It's Double Gold for England Fishing Team in the World Championships

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The Angling Trust's Preston Innovations sponsored England Feeder team shattered the opposition in the 4th FIPSed World Feeder Championships from 19th – 20th July on the fantastic Inniscarra Lake near Cork in Southern Ireland. Tom Pickering' s men had spent a great deal of time travelling and practising on the venue, and all their efforts were rewarded when they recorded less than half the points of the runners up host team Ireland.

By choosing a depth to fish rather than a distance the team caught roach, skimmers to 2 lbs and hybrids at between 20 to 30 metres out. With a mix of Sensas Magic and a handful of Sensas Black as the base to a groundbait mix the team then baited with maggot, worm or bloodworm.

At the end of the official week long practice Tom was confident that the tactics were spot on, and with only 11 points scored on day one the team were in a commanding position.

The team selected were; Steve Ringer, Adam Wakelin, Mick Vials, Phil Ringer, Dean Barlow, Rob Wootton (reserve), and Tom Pickering (manager), and Glenn Lawrence (coach). Bank Runners were; Adam Rooney, Jamie Harrison and Will Freeman

Team England Day 1 Results
Steve Ringer 1 point
Phil Ringer 2 points
Adam Wakelin 3 points
Mick Vials 1 point
Dean Barlow 4 points

Top 3 teams Day 1 Results
1st England 11 points
2nd Ireland 23 points
3rd Holland 24 points

Day 2 - Tom made no changes to the team or to the tactics especially with four of the anglers having a good chance of a podium place. The venue was in sparkling form and the weights recorded by all the 25 participating teams were special. The top individual weight over the 2 days was taken by Zsolt Benzar 29.419 kilos an angler representing Romania who finished in fourth place.

England's dominance was immense again winning the second day, but this time with an increased points margin when the whole team scored 15 points.
Individually England could easily have taken all the medals when Steve Ringer put in a superlative performance winning gold with a perfect 2 point score and Mick Vials taking the bronze on 3 points only to be beaten on weight for the Silver medal position.

Team England Day 2 Results
Steve Ringer 1 point
Phil Ringer 8 points
Adam Wakelin 2 points
Mick Vials 2 points
Dean Barlow 2 points

Top 3 teams Day 2 Results

1st England 15 points
2nd Czech Rep. 31 points
3rd Ireland 39 points

FINAL RESULTS & PLACINGS

Top three Final Team results

1st England 26 points GOLD Medal

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2nd Ireland 62 points SILVER Medal
3rd Holland 77 points BRONZE Medal

Top Individual results
1st Steve Ringer, England 2 points GOLD Medal World Feeder Champion
2nd Felix Sceuermann, Germany 3 points 28.434 kilos SILVER Medal
3rd Mick Vials, England 3 points 24.470 kilos BRONZE Medal

Remaining England positions
5th Adam Wakelin 5 points
8th Dean Barlow 6 points
14th Phil Ringer 10 points

Dick Clegg, OBE, International Events Manager, Angling Trust said “I would like to offer congratulations to Tom Pickering and the England Feeder Team. It was a fantastic performance by the team and they thoroughly deserve to win the World Championship. I would also like to thank the National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland (N.C.F.F.I) for organising a well run Championship.”

The Angling Trust would like to thank Preston Innovations for sponsoring the team and Sensas for their help in providing the groundbait. Also a big congratulations to the England Feeder team for an outstanding performance in the World Championship this year at bringing home the medals, and to the hosts N.C.F.F.I for a well organised event.

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Talent Pathway - England is well represented in the Home, European and World Championships for junior, senior, intermediate, female, veteran and disabled teams in all three disciplines. However in 2009 the Angling Trust identified that there was no structured, complete pathway in place to develop and prepare young talented anglers to compete at the highest level.

The Angling Trust England Talent Development Plan 2011–17 sets out how angling will develop and accelerate talent resulting in more talented performers moving on to elite programmes and success. Find out more here!

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