The Irish team, the yo-yo team of the International competition, are very much like the little girl with a curl in the nursery rhymes, when good, very very good, and when bad, just very bad. They had taken the wooden spoon in the last four matches.

This time they had two excellent anglers in their reserve boats. The weight taken by the anglers in the reserve boat does not count in the team total.

Sadly for the Irish this rule was changed by a resolution before the match. In the next match on Rutland on 21 May 1983 the reserves will no longer figure in the team and each team will comprise fourteen anglers with all the fourteen bags to count.

As it was Irish reserve Patrick Murray took the best bag in the match and won the coveted Brown Bowl. He fished in Cornakillew Bay and his cast was a Murraugh, Green Peter, and the Bibio. He moved fish throughout the day. His young boatman, G. Statler, performed well although still in his 'teens and is obviously going to follow in his father's footsteps. He's been a boatman on the lough for a very long time.

The English team seemed set to dominate the Championship after winning the last four matches. They actually caught less fish than did any of the other teams. Probably the greatness of Bob Draper, their captain, is that he makes the headline news when he does not catch fish. The man of the English team was Peter Thomas and his catch was made in Victoria Bay. He favoured Irish flies like the Sooty Olive.

The Welsh team were the favourites for this match and their poor performance is therefore all the more difficult to accept. They were the team which really suffered from the small fish. Their youngest team member, Conrad Jones, a student from Aberaeron, had a good bag of seven fish, but unfortunately for him and his team they were on the small side. Anglers from the other teams with less fish than him had better weights. Conrad also took his fish in Victoria Bay.

His cast reflected the fact that most anglers favoured dark flies. From the bob fly down they were Black and Peacock spider, Connemara Black, Bibio and Black Pennell. His was an even better performance when you discover that he has only been fishing stillwaters for two years.

Ireland is truly a great country for fishers, its second gear tempo of life, especially suited for angling. The boatmen, too, with their colourful character, add to a day's fishing. One passed the message to the Welsh team that one of the other teams had taken a big bag on a fly known as the Goat's Toe! The fly turned out to be a Stoat's Tail.

They laughed at the cruel Irish jokes and even cracked them. One boat passing signalled that it had taken a lot of fish. To the question of how many came the reply, that it was not over ten, as the gillie had not taken off his wellies!

The first match fifty years ago on Loch Leven set a standard for these International competitions. The anglers then paid ten bob for the boat with the two boatmen rowing it, fifteen bob for the hotel, and fished for nine hours. The aim then was the promotion of friendship and goodwill between anglers of different nations. It is to the credit of those now involved with the organisation and those who have sustained it through the years, that it still succeeds in this respect.



2nd

Top fish catchers, Ireland were the unlucky second.



3rd

Top team, England, met a break in their string of wins this time.



4th

Wales were favourites only to fail on the day.

RESULTS

The full results:
First: Scotland, 27 fish for 29.13lbs
Second: Ireland, 31 fish for 26.16lb
Third: England, 20 fish for 19.17lb
Fourth: Wales, 22 fish for 17.82lb

Scotland:
Captain, Archie Reddick one fish for 2.32lb; Alastair Nicoll (1) 1.49lb; James Sidey (1), 1.47lb; Brian Peterson (2) 2.04lb; Alexander Wilkie (1) .58lb; Dr Donal Westwater (4) 4.32lb; David Chalmers (3) 2.46lb; George McNairn (4) 4.23lb; Brian Gibbons (1) 2.38lb; Robert Mather (2) 1.52lb; Alexander Forgan (5) 4.9lb; Angus Hutton (2) 1.39lb; Reserves: William Miller (1) 1.01lb; James McKenna (5) 4.06lb.

Ireland:
Captain, Christy Sleator (3) 2.49lb; Michael Sweeney (1) .67lb; Michael Kennedy (5) 3.6lb; Eamonn Neligan (6) 4.41lb; Sean Young (1) .92lb; Michael Tolan (3) 3.58lb; Leo Joyce (3) 2.66lb; Rory O'Connor, Nil; Joe Leonard (4) 2.9lb; Larry Sleator (3) 2.69lb; Michael Fitzpatrick (2) 2.26lb; Michael Walsh, Nil; Reserves: John Murphy (5) 4.52lb; Patrick Murray (8) 7.05lb.

England:
Captain, Bob Draper, Nil; Stan Pope, Nil; David Malpas (3) 2.65lb; Jeff Loud, Nil; Peter Suter (2) 1.34lb; Ken Beech (1) .65lb; Fred Northover (1) 1.53lb; Terry Oliver (2) 1.66lb; G. J. Boulton (1) .7lb; Steve Pope (2) 2.98lb; Peter Thomas (6) 5.78lb; R. J. Draper (2) 1.86lb; Reserves: Tom Bilson (2) 1.62lb; Adrian Ashness, Nil.

