

Role of Honour

PARKEDEAN MASTERS GRAND FINAL 2003

1st Steve Ringer (Shimano VDE) 45-11-0 £25,000

2nd Des Shipp (Preston Innovations) 43-2-0

3rd Harry Billing (Drennan NW) 41-12-0

4th Dave Jowatt (Fisherman's Way) 36-13-0

5th Steve Cooke (Ringer Baits) 25-8-0

6th Kieron Rich (Tricast Mosella) 24-10-0

7th Ben Leach (Milo) 22-10-0

8th Steve Waters (Drennan Oxford) 22-6-0

9th Pete Randle (MAP Garbolino Starlets) 16-3-0

10th Simon Colclough (Browning Wickford Angling Centre) 12-1-0

11th Paul Filmore (Mosella Welsh Wizards) 8-0-0

12th Colin Mulholland (Tackle Factory) 6-15-0



THE PARKDEAN MASTER

INCREDIBLE DRAMA IN THE CLOSING MINUTES OF THE 12-ANGLER **PARKEDEAN MASTERS** WINNER TAKE ALL **£25,000 GRAND FINAL** SAW THE LEAD CHANGE HANDS THREE TIMES CULMINATING IN VICTORY FOR **STEVE RINGER...**

Steve Ringer, runner-up last year, emerged triumphant on 45-11-0 with an early lead whittled away by former winner Harry Billing, and Des Shipp. Steve Ringer had been forced to switch to the pole to keep his flagging swim alive and his first look failed to produce a bite. However a second try with 90 minutes remaining brought a 7lb carp plus a couple of small 1lb tench and carp. With 15 minutes to go there was nothing to separate Shipp and Ringer when Harry Billing, hot on their tails, hooked an estimated 7lb ghost carp in the tail. He played the fish for 15 minutes on white hydro elastic but unable to push the pole high enough due to tree cover, he dramatically lost the fish as he tried to net it at full stretch leaving him with 41-12-0 and his chances of the £25,000 just swam away. That left Shipp just in front but the final twist came in the last minute when Ringer hooked his 4lb 8oz match winning carp that was also fouled but landed five minutes after time



to take him 2lb 9oz clear of Des. Steve is in the record books as the only angler to win both the White Acres Parkdean and Fish O Mania £25,000 winner take all events. 'It just feels unbelievable - I had a bit of luck in the qualifying festival, but with an hour to go today I thought it was slipping away,' Steve said after taking a celebratory dip in the lake. 'The hardest part is getting to the final as everyone is trying to get there. Once there, it's a class field that anyone can win and so you need a bit of luck somewhere along the line,' Steve now £25,000 better off intends to use the money to buy himself a new BMW



THOUGHTS OF THE RUNNERS UP

DES SHIPP (2nd with 43-2-0, peg 12) said: 'I knew deep down that Steve had won I could just tell. I've fished a good match as I haven't lost a fish and I feel I couldn't have done anything more off this peg. I've got the consolation of the festival win but I'd rather this match had been for two grand and the festival for 25 grand!'

HARRY BILLING (3rd 41-12-0, peg 6) said: 'It was Steve Ringer's day and to be honest I am pleased for him because he's been second about three times now in big money finals. I've got a pick up from the festival to look forward too and I've had brilliant two weeks - you can't beat it and there's always next year.'

DAVE JOWATT (4th 36-13-0, peg 22) said: 'I've lost a couple of very big fish that could have won me the match, although I didn't think I had as much as I did. It's been a great experience.'

STEVE COOKE (5th 25-8-0, peg 21) said: 'well done to Steve it's a great win. It never really happened for me today but I knew that Dave Jowatt was doing quite well on the end peg.'

KIERON RICH (6th 24-10-0, peg 8) said: 'I can't quite believe what happened really, I had a lot of fish in my peg as I was getting plenty of liners but couldn't convert the activity to bites.'

FESTIVAL BEST

TO REACH the 12 man Grand Final the 180-strong field had to battle it out over five days of intense festival match action and heading the pack was England International Des Shipp with a maximum 36 points. Des triumphed after tying with Ben Leach but a superior dropped fifth result of 5 compared to his rivals 4 sealed the win worth £2000. Des had a slow start to the week with 5 points after tying on 17-4-0 with Emma Pickering on Pollawyn. Peg 6 on Lamorna saw Des win the section with 62-7-0 of small carp on poled meat also good enough for a lake second. Moving to Gwinear on the third day a switch to worm paid off for Des with a 39-12-0 carp and silvers return for a hard won section win. Day four on Porth and Des relied on maggot for his pole based 19-8-0 lake and section winning skimmers and roach bag. The big feller reverted to poled worm at Bolingey 36 on the last day for a fine 13 m located



52-4-0 carp bag to make it four straight wins after that opening disappointment. Ben Leach came so close with a fine last day section win from Pollawyn's peg 2 thanks mainly to a big single figure carp backed up with some bits, that earned a place in the Grand Final. Ben Leach won the runner-up cheque for £900. Pete Randle earned the third place cheque for £800. Bill Knott named Grand Finalist Colin Mulholland as his man of the match.

LAKE WINNERS

Day 1
Pollawyn,
Dean Cherrington
(Sensas Midland
Match) 78-12-0

Day 2:
Pollawyn, Richard
Lawson (Colmic)
130-6-0;

Day 3:
Pollawyn, Kieron Rich
(Tricast Mosella)
63-4-0;

Day 4:
Pollawyn, Steve Ringer
(Shimano Van Den
Eynde) 113-2-0

Day 5:
Pollawyn, Paul Taylor
(Stubpond) 74-11-0;

PARKEDEAN MASTERS FESTIVAL 2003 TOP 5

Des Shipp
(Preston Innovations
Sensas) 36 (5)
£2000

Ben Leach
(Milo) 36 (4) £900

Pete Randle (MAP
Garbolino Starlets)
35 (7) £800

Dave Jowatt
(Fisherman's Way)
35 (5) £700

Kieron Rich (Tricast
Mosella) 34 (5)
£600

Simon Colclough
(Browning Wickford)
33 (7) £500

Steve Ringer
(Shimano VDE) 33
(6) £400