

PRESTON INNOVATIONS RODS

Outstanding Quality & Innovation

The Preston Innovations Carbonactive range provides an unrivalled selection of rods design to match the needs of the modern match fisherman. Whether targeting commercial venues, rivers, canals or larger waters, Carbonactive rods are high-quality products designed to help you fish more effectively.

Rod Components

Although Carbonactive rods are designed for an individual and specific purpose they have many common features.



■ ACTION

Although you can't see it, all Carbonactive rods have a non-lock action that reduces hook-pulls and lands fish more quickly.



■ HANDLE

Handles are cork with an EVA butt grip and screw down reel seat hood. We use EVA in the high grip areas as it is easier to clean.



■ REEL SEAT

The reel seat on all rods has a soft touch feel for good grip and comfort. The hood screws down to hold the reel securely.



■ FEEDER GUIDES

Feeder guides are all double-legged and low profile for strength and endurance. Low friction SiC linings are braid-friendly.



■ FLOAT GUIDES

Ultra lightweight, intermediate float guides are a single leg design for minimum impact on the action.



■ QUIVERTIPS

Quivertips are made from carbon or glassfibre depending on use. Guides on long range tips have larger diameters.



Since their launch many years ago, the brand has become a huge favourite with match anglers throughout the country. Designed for modern match anglers, to perform specific functions, the Carbonactive range covers just about every method used in modern fishing, from close range work on small commercial waters to extreme range feeder fishing on the most powerful European rivers.

Whichever model you choose you can be sure that it represents the very best in technology, quality and rod building innovation for its given purpose, something we believe sets the rod range apart from any other.

There are six different ranges in the Preston Innovations rod collection, with each designed for a specific purpose. Most important of all, every rod boasts a true non-lock action that reduces hook-pulls and inspires fish-playing confidence. At Preston Innovations we make things our own way. When you pick up any of our Carbonactive rods you'll notice they have their own feel and characteristics. In fact, they feel unlike any other rod you will pick up. The reason for this is that we look closely at what is needed through our team of consultants and design exactly what is required. When designing a rod we believe that you have to stick to a set of principles. For rods, the main principle is to achieve the best fish-playing actions, without compromising on the function of the rod.

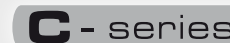
One look at the Carbonactive range reveals that many of the components used are the same. This is done for a reason and that reason is one of principle. The handle and reel seat are the same for all models, because if it's correct, why change it just to be different?

We adjust the lengths to suit the different models, but they all have the same reel seats, which are made from the same material and are of the same profile. This same principle is also applied to guides. We use double leg guides on our carp feeder rods and distance rods, because they need to be able to take a lot of punishment and the slight increase in weight does not have a detrimental effect on the action.

Guides on the quivertips are also important. On our fine tips we put ultra-light guides, but on our distance feeder rods we have larger diameter guides that reduce casting friction and allow the free passage of shockleader knots. For float rods however we use lighter single leg guides because the actions would be hugely affected and weight is also a very important consideration for us.

Most importantly, the action of all Carbonactive rods is of a non-lock fish-playing type which reduces hook-pulls considerably. Although it can't be seen, this is the single biggest feature of all Carbonactive rods.

Over the following pages you can see and read about each range of Carbonactive rods and the principles behind them. Make the right choice.



EXCEL SERIES

■ EXCEL 13' FLOAT

The Excel 13' is beautifully refined, light and responsive. The fine hollow tip is soft enough for the finest hooklengths and the smallest hooks and blends in perfectly to the middle section which has a mellow action for good fish-playing control. Ideal for silver fish, the Excel 13' can also be used for match sized carp.

Weight 210g · Sections 3 · Guides 15
Line rating: 2.6lb - 6lb

■ EXCEL 14' FLOAT

NEW

The new Excel 14' offers the sensitivity of the 13' model but with more line control and casting performance. This makes it perfect for both rivers and stillwaters using fine hooklengths for silver fish or up to 6lb line for carp. The fine hollow tip has a fast action that blends perfectly into the mellow actioned mid section.

