

## Another for Spencer!

I have just arrived back from my Friday overnighter on Monks. Conditions were fantastic when I arrived, with a warm breeze blowing into the reedy corner and several fish milling about just below the surface. I was distracted by a fish crashing up in the shallows at the other end of the lake and walked back to my swim only for another fish to crash out over the other side of the lake. This was good news to me as they were obviously spread out and much "Moore" catchable.



I placed my 3 rods out on the pre-baited areas and fished all 3 rods with hookbaits of 21mm bottom bait / 16mm dumbbell double hookbaits. The freebies were a mixture of 10 / 14 / 18 / chops "heat" treated N-Gage and I fished the hookbaits just off the baited patch.

With the odd fish still crashing I found a few fish "mudding" up in the shallows. These were only small stockies so I was determined to stick to my plan and fish the spots that have served me so well. Just on nightfall I'd just got into bed after a hectic week when one of the rods was away. After a spirited fight a small mirror of 19-7 was weighed, photographed and returned. I managed to get my rod back on the spot in the dark and turned in for the night.

I awoke to 1 beep at first light which must have been a liner - as 15 minutes later I was away again on the same rod. This fish scrapped for its life and after 15 minutes I was convinced that it was one of the biggies. It rolled by the net and I saw it was a common, like my target fish (big scale), and finally went into the net. It was one of the AJS Common's that had been caught a few years back at about 12lb. On the scales he had certainly grown and pulled the scales down to 28-8. It was passing the N-Gage through its vent like there was no tomorrow! I'm sure this fish will be massive in 10 years time and anyone catches it will certainly know all about it. I christened it "Samson" due to its fighting qualities!



I put some more bait over the spots and re-cast the rod knowing I only had a couple of hours left.

I'd packed everything away bar the rods when I looked down to see the tip bending round at an alarming angle. The buzzer wasn't switched on! I was panicking due to having to be home by 9.30am and it was now 8.55 a.m! I was trying to give the fish some welly to get it in but it was having none of it. After about 10 minutes a big old mirror sailed into the net so I made a quick call home and said I would be back asap.



The mirror weighed in at 37-9 and finished off another fantastic night's angling. I was about to do some self takes when I realised the camera battery had gone. I had a spare camera that I can't do self takes on and had to flag down a family of walkers to take some pictures for me, which they duly obliged! The fish again fell to the same tactics of a double N-Gage bottom bait with size 6 Big T Hook, a 25lb silkworm hooklink, 3oz lead & 3ft 45lb leadcore.

The effect of the bait is something else. Others are struggling for takes where it seems I have only to turn up and catch. This is down to the application of the bait and the regularity in which it is being applied. They are certainly having it big style. I also think that the heat treating is making them be able to digest it quicker and make them want more.

The 37-9 also is a personal milestone for me as it is my 50th UK 30+ fish

I'm loving my fishing so much at the moment. The bait has given me so much confidence through its catches that it only improves your angling and you fish better from it.

Get some N-Gage and change your catch rate, like me you will never look back.

***Spencer Wright***