

## UK Carp cup semi final

I arrived for the final at Brasenose one nice and early at 10am, the draw was at 330pm. My brother Colin and I did several laps of the lake and after each circuit our views were the same, the majority of the fish seemed to be concentrated in the shallow part of the lake. Not surprising considering the warm weather, the carp were not going to be spending a great deal of time out in the deeper water and main body of the lake.



I put together my list of swims in order of preference as this was as in the previous round a watercraft draw. The shallow parts took up all my top 8 or so choices and then working away to the open deep water with the corners being my next best options.

Well they say these events are won and lost on the draw bag and so it proved as I came out 19<sup>th</sup> out of 20 and ended up at completely the wrong end of the lake. As we suspected all the shallow swims were first to go, in fact my list must have been almost the same as everyone else's as we watched the swims get taken.

My plan for the open water was to out distance cast everyone else around me with solid pva bags, this I did fishing at 110yds. I used narrow solid bags with the lead put in first at the bottom and then the 2mm "S" pellets. Its not ideal but is the only way to make them in order to cast them a long way as the bag needs to be weight forward when you cast so it punches through the air. I used a 10lb mainline and 40lb braid shock leader. I had made up loads of bags rigged up on various leadcore leaders so I could loop to loop them for speed.



Over the course of the weekend I managed just two mid double mirrors, it was hard fishing for me, especially having to watch those up the other end of the lake sacking up.

But that's match fishing, had I been in the right place I could be talking about the final in October but it wasn't to be this time round, so roll on 2013 for another go.