

HOMEMADE LIVE SYSTEM BASE MIX PART 3

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On this occasion in late August I was lucky enough to have a slightly longer session (72 hours) being able to stay to the Monday morning which was a bonus as when I arrived on the Friday afternoon there was already 16 anglers on the lake but with being able to stay until the Monday morning I was quite confident the lake would quieten down by Sunday afternoon with anglers and my thoughts were rights as by 6pm Sunday there was only three of us on the lake - well chuffed as putting the extra effort in of making 6 kilos of life system base mix in 18mm and 1 kilo 16mm of dumbbells.

Here is the result of my hard work!



Got there Friday afternoon and although the lake was very busy I was lucky enough to get one of the popular swims which is the lock bank swim. As my marker rod was clipped up to the mark of my previous capture from this swim, out she went followed by 2 kilos of 18mm of the homemade live system in the approximate area of the tennis court. Out went my four rods to this area.

The following morning arrived with no action, just a few liners on the left hand rod. I put it down to so many lines being in the water that no fish were caught that night but noticed first thing Saturday morning there was a bit of fizzing and a carp rolled on my left hand rod. Mid afternoon brought my rods in and baited up with another 2 kilos of homemade live system and was convinced there were fish in the area. This may seem a lot of bait to some anglers but as there are around 80 plus big fish in kingfisher lake this is not excessive.

We are now into Sunday and by mid morning slowly most of the anglers are packing up and by 6pm Sunday there are only three of us left on the lake. Now my thoughts change to less pressure on the lake and probably the fish less on their guard decided to redo the rods, 2 more kilos of homemade live system but changed my left and right rods to the dumbbells.

As darkness fell, on my right hand rod I received liners for a couple of hours thinking it was only a matter of time before it ripped off. Nothing did happen and I nodded off. I was abruptly woken at 3am by a one toner and to my surprise it was not the right hand rod but the left hand rod. Stumbling into my chesties which seemed like an age but was only a few seconds, rushed out of the bivvy and struck into what felt like a very powerful fish. Straightaway I was having to let the fish take about 30 yards of line but then I managed to gain 20 yards on the fish and decided to get in the water as this swim is tree-lined both sides and has snags left and right. Slowly but surely I was gaining on the fish. Within a couple of minutes she was in the margins and popped her head up. I was just about ready to net her when she had other thoughts and dived down the tree line taking about 15 yards of line and me hanging on for dear life. I clamped down on the clutch and managed to stop and turn her, gaining line all the time within a minute or so she was again in front of me this time as soon as she lifted her head up I slid the net under what looked like a very big framed fish. On turning my head torch on and looking into my net I realised it was one of the known 40s and yes it was as I noticed the obvious marking on the fish, known as Patch. I got the scales, weigh sling etc ready while the fish was resting in the water, weighed her and my thoughts were confirmed with a 42lb 14oz common, slightly spawned out but absolutely well chuffed with the result.



I know not making your own bait is not everyone's cup of tea but for me the effort involved is rewarded with a result like this.

Best wishes

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