Wales:
Captain, Trevor Hirons (2) 1.62lb; Ken Bowring (4) 2.96lb; Tony Bevan (3) 2.52lb; Alun Williams (1) 1.26lb; Terry Thomas (1) .94lb; Terry Fenton (1) .68lb; David Griffiths, Nil; David Jones (7) 4.61lb; Cliff Harvey (2) 1.91lb; Peter Bevan, Nil; Victor Williams, Nil; Peredur Eklund (1) 1.32lb; Reserves: Meurwyn Thomas (3) 2.34lb; Geraint Morgan (3) 2.02lb.

RESULTS



Best for Scotland, Alex Forgan, five fish 4.9lb (left), for England, Peter Thomas, six fish 5.78lb (centre), and right, best for Wales, Conrad Jones, seven fish, 4.6lb.

SCOTLAND 29.13lbs IRELAND 26.16lbs ENGLAND 19.17lbs WALES 17.82lbs

England

Bob Draper (Captain), Stan Pope, Dave Malpas, Jeff Loud, Peter Suter, Ken Beech, Fred Northover, Terry Oliver, G. J. Boulton, Steve Pope, Peter Thomas & R. J. Draper. (Reserves) Tom Bilson & Adrian Ashness.

1. Scotland	27 fish	29.130 lbs
2. Ireland	31 fish	26.160 lbs
3. England	20 fish	19.170 lbs
4. Wales	22 fish	17.820 lbs

Full Results >>

World Fly Fishing Championships

River Narcea, Spain

Our men in Spain

ENGLAND'S coarse angling squad's manager, Stan Smith, has finalised the squad which will fish the World Game Fishing Championships under the National Federation of Anglers' banner next month.

The following team has been chosen to fish the match on Spain's Rivers Narce and Sella: David Swatland (captain), Bob Church, Derek Gifford, Tony Pawson, Alan Pearson and Brian Thomas.

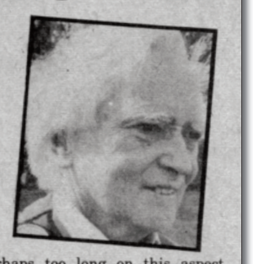
Though the members of the team will be contributing towards the cost of competing,, they will benefit from two sources . . . £750 in sponsorship from Benson and Hedges and a travel allowance from the Sports Council.

Said Stan: "They go with our best wishes and we hope they will do well." 26/5/82

GAME

'World' venture paid off

By TONY PAWSON



OUR VENTURE into the World Fly-Fishing Championship in Spain echoed England's entry into the football World Cup in 1950 – we were beaten by America. But in coming fifth, at least we acquired two trophies with Brian Thomas from Nottingham winning an individual award.

More importantly, the contacts and friendships established through the World Cup were so successful that there is no doubt that England will be entering regularly in future – and in an organised way through a recognised fly-fishing governing body. Both the chairman of the Salmon and Trout Association, David Swatland, and the Field Secretary, John Inglis, had joined the team partly to assess the spirit and value of the competition and both were so impressed that there is no doubt their Association will take an active part in future.

David Swatland was invaluable as our diplomatic captain who did not fish himself, but smoothed out every little local problem and helped establish close ties of friendship with the other teams and the officials of the International Confederation.

Much good work was done here also by Alan Pearson. On our flight from Madrid to Oviedo he found himself sitting next to the vice-president, General Christo Rouskov, who is one of the most powerful figures in Bulgaria. Rouskov at once produced from his bag one of Alan's books on "Catching Big Trout" and asked him to autograph it. He added that he was going to get it translated into Bulgarian and though neither could speak a word of the other's language their friendship was soon too firmly established for Alan even to think of asking the interpreter to mention any such matters as royalties!

The championship was very much in the Olympic spirit and for us the taking part was indeed more important than the winning, but we might have done that too had Alan been luckier. He was one of only two to hook a salmon during the competition and had that been landed he would have landed the individual prize and we the team one.

The only misfortune in a splendidly organised competition was that we struck a bad period for salmon fishing. The competition was fixed after a particularly successful season in 1981 for the Narcea river. This year in common with Scotland and Ireland it was suffering from a very poor run of fish.

On the plane out we were reading of one of Scotland's best salmon rivers, the Shin, having produced only eight salmon in its first couple of months or so, so it was no surprise to find the Narcea catch running at about a sixth of the previous season with an average of less than a fish a day caught on the whole stretch of river which we were to fish. Salmon fishing is always unpredictable and such occasional barren periods inevitable.

