

The unstoppable Mr Wright.....

It's not very often that an angler's catch results are so incredible that we actually have to add them all together in one extended report to do them justice, but in the case of Isle of Wight-based Carp angler Spencer Wright that is exactly what we've had to do.

Around 18 months ago Spencer started using CC Moore baits for the first time and soon became an integral part of our field test team who were at that time completing the final trials on our N-Gage XP boilie. His catch rate over the following 12-15 months on N-Gage XP was nothing short of incredible and saw him bank numerous fish from several different venues including an Isle of Wight record fish of 47lb+. This impressively consistent form made many people sit up and take notice of his commitment, attention to detail and ability to put fish on the bank with incredible regularity even when his angling time was so limited and often when others around him weren't catching.

At this point we feel it is important to mention that Spencer is by no means a full time angler and in fact has to balance his fishing time with a full time job and a busy family life – unlike many other anglers who are heralded by companies and the angling press even though they spend endless hours, days and sometimes even weeks on the bank.

After the savage cold weather experienced by the UK in December, the southern big fish venues were also found to be completely frozen over well into 2011. This curtailed many early season campaigns and, coupled with work and family demands, meant that Spencer's 2011 efforts would not really begin in earnest until the spring months of March, April and May.

With the water temperatures still very low from the pre-Christmas freeze up, the conversation I had with many anglers often focused on the fact that whilst all of our baits are very effective throughout the year and indeed in the coldest water temperatures (particularly once established), Live System is a phenomenally instant bait which needs absolutely no pre-baiting, making it the perfect bait choice for those fishing a new water in early Spring.

Being very 'bait savvy' Spencer had already twigged this and elected to start his early spring campaign using a combination of Live System boilies and the new, attraction-packed Live System Glugged Hookbaits and soon started to bank specimen sized fish on a regular basis from the venues he was fishing.



Live System Boilies



Live System Glugged Hookbaits

As March came and went and April was upon us Spencer takes up the story of his next few incredible weeks of angling;

"Things had really started to come together of late; my pre-baiting over the previous 3 months was starting to pay dividends and I hoped that sooner rather than later, and if I continued to catch consistently, I may get amongst some of the biggies of the Monks Pool syndicate.

I arrived on my obligatory Friday overnighter, giving it 110%. My rods were placed with accuracy & stealth in order to not to make the fish aware of my presence. My 3 spots were located along the bottom of a dam wall shelf. I was using roughly half a kilo of mixed sized baits consisting of 10, 15, 18mm & chopped Live System freezer baits. I was

presenting the new double glugged hook-baits just off the main bed of bait in order to try and select the better fish. I used this presentation on all 3 rods.

All-too-soon dawn was upon us and nothing had fallen to my carefully set traps. So I decided to employ a tactic I often use to induce a take on small pressured venues; baiting over the top of the remnants of the previous night's baiting. I also moved 1 rod further up the shelf, due to the rising temperatures, at approximately 7.30am.

Just 20 minutes later and one of my rods ripped off; the ensuing fight pointed to the fact that I had a decent fish on the end, when the unbelievable happened. My freshly moved rod ripped off too! It was total chaos as I was playing both rods- knit one, purl one, in order to get both fish back to the bank.

Eventually, after 2 mammoth 20 minute fights, I looked down to see 2 very big fish in my 2 nets; the first a 37-9 mirror and the second a 42-6 Leather!



42lb 6oz and.....



37lb 9oz - what a brace!

I was blown away by my result and immediately after doing the shots, was packing up, hot-footing it homeward bound to be back before my 9.30am curfew!

What a result – a superb brace and a great start to April”

After such a great result Spencer was understandably keen to get back as quickly as he could.....

I wasn't expecting a session like that again in the near future...I had booked a couple of days off work, not just to fish but mainly to finish off chores at home. It also had the added advantage of meaning I could grab a couple of overnighters, especially seeing as the fish only seemed to be feeding in the evening and morning.

I arrived a couple of days after my brace, and followed the same routine as always. Double Glugged Live System hookbaits, fished “off” the bed of bait, mixed sized freebies, stealthy approach, sink the lines, slacken off and wait for something to develop! I wasn't expecting such a quick response though. With the rods on the deck, I heard the tell-tale snap of my clip, and whirr of the clutch. The fish stripped a good 30 to 40 yards of line from my reel, then proceeded to bow wave about on the surface. With the rod at full compression at 80 yards, there was absolutely nothing I could do; this was one angry fish!

