

Tom tames The Brute

It gives us great pleasure to report yet another phenomenal result by one of the many talented young anglers using our baits.

Several weeks back we received a tip off that the sought after 'Brute' had again fallen to Odyssey XXX after one of our consultants had recommended the prolific boilie to Tom Fellows who was targeting the prized mirror at Reading and District's Pingewood venue. Like many of the most desirable fish in the UK this fish has shown a taste for XXX before after falling to it a couple of years ago for Kev Wilson. It didn't take much thought for our consultant to know which bait to recommend.....

Tom takes up the story:

The Brute – 9th July 2011

'I arrived at the lake early Friday afternoon and had a good look around. I found a few small commons under a snag in the bay and was watching these for about twenty minutes when all of a sudden, what can only be described as an absolute 'Brute' of a Carp came charging through the snags, head-butting and ramming any fish unfortunate enough to stray into its path. I watched her for a while before heading back to get the kit. On the way back to the van I couldn't believe how active she was, she looked well up for a munch!

Back in the swim with all the kit set up, I wandered around to check if she was still about. This time she looked even more active, dropping down to feed and charging up and down the tree line. I couldn't wait any longer; I had to get my rods out!

With the rods out I felt confident to say the least but I fell asleep about eleven o'clock that night. I woke at about 4.00 a.m. rubbed my eyes and had just got one shoe on when my left hand rod just one noted off. As soon as I lifted the rod whatever was on the other end was angry and just flat-rodged me, heading straight for the snags. With me giving no line it turned and was heading out of the bay, after 10 or so minutes of the fish using its weight to charge about it finally surfaced.



At this point, I knew which fish was on the other end. I remember saying out loud - "please don't fall off!" but luck was on my side and everything held perfect. What felt like a lifetime was probably only fifteen minutes start to finish and she was mine! I peered in the net making sure it was her and then "The Bruteeeeeee!!" was being roared across the lake

After a few phone calls a few people came over to help out, we weighed her at 47.14. A new personal best and what a carp she is! I held her up for photos before slipping her back home.

She slipped up to an Odyssey XXX Air Ball Pop-up critically balanced by the hook, with a pound of mixed CC-Moore, particle, pellets, peanuts and Odyssey XXX boilie over the top.'

Be lucky!

Tom Fellows



Fantastic result Tom well done!!!

Tom managed to catch the incredible 'Brute' on only his second trip after changing over to Odyssey XXX boilies..... maybe it's a coincidence, but when these things occur with such regularity you simply know it's no coincidence!