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# SIMON'S HOOKED ON FISHING

A KEEN young Whitchurch angler got so carried away by his favourite sport that he fell into the canal during a top match.

But his dip didn't stop him going on to make a hefty catch.

Ten year old Simon Mottram, of the Grindley Brook Anglers, was fishing with five other club members representing the Wych Anglers junior national team in the All England National Championships in Milton Keynes when he took his dip.

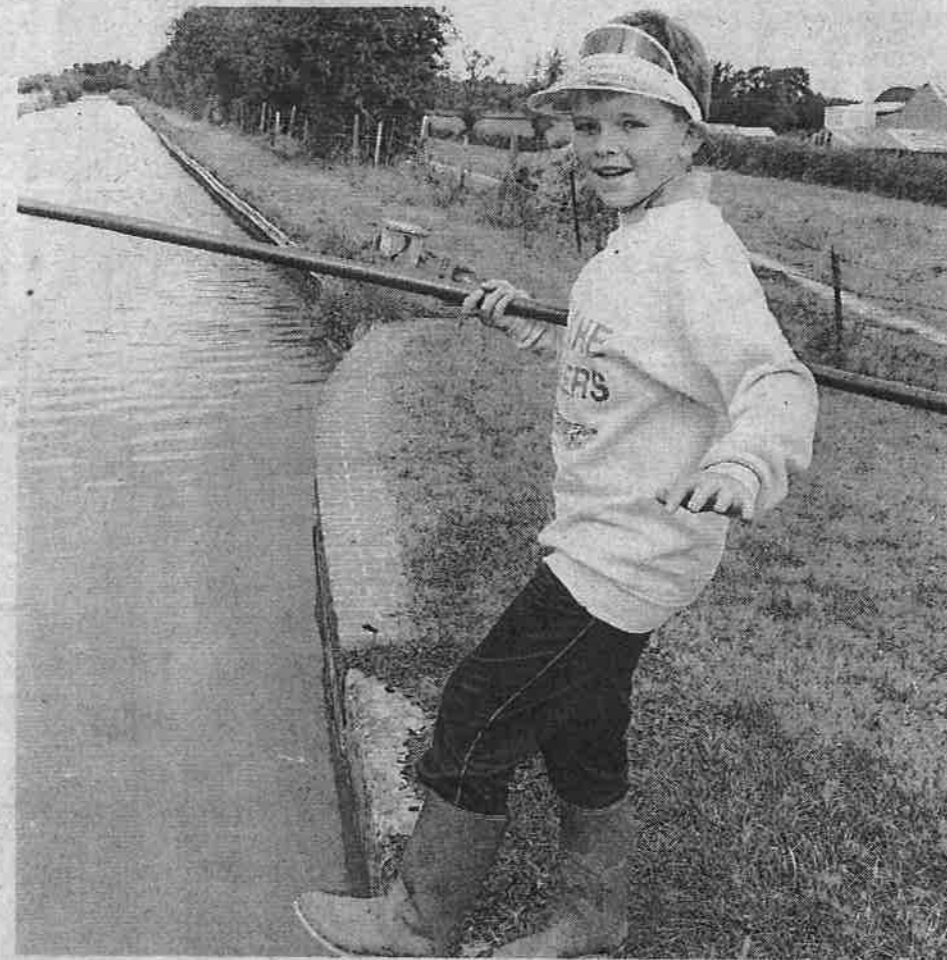
Simon said: 'I was throwing in groundbait and

somehow fell in, but as soon as I got out and put my line in the water I caught a fish.'

Despite his sudden plunge into their habitat, the fish were not deterred, and Simon continued to catch roach, gudgeon and perch, scoring a very creditable 720 grammes at the end of the contest.

John Ellis, captain of the Grindley Brook Anglers said: 'Simon leant forward to catapult bait into the canal and went too far. He pulled himself out and fished on, wet through, but the temperature was 95 degrees so he soon dried out.'

He added: 'Simon is a fishing nut, and very good for his age.'



Fisherman Simon Mottram. (3671C6).

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