

Wantage and Grove Aggregate Trophy
Race for the title – Match 9
Congratulations to Nathan Steele

This was the second of the two aggregate matches to be fished on Swift Ditch at Abingdon, after a biting cold day on Saturday and a hard frost on Sunday morning this was always going to be a struggle. In October the average weight was 3lb 3oz, this time, just 1lb 12oz.

Nathan Steele showed a remarkable consistent form on this venue coming second on both outings, this time weighing in 2lb 15oz, just one ounce below Bill Hailey's 3lb exactly.

Bill's notorious reluctance to enter the pools has cost him dear the last two matches, where he's had a second and a first!

Vicky Knowlson managed a very creditable third place just a couple of ounces below Nathan with 2lb 13oz, Rob Wilkinson was a way back in fourth with 2lb 2oz, but importantly has another match under his belt in being eligible for the Christmas match.

An update Christmas match eligibility sheet is on the website.

Overall the aggregate series is finished, **congratulations must go to Nathan Steele**, even if he fails to fish the pond in November he now can't be overtaken. See the aggregate summary sheet for details. Nathan has 161 points (the best 8 positions to date allow him to drop the match he missed from his total) followed by Bob Steele with 144 points, even if Bob wins the next match (and drops his 11 points from the match on the pond on 6 May) he will finish with 153 points, Nathan's total can't fall below the 161 he already has.

So, the battle is now for an honourable second place between Bob Steel, Bill Hailey and Danny Dance. However, Vicky Knowlson and John Blackwell are still in there with an outside chance of snatching second place. Who will triumph in this mini-battle – keep watching this website for the next (and last) enthralling episode.

