

# Stoke Pond Match Report – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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Stoke pond Charity 8hr Match report. With a 6:30 start and meeting at Cartgate cafe for 6:45 it was a quick pit stop to refuel the engine for the day and meet up with Jamie Rich to sort out his new membership.

All was good to start with meeting up with Chris White, Dennis Hawkins, David Hilton and Rob Vaughan. Rob forgot his net bag so had to dash off to get it (you're not the first Rob).

After breakfast it was off to the Memorial hall car park to meet up with everyone, sort out money and do the draw. On arrival Kevin Francis was on the ball (or beer) and started giving me some stick (John Simms you were missed). After sorting all the money it was time for the draw. I had been called by Mike Goad to say he was going to be late as he was called out for work, (thank you for still turning up Mike). Pegs were drawn and when there were only 2 pegs left I asked Neil Muir to pull a peg for me leaving what was left for Mike.

Now I am not one to complain about pegs as it is luck of the draw but how about this, I have fished Stoke pond 3 times and still only fished one bank. I have had peg 3, peg 4 and peg 4. It would be nice to try a different bank.

As we got to the farm and all parked up the banter was going as everyone was unloading and to say that Kevin was, well, lets say feeling a little worse for wear, but was still giving it out and having a good laugh.

With everyone at their pegs apart from Mike it was set up time. The carp were all over the place again and again it looked promising for a great days fishing. Now before people start to moan about keeping fish in keepnets for 8 hours we had come up with a great plan we were going to fish from 9am till 1pm, weigh in, put the fish back and go again from 2pm till 6pm. This was the best way to keep fish safety a priority.

Mike turned up 5 minutes before the start of the whistle. As the match started I looked up to see Jamie Rich into his first carp followed by Daniel Mattock. This gave me hope that we were gonna be in for some good fishing.

At the half way mark Daniel Mattock was leading with a 4lb gap to second place Jamie Rich and leading the silver at that time was James White with 7lb of silvers.

Mike goad still produced over 2lb of silvers and was probably only fishing for 30 minutes before the whistle went to end the first 4 hours. It was a struggle for a lot of us but with the second stint still to go and only 20lb between first and last it was still all to fish for.

Kevin Francis decided he needed 40 winks at the break and try and move some beer (don't do it again Kevin ). The second half was kicked off and still plenty of laughs had been going around the lake.

Mike called it a day around 4 or 5 and headed off home. And before I knew it the whistle was going for the all out.

Over all it was a great day out for the club and its members. Thank you all for your support to the club and your support for our charity. I would also like to thank the Hebditch Family again for allowing us to use their lake.

Well done all.

## The results are as follows-

1st	Daniel Mattock	39lb 7oz	Peg 13	
2nd	James White	33lb 3oz	Peg 11	
3rd	Jamie Rich	27lb	Peg 6	
4th	Neil Muir	23lb 14oz	Peg 10	
5th	Kevin Francis	22lb 9oz	Peg 12	Best silvers (5lb 12oz)
6th	David Hilton	19lb 9oz	Peg 5	
7th	Marco Smith	14lb 15oz	Peg 3	
8th	David Simms	11lb 2oz	Peg 4	
9th	Derek Goad	9lb 15oz	Peg 9	
10th	Dennis Hawkins	7lb 8oz	Peg 1	
11th	Chris White	6lb 14oz	Peg 8	
12th	Rob Vaughan	4lb 14oz	Peg 2	
13th	Mike Goad	2lb 2oz	Peg 7	