

West Midlands

Sam strikes gold

MAVER Larford's Specimen Lake produced a cracking Angling Trust Ladies National Championships, although the wind made feeding difficult at times.

Individual wise Sam Perkins (Starlets AS) struck gold with a brilliant 38 kg 260 gr.

Sponsored by Dynamite Baits, Sam had a brilliant match after drawing peg 63 on the chalet bank. She kicked off on the splashing waggler but there were no indications.

It was soon time to reach for the straight bomb and with double pellet on the hook a carp of 3 lb was the first to zip the tip round. Fishing up to 40 metres out and catapulting pellets, twice a chuck, she kept on this tack until the bites completely dried at the halfway stage.

By this time she had caught several more carp including a 15 lb job that turned out to be the biggest fish of the match.

It was time now time for Sam to come up shallower and revert back to the splashing waggler. The response was immediate and Sam kept picking carp off at the same rate as she had done in the first half of the match.

In the latter stages of this very successful event Sam had a couple of carp and three skimmers on poled meat to top up her winning catch.

Sam's catch went a long way to her Starlets teams' total and she was backed up in fantastic style by team-mate Julie Abbott (Starlets AS). Julie was on the burr bank where the Method feeder and pellet was the most rewarding tactic. She picked carp off to 10 lb to end another stunning performance with 30.040.

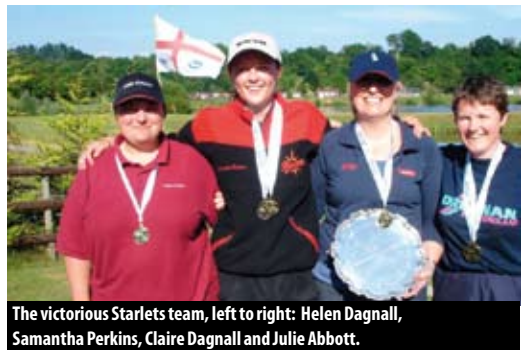
Samantha Sim (Sonu Baits Passies Ponds) took third with 21.840 of carp, to Method feeder and pellet, three pegs from the winner, leaving Wendy Locker (Subfish England) in fourth with 20.260 of carp from another draw on the chalet bank.

Emma Pickering (Doncaster DAA was fifth with 17.520 and Linda Cooke (Warrington Anglers Association Gold) sixth with 17.100.

Team-wise Starlets AS (Sam Perkins, Julie Abbott, Claire Dagnall and Helen Dagnall) all fished brilliantly to win the event with 79.100. They were well ahead of Doncaster DAA (Emma Pickering, Ann Yates, Sandra Scotthorne and Linda Bell) with 50.820, just ahead of Warrington Anglers Association Gold (Wendy Locker, Linda Cooke, Rosemarie Balcomb and Pat Geary) on 48.420.



Winner Samantha Perkins with the Angling Trust Ladies National Championship trophy.



The victorious Starlets team, left to right: Helen Dagnall, Samantha Perkins, Claire Dagnall and Julie Abbott.