

Gaz Fareham returns to Sandhurst

After a savage winter it was a sight for sore eyes to see the first few carp of the year kiss my spreader block and, the first big un' of the year for me.

I always have a couple of nights on Sandhurst to get a few bites before venturing to pastures more tricky and this year was no different; three nights on the 'hurst provided me with 13 bites in one of the first nice mild spells of the year. Two dropped off and I ended up with 11 on the bank; seven 20+ fish topped by a common of 28.08



26.4lb



28.8lb

and two lovely mirrors of 31.04 and 38.08.



31.4lb



38.8lb

All the bites came on the little balanced set-up shown fishing in conjunction with small golf ball sized bags of white maggot, cast to small, carefully marked up silty areas slightly deeper than the surrounding gravel. A size 7 Curve Shanx hook, a sliding ring and buoyant piece of plastic soaked up in the new Northern Special booster liquid topped with 8-10 maggots critically balancing the set-up.

It worked a treat and most were hooked an inch or more back during a week when only a handful of other fish were caught from an incredibly busy lake. Roll on spring!!!



Check out next month's CCMTV for live action of the common and big linear, in-depth details about Gaz's session and some great tips for the spring.