In the Narcea there were, however just enough brown trout to allow the competition to be decided with Italy the winners, Spain next, then Luxembourg followed by American and then England. Belgium and France finished in the last place. As it was meant to be a salmon and sea-trout competition we concentrated perhaps too long on this aspect, particularly as we had some very expert trout fishermen in the party. But it was also our misfortune in drawing No.7 beat in the five zones, to find no really promising trout water in what was primarily a salmon river.

The river was a beautiful clear stream in idyllic scenery a replica of many a Scottish salmon river, about the size and looks of the Avon which flows into the Spey. Each competitor had a beat of half-a-mile or so with at least three salmon pools, though it was something of a lottery as to whether the often wooded banks were clear enough to fish much of a stretch, with the deep water and fast current making wading impossible in many places.

The scoring was 100 points for a keepable fish and point per gramme of weight. There was then a complicated formula, which we didn't quite master, to convert those points into final placings.

Of the many interesting features of this competition one point which particularly struck me was the improvement in having a break in the middle, rather than fishing a straight eight hours as in our international competitions. This would for instance allow fishing in the morning and for the evening rise, when prospects are better.

Praise for fly fishing organisers

THE World Fly Fishing Championship — fished in Northern Spain — got a round of applause from competing teams even though few trout were caught.

The organisation by the Confederation Internationale de la Peche Sportive and Spanish Tourist Board was top class, the match being set in impressive scenery at the River Narcia, in Austuria.

But a hard slog for just a few small brown trout left the English team in 5th place, the Italian team taking top honours with a handful of fish to 12 oz.

The salmon which were predicted to make the weights failed to materialise. The same was true of the river's sea trout run.

Top of the England team — who were Bob Church, Tony Pawson, John Englis, Brian Thomas — and Alan Pearson — was Brian who finished ninth individual . . . with just three fish to 12 oz.

Result: 1 Italy, 2 Spain, 3 Luxembourg, 4 USA, 5 England, 6 Belgium, 7 France.

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England

Bob Church, John Inglis, Tony Pawson, Alan Pearson, Brian Thomas & David Swatland (Captain/Manager).

1. Italy
2. Spain
3. Luxembourg
4. USA
5. England
6. Belgium
7. France

Robert's Grand National

Cornwall's Robert Cobbledick is king at green Grafham

Robert Cobbledick, from Bude on the North Cornwall coast, is the Confederation of English Fiyfishers Champion for 1982.

In conditions far from the traditional best, of overcast skies and breeze he turned in a remarkable performance, landing 14 fish for 13lb 13oz, on a Grenadier fished on a floating line. The little orange cousin of the Soldier Palmer would not work in other anglers hands, but the young furrier caught fish all over Grafham Water

In a remarkable performance the match yielded 226 fish to 60 anglers, an average of 3.76.

Which is a tribute to Grafham, flat calm, pea green, and so still that boats seemed at anchor not drifting.

But it's also a tribute to the skills and consistency of competitors.

Consistency is the key. No one was remotely surprised to see England skipper Bob Draper from Northampton take second with 13 fish for 10lb 15oz. Bob fished the Grenadier, Silver Invicta, and a Wickhams typically on a sinking line.

Few cocked even an eyebrow when Steve Pope from Bristol, England's top man in the last International came in third with 10 fish for 10lb 2½oz. He fished the Silver Invicta to greatest effect.

Though all three, fishing Upper Tamar Chew and Blagdon, and all over the Midlands, respectively, are far from Grafham regulars they proved that talent will out.

It's unlikely that the great Frank Cutler has had many prouder moments than this match.

Fishing three little flies that looked suspiciously like Red Spinners, he caught most of the very few fish he saw rise, taking a couple right off the top, and ending with six for 5lb 9oz he qualified to fish the exciting September international on the Orkney's Loch Harry.

Frank was in Northampton Nene's winning team in the Coarse Fishing National in 1963, and is probably the first angler to achieve such high honours in both events.

At 63 having survived a near fatal shooting accident, and an equally nasty illness, Frank considers this to be his finest achievement. He told Bob Church after the match that so demanding was the effort, he wondered if he'd ever have the physical strength to qualify again.

Bristol's Jeanette Long, organiser of the ladies National was desperately unlucky not to be the first woman to qualify to fish for England, albeit as a reserve. Her four fish, all taken early in the match, weighed 3lb 8½oz, leaving her just one ounce short of the top placings.

