

Angling Times / Van Den Eynde Supercup Round 2 Sunday 3rd May 2009

Bay Malton Border Fisheries vs. Prince Albert A.S.

Meridian Canal

The BMAC Border Fisheries team took on Prince Albert A.S. on the Meridian Canal on Sunday 3rd May in Round 2 of the Angling Times/ Van Den Eynde Supercup. The team featured just one change from the side that won the 1st Round tie in February against Congleton A.S. and Macclesfield Waltonians with Alex Hulme coming in for Kevin Henson.

The team had a last opportunity to practice the previous day when the regular Saturday club match was fished on the venue. Unfortunately, only two team members, Mark Buxton (p29) and Neil Jellis (p39) drew in the match length for this match but they warmed up for the Supercup tie with a match and section win respectively.

Prince Albert captain Barry Barker drew the first set of pegs for his team leaving the second set for Bay Malton. After each of the team's anglers had drawn their individual pegs they set off to set up ready for a 10am start.

The early stages of the match had Bay Malton well in front with many of the team getting into fish as early as their first put in and consolidating that lead by continuing to put fish into the net. As the match developed, the canal began to fish to form with fish becoming harder to find. One angler to buck the trend though was Neil Andrews on peg 25 who continued to put fish, particularly the young stock carp into his net to establish a commanding lead in his section.

As the match began to reach its closing stages the Prince Albert anglers began to find some fish and a number of the Bay Malton Border team were left a little unsure if they'd done enough to win their section.

Keith Stevenson was the first Bay Malton Border team member to weigh-in and he doubled the weight of his opponent to provide the first section win.

A carp lost in the last minute and one landed by his opponent seconds after the all out had left team captain Neil Jellis to wonder if he'd been pipped at the death but his carp were larger than his opponent's and he took the section win by nearly 7lb to give Bay Malton Border a 2-0 lead. Neil Andrews had blitzed his opponent, who had lost 10 fish during the match and it just took the scales to establish the margin of his victory. So with three sections weighed it was 3-0 to Bay Malton Border.

As the match was to be decided on points the Bay Malton Border team needed just one more section win to then see the result determined on weight in the event of a tie.

Mark Buxton may have won the previous day's match from the peg adjacent to where he was in this tie but he was a worried man. If a week is a long time in politics, 24 hours can be an eternity in angling. The canal had not fished remotely as well as it had the previous day and a struggle to catch had convinced Mark that he hadn't done enough to win his section. His opponent weighed first but when Mark pulled his net from the water it looked as though he had just done enough. The scales confirmed that he had won by just over 2 pounds.

4-0 to Bay Malton Border and if Prince Albert won the remaining sections the match would be decided on weight.

Dave Hope was up next and he wasn't sure if he'd done enough to win the section commenting that his opponent had caught a couple of lumps. Border match regulars will know that Dave can be somewhat out with his weight estimations and this match was no different. His opponent's proved not to be as large as expected and he won with over 10lb to spare.

5-0 to Bay Malton Border and the match had been won with three sections still to weigh.

Barry Holmes was another who wasn't sure of the result in his section but a couple of lumps caught down the edge gave him an almost 10lb advantage.

6-0 to Bay Malton Border.

Alex Hulme has a great record on Meridian but he came up against Prince Albert's top performer and lost out by just a couple of carp.

Prince Albert had got their first section win of the day but it was too late to have any impact on the result.

The last section would again have no effect on the final result but it proved to be the closest section of the match with just a pound separating the two anglers. Les Hobson was unlucky enough to be on the wrong side of that pound difference. Les was left to rue a number of lost fish that headed for the cutback in peg 40 and didn't stop!

The points scoring system gives 1 point for a section win and two points for second so the final result was Bay Malton Border 10 points, Prince Albert A.S. 14 points. This was a commanding performance by the Bay Malton Border team with every team member playing their part.

Victory in this match provides the team the opportunity to compete in the Northern Semi-Final at Heronbrook on Saturday June 6th where they'll be looking to secure a place in the July final at JCB Lakes.

				Team:	PAAS	BMAC
Section	Name	Peg	Weight		Points	Points
A	Mick King	18	11lb 14oz		2	
	Keith Stevenson	19	23lb 11oz			1
B	Keith Moore	21	15lb		2	
	Neil Jellis	22	21lb 14oz			1
C	Phil Bradley	24	7lb 3oz		2	
	Neil Andrews	25	32lb 11oz			1
D	Dave Clarke	27	11lb 6oz		2	
	Mark Buxton	28	13lb 9oz			1
E	Chris Simpson	30	16lb 1oz		2	
	Dave Hope	31	26lb 11oz			1
F	Barry Barker	33	10lb 8oz		2	
	Barry Holmes	34	20lb 1oz			1
G	John O'Driscoll	36	27lb 6oz		1	
	Alex Hulme	37	21lb 11oz			2
H	Adam Barlow	39	17lb 7oz		1	
	Les Hobson	40	16lb 7oz			2

Total Points

14

10

Total Weight

105lb 13oz

176lb 11oz