

Group 3 - Round 5 Match Report

The day was overcast with a steady ripple and a warm breeze. On paper, it was ideal conditions for dry fly with many anglers setting out their stool to target the fish on this method.

Early on, there were a few fish moving and some anglers caught on the dries however it was soon established that there were lots of fish to be caught on pulling tactics on floating or sink tip lines. Fish were mainly podded up in the main basin with pockets of fish to be found around the island and into the Hawthorns. If you bumped into a pod, it was a case of casting to moving fish and pulling your lure back on a steady figure of eight or pulled retrieve. Chases were often signified by a bow wave as the fish chased the lure.

In terms of dries, the usual CDCs and daddies seemed to do the business. It was very much a case of dotting the flies around and waiting for a take as very few were showing. If you did get a take it tended to come out of nowhere with no signs of the fish near your fly in the build-up.