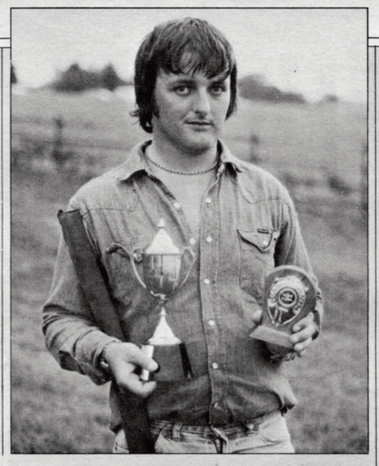
The top eight anglers go on to fish for England in the May International next year, at Rutland Water, while the next eight go to Loch Harry in September. The other six qualifiers make up the reserves.

The four top men from each International carry over, and make up the England 12 in the next match.

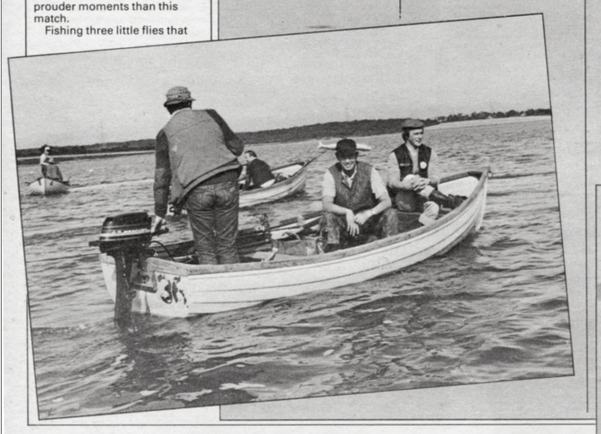
The other qualifers were:
4th D. Gifford, 11 fish for 10lb 2oz; **5th** A. Donaldson, (10) 9lb 7oz; **6th** J. Braithwaite, (9) 9lb 5oz; **7th** R. Morey (8) 7lb 9oz; **8th** C. Faulkner, (8) 7lb 0½oz; **9th** D. Lucas, (6) 6lb 13oz; **10th** H. Byrne (7) 6lb 11½oz; **11th** B. Watson, (7) 6lb 8oz; **12th** G. Clarkson, (6) 6lb 5oz; **13th** J. Loud, (6) 6lb 1½oz; **14th** F. Cutler, (6) 5lb 9oz; **15th** D. Farrow, (7) 5lb 6oz; **16th/17th** R. Webb, N. Nixon, both (5) 4lb 14½oz; **18th** B. Roberts, (5) 4lb 14oz; **19th** C. Chandler, (4) 4lb 3oz; **20th** D. Stenner, (4) 4lb 1oz; **21st** T. Oliver, (4) 3lb 15oz; **22nd** R. Grosvenor, (3) 3lb 9½oz.

Other competitors were:
A. Maskell, one fish for 1lb 3½oz; D. Buck, nil; A. Amos, (2) 1lb 6oz; J. O'Kell, (2) 1lb 13½oz; R. Hillier, (2) 2lb 2oz; G. Surridge, (4) 3lb 9½oz; E. Maudling, (2) 2lb 1oz: M. Miller, (2) 2lb 3oz; C. Howit, (4) 3lb 8½oz; R. Shuter, (2) 1lb 12oz: R. Purves, nil; H. A. Pawson, (3) 2lb 15½oz; A. Ellison, (2) 2lb 11½oz; L. Wilson, (3) 2lb 14½oz; P. Stockton, nil; A. Whitehead, (1) 1lb; D. Clarke, (3) 2lb 12oz; C. Jager, nil; P. Young, (3) 2lb 14oz; P. Thomas, (1) 14½oz; B. Lewis, (1) 12½oz; J. Dagnall, (1) 15½oz; J. Eilden, (3) 2lb 9oz; F. Berry, (3) 2lb 8½oz; C. Bown, (2) 1lb 13oz; B. Furzer, nil; C. Durie, nil; J. Gumby, (2) 1lb 12oz; B. Berry, (2) 2lb 1oz: M. Faulkner, (2) 1lb 12oz; R. Ford, (2) 2lb 3½oz; V. Church, (1) 1lb 1oz; M. Harley, (2) 2lb 10oz; A. Lachan, nil; F. Northover, (1) 14oz; B. Church, (3) 3lb 5½oz; B. Pargeter, (2) 2lb.

