

VIADUCT MATCH REPORT – 7th April 2019

This was our first trophy match of the year and also our first outing to the viaduct fishery. Mike Goad is the current holder of the Simm's Silvers trophy and he was there hoping to keep it.

With the Fish-o-mania the previous day no one knew what to expect. Spirits were high and the weather was good for a change.

The pools, superpools and pegging were sorted and then the charity raffle (thank you for your support) and then it was time to head to our pegs.

I was a little slow to get sorted but managed to be ready at the whistle.

The lake was slow to start with but as I looked around John Simms was playing a fish thinking it was a carp but it turned out to be a nice Tench. Daniel Mattock started to catch some Bream and a few people started to put some fish in their nets.

As the day went on a few people were still finding it very slow. Before long a few anglers had started to find some Carp, not what you want on a silvers only match!

Time was moving on and with two hours to go I had 8 fish in my net, the best no more than 1lb. Talk was going round the lake that Mike was doing great and I had Dan down for a good weight, James was also in the running. To my right one of our new members was quietly putting fish in the net and I had him catching up to Daniel Mattock as his fish had stopped biting. A few splashes in the peg next to me made me wonder how Lee was doing. Was it carp I could hear or was he sneaking them in. I also decided I wasn't going to find the big Bream so with 2 hours to go I started tiddler bashing, I fished tight against some brambles looking to catch anything but Carp.

With an hour to go everyone was starting to get Carp problems, then an almighty crunch echoed across the lake. Steve Chant was playing a monster Carp which smashed his top kit to bits.

All in all a great day was had, yes it was hard but you can't always catch hundreds of pounds of fish.

Well done everyone and thank you all for a great day.

The results are -

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| 1 st | Mike Goad | Peg 66 | 23lb |
| 2 nd | James White | Peg 62 | 18lb 4oz |
| 3 rd | David Hilton | Peg 53 | 17lb 12oz |
| 4 th | Rob Vaughan | Peg 64 | 13lb |
| 5 th | David Simms | Peg 71 | 12lb 3oz |
| 6 th | Lee Smith | Peg 73 | 11lb 3oz |
| 7 th | Daniel Mattock | Peg 70 | 8lb 6oz |
| 8 th | John Charles Simms | Peg 57 | 5lb 15oz |
| 9 th | Kevin Francis | Peg 60 | 5lb 8oz |
| 10 th | Steve Chant | Peg 56 | 4lb 8oz |
| 11 th | Chris White | Peg 68 | 4lb 5oz |
| 12 th | Dennis Hawkins | Peg 61 | 2lb 3oz |

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| 13th | Dave Pope | Peg 59 | 1lb 12oz |
| 14th | Derek Goad | Peg 55 | 1lb 9oz |
| 15th | John Loder | Peg 69 | DNW |