



National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland

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NCFFI National Team Qualifiers for 2011 Report

Saturday the 30th and Sunday the 31st of September saw the start of the qualification process to select a National Team Squad to represent Ireland at both the 2011 World Championships in Italy and the Celtic Cup in Scotland.

The chosen venue for the first stage of the Qualifiers was the Boyle Canal, Co. Roscommon. The Boyle Canal was believed to be one of the fairest venues for this time of year and this proved to be the case.

Fourteen anglers from all over the country made the trip to Boyle; this was less than anticipated but was expected due to the recent interruptions to the NCFFI. This year saw the return of Nick Harrison (B.S.I. Senses) and Donal McGuirk (Clones CAC) who have both represented Ireland on the world stage in the past, also returning from last year's squad was Richard Keegan (Portobello AC) who has fished the Celtic Cup on two occasions.

Day one saw the best of both the weather and fishing, although the day started off cold, it wasn't too long before the sun shone to warm both the air and water. Right from the 'all-in' everyone was catching, and when the three hours were up the majority had caught well, Michael O'Connor (Royal Enfield CAC) won Section A with 165 fish (mainly Roach) 4.990kg while Nick Howell (Erne Anglers) won Section B with 128 fish for 4kg. The total weight for the day was just over 40kg.

Day two started off slightly warmer but with a gentle north-easterly breeze and with the sun not appearing until the last hour of the match the temperatures remained below 10 degrees. Although the fish were not as plentiful as day one this did not deter the fourteen hopeful anglers and by the 'all-out' they knew they had done all they could. Nick Harrison (B.S.I. Senses) won section A with 47 fish for 2.140kg and Dave Slater winning section B with 69 fish for 2.440kg.

The NCFFI would like to thank Jack Tisdall (Erne Anglers) and Brian Bohan (Sheemore AA & NCFFI) for their efforts with pegging the venue, John Hayes (Kingfisher CAC) and Steve Finchett (Kingfisher CAC) for travelling and fishing as blockers on the end pegs and our own Sean Ward and Eoin Schweppe for officiating on the day.

A full listing of results is available on the NCFFI web site (www.ncffi.ie)

Tight Lines,
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