

Role of Honour

SKOL MASTERS GRAND FINAL RESULT

- 1st Darren Cox**
(MAP Garbolino Starlets) 50-6-0 peg 16
- 2nd Steve Ringer**
(Shimano Van Den Eynde) 43-1-0 peg 8
- 3rd Wayne Mellings**
(Fosters Tipton Van den Eynde) 41-9-0 peg 6
- 4th Steve Sanders**
(Daiwa Dorking) 36-2-0 peg 19
- 5th Des Shipp**
(Daiwa Dorking) 32-0-0 peg 15
- 6th Alex Murray**
(Carbotec Sillybait) 21-14-0 peg 18
- 7th Kieron Rich**
(Tricast Mosella) 21-10-0 peg 9
- 8th Mark Warren**
(Shakespeare) 20-2-0 peg 13
- 9th Paul Yates**
(Drennan Van den Eynde) 15-3-0 peg 12
- 10th Kevin Arathoon**
(Coca Cola) 13-8-0 peg 5
- 11th Gary Powell**
(Keenets Northwest) 10-9-0 peg 22
- 12th Paul Keeley**
(Keenets Northwest) 7-0-0 peg 21

SKOL FESTIVAL TOP 5

- 1st Wayne Mellings**
(Foster Tipton Van den Eynde) 35 points £2000
- 2nd Des Shipp**
(Preston Innovations Sensas) 34 points dropping 7 254-15-0 £900
- 3rd Kieron Rich**
(Tricast Mosella) 34 points dropping 7 216-3-0 £800
- 4th Darren Cox**
(Garbolino MAP Starlets) 34 points dropping 6 £700
- 5th Steve Sanders**
(Daiwa Dorking) 34 points dropping 5 355-15-0 £600

Masters At Work



DARREN COX BANKED THE WINNER-TAKE-ALL £25,000 BIG PRIZE CHEQUE, WHITE ACRES SKOL MASTERS TITLE AND MASSIVE NEW TROPHY IN HEART STOPPING STYLE...



MAIN: Showdown of the Magnificent Twelve...

With 15 minutes left in the four hour event Darren was one of a quartet of anglers still in contention when he struck into an 8 lb ghost carp. "Can you hear my heart beating," he said to the watching press as he battled with that oh so important final fish. Darren, aware how vital the fish was, endured a twenty minute scrap with the fighting fit ghostie before scooping it from the waters of Jenny's lake five minutes after the whistle to rapturous applause. When the scales arrived at Darren's peg 16 the crowd knew he'd done enough to win confirmed by a 50-6-0 reading. At the start of the match Darren fed a blend of liquidised meat and Sensas Crazy Bait Gold topping up regularly and fishing punched Plumrose garlic meat on the hook but despite plenty of signs of feeding fish in the peg struggled to catch at full depth. Changing to a shallower rig at half depth sorted out a

succession of brown gold fish averaging around the 1 lb mark to keep him in contact with the front runners. Moving into the last hour he turned up the heat catching steadily adding a couple of 2 lb carp before the fateful ghostie. "It's an absolutely unbelievable feeling, what a birthday," said Darren speaking immediately after the result was confirmed. "I can't believe it," he said as he cuddled daughter Charlotte and was joined by wife Julie. "It's up to Julie what happens to the money, I'm only in it for the prestige."



Repeat Performers

STEVE SANDERS and 2000 Skol Master **Alex Murray** made it through for a third time each while Shakespeare grouped Mark Warren and Preston Innovations backed Des Shipp were there for a second consecutive year.

Daiwa Dorking skipper Steve made a strong bid landing quality carp on the pole for 36-2-0 in fourth place. Kevin Arathoon and Wayne Mellings proved that it's not only household names who make it to the final. Runner up Steve Ringer had built up an early lead on the feeder but his 43-1-0 effort was edged out by that dramatic last carp for Darren Cox.



Lucky Star

FORMER White Acres match record holder Ben Leach, the first man to surpass the 200 lb barrier on the Pollawyn pool, nearly became the first man to break the 300 lb barrier when he blasted away the Gwinear match record with 294-0-0. Bath based Ben hooked carp from start to finish at peg 31 on day three of the Festival. "I had the first bite after about ten seconds then it was an 8-pounder a chuck thereafter," said Ben.

Wayne Cops Win

WEST MIDLAND'S based police dog handler Wayne Mellings clinched the £2000 cheque and his place in the Skol Masters 12-man final with a 35 point return in the five day White Acres Skol Masters Festival. As star names dropped points Wayne was alone in achieving one point short of a maximum. "I have had a brilliant week," said Wayne.

Monster Performers

Keith Vaughan claimed the £50 cheque for the biggest fish of the festival with a 13 lb 7 oz Bolingey beast.

We'll be Back

THE Skol Masters will be back next year once again as Maurice Sweeney and Ian Blunt from St Austell Brewery and Skol announced that the original three year deal would be extended to next year.



Sensas-Europe's No.1 Groundbait

Sensas Champions 2002

Ladies World Championships Team England
NFA Division 1 National Shakespeare
NFA Division 3 National Dick Clegg Mark 1
NFA Division 4 National Sensas Bourne AC

NFA Division 5 National Sensas Oundle
Six Nations Champion Drennan Team England
Sensas Int. Challenge Daiwa Dorking

Another Success for Crazy Bait GOLD

WHITEACRES 2002 £25,000 WINNER

Darren Cox - Skol Masters Champion
You can't beat them. So join them!

Team England
Six Nations Champs
DRENAN
Sensas Team Image
Drennan All Winners Champs
Ben Leach record breaker
 Gwinear Staggering **294lb** Whiteacres Amazing **202lb**

Shakespeare
Division 1 National Champs
Paul Sheenan
Guinness Classic Champ
Daiwa Dorking

Ben Vincent
National Champ

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