



Scottish Internationalist first to qualify for big money final.

Current Scottish Internationalist Davie Corcoran (35) from Edinburgh, is the first angler to win through to the AyrStrike final which will take place at Spring Water Fisheries, Ayr on Sunday 25th May.

Davie won the first Ayrstike Qualifier which was held on the Main Loch at Magiscroft Fisheries, Nr Cumbernauld on Saturday 1st March. Draw on peg 18 he put together a bag of 5 small carp on feeder tactics for a weight of 2.380kg, narrowly beating fellow Scottish Internationalist Ewan Weed (28) from Alloway into second place. Ewan weighed 2.120kg consisting of 3 carp, 4 skimmers and a few small roach from peg 10, again all on feeder tactics alternating hair rigged sweetcorn and maggot.

Following 4 days of horrendous weather with high winds and torrential rain the fishing was always going to be difficult, and high winds on the day caused problems for many of the field. Whilst extremely challenging the weather did make for a close match though and one or two extra fish for any of the top five anglers could have seen them go through.

After the match Davie said, [QUOTE]"The match has caused quite a lot of excitement in Scotland and hopefully it will attract a lot more anglers into match fishing. This morning everyone was saying that today's winner would be the smuggest man in Scotland, tonight I can tell you its true!"[END QUOTE]

Davie now has a one in 16 chance of claiming the biggest cash prize in Scottish angling history. To join him simply visit www.fishscotland.co.uk, www.sfca.co.uk and follow the Ayrstike links, or contact SFCA Chairman Gus Brindle at gus@gbmsscotland.fsnet.co.uk. There are still places left at many of the qualifiers.

Other results were:

1 st	Davie Corcoran	2.380kg
2 nd	Ewan Weed	2.120kg
3 rd	Brian Cochrane	1.780kg
4 th	Tom Lauriston	1.420kg
5 th	William Stewart	1.320kg

The next three qualifiers are:

QUALIFIER	QUALIFIER 2	QUALIFIER 3	QUALIFIER 4
DATE	8 th March	15 th March	22 nd March
VENUE	BROOM (F1 Pond)	F & C Canal (Stables) ⁽²⁾	Spring Water
FEES:			
Peg	£5.00	£3.00	£6.00
Optional Pools ⁽¹⁾	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
TIMINGS:			
Draw	0900 hrs (Bothy)	0830 hrs (Layby)	0930 hrs (Layby)
Fish	1030 – 1530 hrs	1000 – 1500 hrs	1100 – 1600 hrs
Results	1630 hrs	1630 hrs	1630 hrs

Notes:

- (1) Pools payouts will be: 1st = 50%, 2nd = 30%, 3rd = 20%
- (2) Match length at Stables will be east of the road bridge (Kirkintilloch side) with the first peg at the end of the trees.
- (3) Bloodworm and Joker will be permitted on the canal.

