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Memories of last season...not all doom and gloom.Great end of season Middle Level Catch  
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Time flies and the new river season is upon us , with anglers wondering where to fish and making plans. This end of season report is rather late due our web issues, hopefully it's now all systems go. Don't know yet whether the same can be said of the new season. This report may give anglers an idea where to go and perhaps fire up their enthusiasm, given the current weather I am not sure.

Much of last season is probably forgotten with reasonable if not outstanding catches from most venues.

Then came the rains and the floods reducing the number of anglers on the banks. Nevertheless fish were caught on the Ouse in different sections. As the flows increased the pole and flat float or pole feeder appeared to be the methods of choice for catches out of the main flow and close to the bank if there was sufficient accessible water there. Fishing behind a bend where the water was not so fast. We will be in trouble if these methods are required in June!



Roach were the species featuring at Ten Mile whilst bream and tench often showed at Littleport  
Few big bream seem to reside on the lower river.  
Early March net on Ten Mile



The Relief Channel was not easy to fish with heavy flows and high water levels. Even so some big bream catches were recorded.  
The best winter catches on the Cut Off Channel were from the Stoke Ferry section, probably because this was the only section regularly fished.



Dickie Sayers showing he knows how to catch on the Middle Level.



The best venue as the season drew to a close was the Middle Level. Despite its canal like structure and running straight across the Fens offering little protection for the fish and heavy flows. Anglers were catching good nets of all species.

It is surprising where the fish can hide to avoid the flows. Finding protection in the hills and hollows on the river bed and amongst the reeds.

Probably doing this made them more hungry to the benefit of anglers.

This appeared to change as bream and tench catches came to the fore during the last week of the season, perhaps helped because there were more anglers on the bank.



Paul from Market Harborough.(below)  
This net making his Day Ticket good value.

