## Match 1 Orchard Place Farm, Lake 5, 17th March 2024

For our season opener we were "fortunate" to have secured the Lake 5 at Orchard Farm Fishery which was going to see us catch a few fish.

The weather and conditions could be summed up in 3 words – MUD AND RAIN.

The banks were probably very similar to the Somme battlefields as everywhere was mud. After all the rain we have had recently it was no surprise though.

The rain fortunately stopped near the end of the match leaving it clear to pack up and weigh in..

We had a turnout of 10 members, and winner on the day was Mason Harvey who having won all 3 warm up matches has continued his good form by winning the first match of the season, and by some considerable margin.

He weighed in 240lb and 2<sup>nd</sup> was Andrew Williams with just over 120lb. most people had over 50lb so there were plenty of F1`s and carp free to catch – not bad for midway through March.

Next venue is Lucks Lane where the pre-season match was a struggle.

Hopefully it will be better next week and hopefully no RAIN or Mud.

Anyone NOT going please let either Ross or myself know.

Thanks

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Dave