After another mammoth battle lasting 20 minutes, I looked down to see a huge common sitting in the net. It looked big, very big, and the shakes started as I wondered just what it may weigh.

The scales settled at 42-7 and the pristine common looked glorious in the late evening sunshine. With the pictures done, it was just a case of setting the trap again with the rest of the night and early morning to go until I was due to be home.



42lb 7oz of perfect Common Carp



I was awoken by a screaming Neville in the early hour; my other rod was away. These fish seemed to be on steroids as another 20 minutes sailed by before a mirror slipped into the waiting net.

Its weight..... 37-7 and I was in a daze! I simply couldn't believe it; a near identical brace, only different by a matter of 1 ounce, and caught a matter of days after my first incredible brace!

37lb 7oz.... another incredible brace just days after my first

I couldn't wait to get back and was starting to see that the fish just couldn't resist the "System".....

Spencer's next session couldn't come soon enough even though the action would be sure to slow.

After pulling off of my midweek session I made sure to heavily bait the spots in readiness for Friday's overnigher. I was so excited to get down and smiled to myself as I secured my spot. I went into auto-pilot, firstly throwing in a handful of chops to semi spook any fish that were in the vicinity and I then placed the baits using the old 3 rod trick in order not to spook the very cautious fish that the lake contains.

All 3 rods were placed high up the marginal shelf, due to the soaring water temperatures. 2 rods were utilising the Glugged hookbaits with the other rod using a snowman set-up with a 14mm Live System bottom bait and 16mm Yellow Northern special. My rigs were identical with 7" of stiff link / Drennan Dacron hooklink with a size 6 ESP Stiff rigger, 3ft of Thinking Anglers leadcore plus the addition of 4 sliding back leads to follow the contours of the lakebed- which was also helped by using X Line.

After an hour I baited again, with a handful of 10, 15, 18mm & chopped Live System Freezer baits and sat back to wait. It had been a long day and unusually for me I laid on my bed, feeling tired and run down!

I was soon awoken from my slumber as the fish that has picked up my snowman set up ripped line from the clutch. The ensuing battle proved that there was a decent fish attached with the fish pounding the bottom in an attempt to shed the hook.



After 15 minutes of arm aching action I managed to slip her into the waiting net and this was when I realised it was none other than the lakes biggest resident!

I unhooked her in the net, whilst re-sorting the rod back out. With that done, my next predicament was finding someone to do the pictures!

Most of my friends were bound for France so I ended up doing some self takes before putting her back.

I weighed her at 45-13, what a week!

I was grinning from ear to ear. Another overnigher and another 40. Just how good was this bait!!!

I turned in only to be awoken from a screaming buzzer. As soon as I tightened up to it I knew I was attached to another good fish and in fact a bit of an animal. It had picked up the double glugged hookbait and ripped line from my reel with relative ease. I knew it was approximately 1-2am and knew I'd had it on for about 30 minutes.

I really couldn't take anymore and started to give the fish some more pressure to convince it to give up for the sake of my aching arm! Thankfully it did, and then it was a case of sorting it out.



The fish's weight was 39-1 and formed part of yet another staggering brace!

The bait had come up trumps again!

After replacing the rod back on the spot and applying another handful of bait it was time to hit the sack. I awoke a few hours later, tired but totally elated on another top result and reeled in shortly afterwards. I applied another batch of bait over the spots and knew I would be back in a couple of days' time, hopefully for some "Moore".

It was simply impossible to comprehend. Three sessions within two weeks and I had caught three braces..... And a 30 and 40 on each occasion!

With three incredible sessions behind him Spencer's next trip would have to be a day session only.

After catching 6 really big fish in 3 overnights it was going to be interesting to see what would happen whilst I fished a day session. The fish had been coming out in the evening, night-time and at first light. It hadn't produced a daytime fish for over a month so I wasn't expecting too much action!

I didn't arrive at the lake until 8am due to my parental responsibilities and my partner working nights. I'd already baited my rigs and even tied my parachute stringers on my rigs before leaving home in order to maximise my time on the bank.

