

WORLD COARSE ANGLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

ALMERE, NETHERLAND, 5th & 6th September 2009

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Prebait Press, Fiachra McCloskey and Peter Walsh.

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It was a very disappointing result for Irish Team who finished in 33rd position at World Championships, in Almere, Netherlands on the 5th & 6th September 2009.

As the weeks practise went by it was evident that this was a very difficult to sort out a feeding pattern, there were two lines of attack one line at 13mt and another at 7 or 9 meters where you fished for silver fish, the team sorted this line out as the week went by and by Friday we knew exactly what to do here.

On the 7 mt line the week began on this feeding 150grs to 300grs of live and dead joker with a 50/50 lake and leam, another mix of Gros Gardons and lake and another 50/50 mix of Gros Gardons and Terre Riverie and balling 10 to 12, some of our anglers were losing feed pinkie, castor and hemp.

The hemp was the first to go, and come Friday evening the decision on how to feed this line was with 10 balls of a 50/50 mix of lake and leam, from zero to 30 to 50 grs of joker depending what section you were on and lose feeding pinkie and castor. By not feeding so much joker we were able to get some quality roach and perch and not attracting so many tommy ruff into the peg.

The 13mt line was a different story as you had to sit and wait for 1 or 2 bites, and again we attacked this with ground bait which turned out to be very wrong. During the practise we all caught bream on 4 days on this line over the ground bait, so we thought this was coming right for us, by mid week were feeding this line with 12 to 15 balls of a 50/50 mix of Gros Gardons and Terre the Riverie and 1 and a half hours into the session we would start feeding small balls of Joker bound together with grey leam and gavel and laced with some caster and pinkie. We really needed a couple more days to get this line right, we were so close but at the end of the day we were so far away and got it so wrong.

The Ground bait was the killer on this line as the bream became very wary of this as the week went by, these were big old bream and have been caught a lot over the years so the were very wary of what was going on.

At the end of the day we should have cupped in 4 or 5 balls of neat joker or bloodworm laced with some chopped worm and castors, the bloodworm seem to have worked best for other teams. We had the other bit right cupping our joker in after an hour and a half but because of the ground bait we got no bream.

Our approach to the match was to fish the first hour on the short line for silver fish and try to catch 2 kg in this time or until it faded, then for the next two hours or once a bream was caught in the section you fish the long line waiting for a 1 or 2 bites from a bream this was the only that we could get a good section points as you would not do much better continuing to fish for silvers.

This was an inexperienced Irish team for this event with 3 lads never at a World Championships, but the experience at this level and the honour of representing our Country cannot be bought and all are already looking forward to next year to see if they can qualify for this event again.

First of all we would like to thank our Bank runners who done a tremendous job for us, relaying good information back to us and helping us all to load and unload the vans, they took the time to make sandwiches etc and make sure we were fed and watered on the venue, so thank you all.

Irish Team Sponsors/Partners 2009;

www.prebait.com Mr. Fiachra McCloskey has been brilliant with the cash sponsorship for Irish Teams and was also a great help to us at the event and we look forward to working with him going forward in the future.

MAVER, Mr. Bill Briscoe, has been a loyal supporter of Irish Team for many years and this year has been no different.

Loughs Agency, Mr. Gerard Mills, they have been brilliant with their cash sponsorship, this has been great and much appreciated has made things a lot easier financially for our team members this year.

SENSAS France, again a loyal support for Irish Team for many years and again for this years World Championships.

Irish Bait & Tackle, again have provided the team with enough live bait for the World Championships.

OSTMARK, Co Monaghan, once again they have provided a van free of charge which includes insurance.

We sincerely thank all our sponsors/partners.

The Team would also like to thank our Manager Mr Oliver McGauley who stepped in at the last minute to take control of the Team, Oliver done a tremendous job first of all by securing additional sponsorship and getting things prepared for the Team. At the event he attended the managers meetings, draws, running the bank, giving advice etc. this was all a great help for the Team.

ENDS.

Tommy Lawton,
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