Weight 220g · Sections 3 · Guides 17
Line rating: 2.5lb - 6lb

■ EXCEL 15' FLOAT

The 15' Float has all of the characteristics of the 13' version. The additional length makes it perfect for all-round river work or distance float fishing where casting performance and ultra fast line pick-up are required. The advanced blend of carbon in the blank gives the Excel 15' Float a very fast tip speed that can be used for the lightest hooklengths.

Weight 230g · Sections 3 · Guides 18
Line rating: 2.5lb - 6lb

■ EXCEL 17' FLOAT

Light and responsive, with a traditional float fishing action, plus stiffness and power in the butt and middle sections, the 17' Excel is made with just 3 sections and has a spigot joint top section. This delivers an action and a feel that is more like a 14' or 15'. Ring quantity and spacing has been carefully selected to maximise performance.

Weight 275g · Sections 3 · Guides 20
Line rating: 2.5lb - 8lb

The Excel Series provides the most advanced Carbonactive rod range. Built on technologically superior, high modulus carbon blanks, the Excel Series has been designed for anglers wanting the finesse required for silver fish methods, using light lines and small hooks. But thanks to the trademark non-lock action of Carbonactive, these rods will also land plenty of match carp.

We spoke to Stafford Moor Silver rMania champion and England International Des Shipp to find out why he rates the Excel Series so highly – a range he trusts for the majority of his fishing. “The combination of a slim ‘finesse’ profile, and balanced fish-playing power offers the ultimate performance in a wide range of situations,” smiles

Des. “The Excel Series has the refinement to handle just about anything, which is important when competition fishing.

“The float rods have more of a traditional tip action feel to them, but still adhere to the Carbonactive principle of non-lock fish-playing actions. This makes the range equally at home for carp on commercials or silver fish on more natural rivers and lakes.

“The float rods all have fine hollow tips and a fast action that improves line pick-up on the strike,” he adds. “This makes using small hooks down to size 22 and fine hooklengths of 0.09mm a safe option for roach, skimmers, bream and even chub.

“As resistance builds up, either on the strike, or when playing fish, the tip and middle section starts to work together to absorb and soften out

sudden shocks, giving added security.”

By using the correct mix of carbon materials, here at Preston Innovations we have been able to achieve a flawless action on all of the rods in the range. Including Des's favourite feeder rods.

“The feeder rods are ideal for fishing on larger venues, where you need to put a Method feeder 50-60 yards, without worrying about hookpulls due to a rod that is too stiff,” he tells us. “You can cast accurately, and catch carp and bream all day. The 12' Super Feeder is easily the best bream rod I've ever used.

“No matter which lake or species you're targeting, the Excel Series provides the answer to the majority of anglers' needs,” adds Des. “It's the ultimate all-round rod range, and with new models being added for 2010, the choice has never been easier.”



Des Shipp uses the Excel 13' Float at Docklow for carp and chub

■ EXCEL 12' SUPER FEEDER

This is a rod that can be used for many applications from bream and skimmer fishing to winter feeder and bomb fishing for carp.

Supplied with three special all carbon quivertips to cover all situations. The ultra slim gloss blank, with touches of red, looks stunning and performs equally as well in a wide range of feeder situations.

Weight 185g · Sections 3 · Guides 16
Line rating: 3lb - 6lb

■ EXCEL 11' 6" FEEDER

NEW

The new Excel 11' 6" Feeder offers versatile performance across a wide range of methods from bream fishing with open ended groundbait feeders through to match carp fishing with small and medium method feeders. Supplied with three balanced tips, the Excel 11' 6" model will cast medium feeders over 50 metres.

Weight 170g · Sections 3 · Guides 14
Line rating: 3lb - 8lb

■ EXCEL 12' 6" FEEDER

The Excel 12' 6" Feeder offers great versatility. It can handle light hooklengths thanks to the design of the tip section, which makes it an outstanding bream or river chub rod, whilst the power in the butt section really comes into its own on long casts or for controlling hard-fighting carp in a match fishing environment. Comes with three interchangeable tips.