All 3 spots were sprinkled with a handful of chops to semi spook any fish before placing all 3 rigs on the spots; all on the same spots as the previous sessions; 2 on the Glugged hookbaits and 1 on the snowman set-up with 15mm Live System / 16mm Yellow Northern special.

There was a strong Northerly breeze blowing but my area was thankfully sheltered. The sun was bright and I hoped that the fish may venture onto the shallower areas where my baits were placed.



After a couple of hours I had a couple of knocks on the rods and was worried that I had been "done", I needn't have worried as at about 10.30am one of the rods was away on the double glugged Live System hookbaits. The fight was strong but didn't have the power of his predecessors. After about 10 minutes a spritely common of 27-2 sailed into the net.

They did feed in the day! I had proof of it in the net..... I quickly un-hooked it in the net and re-did the rod before doing the pictures.

The day was relatively quiet with only a couple of fish seen topping out, neither of which were near my spots.

At about 1pm, I was away again. This time it was the snowman set-up that had produced. The fish felt decent and again. Another 20 minute fight ensued following which another big mirror sailed into the waiting net. It looked an upper 30 and the scales proved so with them pulling down to 37-6.



Yet another cracking upper 30 at 37lb 6oz!

What made it more pleasing is it was a rare visitor to the bank. After doing the pictures, the rod went back out again for the last few hours.

I spoke to my mate, "Heady" and commented that I couldn't believe I'd bagged 2 fish, but I just felt that another was on the cards. True to form at about 4pm, just half an hour before having to pack up my last rod ripped off. Like the first fish, falling to the glugged hookbaits. After another 20 minute arm-aching battle, a big mirror rolled over the net cord. It looked big, really big but it wasn't until I lifted it from the water that I'd realised I had misidentified the fish and although very big, wasn't as huge as I first thought! Not that I was complaining, I was in orbit, on a big carp buzz!

The fish weighed 38-0 exactly, and again was a rare visitor to the bank.



At 38lb I was over the moon.

With the pictures rushed and my gear hurriedly packed away I deposited another couple of kilos on the spots ready for a return on Friday night. What's in store I had no idea, but to be honest I had just had the best 9 days angling of my life.

In a text to the CC Moore boss, Ian, I confirmed my thoughts to him. I had a lake full of fish here, hooked on the "Live System", they just wanted "Moore".....

By this time at CC Moore we were starting to wonder when we would next hear of another phenomenal result from Spencer. Following on from his incredible first year with us Spencer was actually eclipsing it with his astonishing run of results.

Spencer completes the details of his final session of the April/May period;

To be honest I wasn't hopeful of getting out for a while, having been "advised" that I would be sorting out various home improvements before I would be hitting the bank again!!! I was itching to angle, especially with the fact that I was just buzzing from my recent run of success!

Anyway, after starting my painting duties on Friday evening, whilst wearing a pronounced sad face, I was informed that when I finished the painting I could go fishing if I liked- my mood suddenly improved ten-fold!

'Rookley' was the only destination open due to all the other syndicates being closed.

I arrived just before dark, spent an hour looking around, found some fish and flicked a couple of rods in at 11pm in the edge with a few spombs of mixed sized freebies on top.

A couple of hours later, the rod melted off and after a decent 15 minute battle I lifted the net around another wide backed mirror.

Amazingly, it was one of Rookley's 2 biggies, slightly down in weight after spawning at 37-5 and even "moore" amazing that it was my first fish from the lake!



New venue, same result on the incredible Live System..... 37lb 5oz

Lucky or what..... Selective catching!!!

So the run continues, 10 fish in the last month, 9 over 37+..... Just unbelievable!!!

I don't think anything beats the System..... Get on it!

Spencer Wright

We would like to pay tribute to Spencer's outstanding results and again stress that he is very much a 'weekend' angler who does not spend days on end on the bank..... now that's what we call a great return!

Here are a couple of the other fish Spencer managed to catch on Live System running up to his April/May onslaught.



34lb 7oz



38lb 11oz

If you want to ask Spencer about his incredible results or any of the tactics which have helped his catch so many great fish he will be attending our CC Moore Open Day at Horseshoe Lake on 23rd July and is regularly on the Official CC Moore Facebook page.