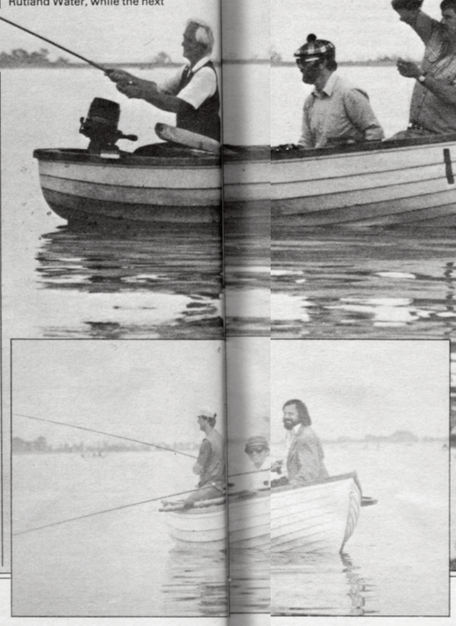
Steve Windsor



Robert Cobbledick looks a little tired after the long journey from the West, and a hard day with the Grenadier. But his efforts were handsomely rewarded.



D. Gifford and N. Nixon set out with a boatman complete with magic 'at. Apparently the fish enjoyed the joke. Both qualified.





Main pic: John Braithwaite hits one of the nine fish that placed him sixth overall. Tony Pawson gets his line clear. Below left: A relaxed Bob Draper has reason to smile, he's had 11 fish already. Boat partner P. Young managed only three. Below: The happy qualifiers line up for the television video tape.



1.	R Cobbledick	*14 fish*	13-13-0
2.	B Draper	*13 fish*	10-15-0
3.	S Pope	*10 fish*	10-2-8
4.	D Gifford	*11 fish*	10-2-0
5.	A Donaldson	*10 fish*	9-7-0
6.	J Braithwaite	*9 fish*	9-5-0
7.	R Morey	*8 fish*	7-9-0
8.	C Faulkner	*8 fish*	7-0-8
9.	D Lucas	*6 fish*	6-13-0
10.	H Byrne	*7 fish*	6-11-8
11.	B Watson	*7 fish*	6-8-0
12.	G Clarkson	*6 fish*	6-5-0
13.	J Loud	*6 fish*	6-1-8
14.	F Cutler	*6 fish*	5-9-0
15.	D Farrow	*7 fish*	5-6-0
16.	R Webb	*5 fish*	4-14-8
Reserves			
17.	N Nixon	*5 fish*	4-14-8
18.	B Roberts	*5 fish*	4-14-0
19.	C Chandler	*4 fish*	4-3-0
20.	D Stenner	*4 fish*	4-1-0
21.	T Oliver	*4 fish*	3-15-0
22.	R Grosvenor	*3 fish*	3-9-8
23.	G Surridge	*4 fish*	3-9-8
24=	C Howitt	*4 fish*	3-8-8
24=	J Long	*4 fish*	3-8-8
26.	B Church	*3 fish*	3-5-8
27.	H A Pawson	*3 fish*	2-15-8
28.	L Wilson	*3 fish*	2-14-8
29.	P Young	*3 fish*	2-14-0
30.	D Clarke	*3 fish*	2-12-0
31.	A Ellison	*2 fish*	2-11-8
32.	M Harley	*2 fish*	2-10-0
33.	J Eilden	*3 fish*	2-9-0
34.	F Berry	*3 fish*	2-8-8
35=	R Ford	*2 fish*	2-3-8
35=	M Miller	*2 fish*	2-3-0
37.	R Hillier	*2 fish*	2-2-0
38=	B Berry	*2 fish*	2-1-0
38=	E Maudling	*2 fish*	2-1-0
40.	B Pargeter	*2 fish*	2-0-0
41.	J O'Kell	*2 fish*	1-13-8
42.	C Bown	*2 fish*	1-13-0
43=	M Faulkner	*2 fish*	1-12-0
43=	J Gumby	*2 fish*	1-12-0
43=	R Shuter	*2 fish*	1-12-0
46.	A Amos	*2 fish*	1-6-0
47.	A Maskell	*1 fish*	1-3-8
48.	V Church	*1 fish*	1-1-0
49.	A Whitehead	*1 fish*	1-0-0
50.	J Dagnall	*1 fish*	0-15-8
51.	P Thomas	*1 fish*	0-14-8
52.	F Northover	*1 fish*	0-14-0
53.	B Lewis	*1 fish*	0-12-8
60=	D Buck	*Nil*	Nil
60=	C Durie	*Nil*	Nil
60=	B Furzer	*Nil*	Nil
60=	C Jager	*Nil*	Nil
60=	A Lachan	*Nil*	Nil
60=	R Purves	*Nil*	Nil
60=	P Stockton	*Nil*	Nil

60 anglers competed