

2022 Match series report by Mark Leathwood.

Throughout July and August young anglers have been competing in a series of five junior matches run jointly by Winsford & District Angling Association and Middlewich Joint Anglers. The matches have taken place on several different waters including lakes, pools and rivers, and were fished in two age groups - 13 to 17 year olds and 12 years and under.

Some fabulous fish were caught along the way. In the first match at New Pool Shaun Harris secured a convincing win with a mixed bag which included a specimen bream weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz.



Shaun went on to win four out of the five matches to secure first place overall in the older age group. Throughout the series Max Reid remained in close contention, eventually finishing in second place with several very impressive catches - including this netful at The Ocean.



Aidan Foster came third overall and had a particularly memorable evening at Tetton Lake where he caught his biggest fish ever, a lovely 3 lb. Tench.



Aidan went on to collect a special award after setting an excellent example to everyone with his care for the environment; always picking up any litter he encountered on the bank.



In the younger age group Dominic Griffin secured first place overall with some impressive catches including two big carp in our match at The Ocean.



Another highlight in the junior's age group was the performance of 7 year old Rocco Smith in the final match of the series. It had been quite a difficult evening for most, with numbers of small fish making up the weights. Minutes before the match was due to end Rocco landed a very impressive 4 lb. Bream to secure a convincing win.

The overall results were as follows:

13 - 17 yrs.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Age, Points</u>
1. Shaun Harris	15 yrs. 44
2. Max Reid	14 yrs. 40
3. Aidan Foster	15 yrs 24
4.= Matty Banks	16 yrs. 18
4.= Max Beech	14 yrs. 18
6. Micah Backhouse	14 yrs. 16
7.= Charlie Parkinson	13 yrs 14
7.= Sam Thomson	6 yrs. 14
9. Kasper Machnik	14 yrs. 6
10. Alex-Jay Senior	14 yrs. 2

12 yrs. and under

1. Dominic Griffin 12 yrs. 36
2. Charlie Mitchell 12 yrs. 26
- 3.= Eric Forbes 12 yrs. 10
- 3.= Jack Fray 11 yrs. 10
- 3.= Rocco Smith 7 yrs. 10
6. Reece Porter 13 yrs. 8
7. Tristan Smith 4
8. Bailey Saunders 12 yrs. 2