Weight 210g · Sections 3 · Guides 15
Line rating: 3lb - 8lb

■ EXCEL TIPS

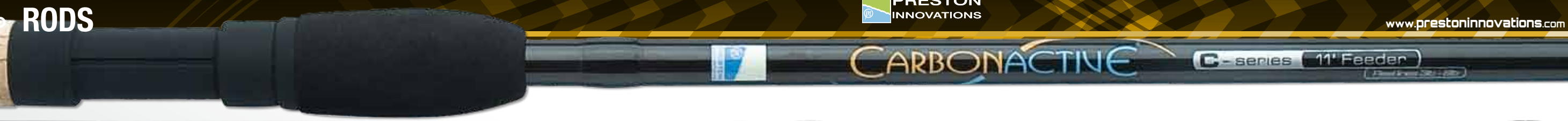
11' 6" & 12' 6" Feeder (Ø 3.5mm) Five replacement tips suitable for the 11' 6" and 12' 6" Feeder - three glass fibre and two carbon. They provide the perfect option for match anglers. Also fits Sentient and original Carbonactive rods.

■ EXCEL SUPER FEEDER TIPS 12' SUPER FEEDER (Ø 2.8MM)

There are three replacement tips suitable for the Excel 12' Super Feeder. These fine carbon tips provide bite registration - the perfect option for match anglers. Also fits Sentient and original Carbonactive rods.



All Excel Feeder rods are supplied with a Hardcase Tip Tube - excellent protection for spare quivertips.



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C - series

■ C SERIES 11' FEEDER

A through actioned medium feeder rod suitable for short to medium range. The 11ft C Series Feeder has a non-lock blank which absorbs the lunges of large fish at the net. Supplied with three glass quivertips, to cope with different levels of tow and sizes of feeders, the 11ft C Series is also capable of casting smaller method feeders. A screw lock reel seat and high quality cork/Duplon handle combine with the high gloss blank and lined guides to make a top class feeder rod suitable for a wide range of situations. Weight 180g · Sections 3 + 2 tips · Guides 13 Line rating: 3lb - 6lb

■ C SERIES 12' FEEDER

With its extra length and increased power, the 12ft C Series Feeder rod is suitable for medium to long-range fishing with loaded feeders up to 3oz. The spacing of the lined guides has been carefully thought out to give optimum casting distance and a smooth curve once a fish is hooked, yet do not add any unnecessary weight to the blank. The slim high gloss blank has a cork/Duplon handle that is fitted with a soft-touch quality reel seat that locks the reel to the rod securely. Weight 200g · Sections 3 + 2 tips · Guides 14 Line rating: 4lb - 8lb



The Carbonactive C Series was designed for commercial match waters where fish-playing power is required. The iconic Carbonactive action is used to its maximum effect in the C Series, allowing you to play fish hard whilst building up big weights.

Indeed, it's a rod range that has found favour with many top match anglers, including innovator and commercial fishery expert Andy Findlay, who thinks the C Series to provide the perfect compromise. "All the models are robust and can handle lots of punishment in the most demanding situations," Andy tells us. "The range is perfect for carp match fishing on commercial waters." Andy was highly involved in the development of the C Series range along with Tommy Pickering and our other leading consultants. The original design brief was for a range that could be used for almost all modern carp match fishing methods, and Andy believes Preston Innovations have definitely succeeded in achieving that premise.

"It's often a misconception that rods designed for playing hard-fighting carp have to be stiff," he says. "This is simply not true, although it is true that they can't be too soft either. "The C Series has what I call 'balanced power'. In simple terms, this means the rods have the guts to give fish stick in the middle and butt sections, whilst retaining a responsive tip section." In use, the non-lock Carbonactive action of the C Series comes into play as you increase pressure, but never actually locks up, even in extreme situations. One of the most noticeable and apparent features of the C Series is that they actually feel and look very much like 'normal' rods designed for silver fish – light, with crisp, responsive actions. It's only when you hook a fish that you realise how powerful and robust these rods are. "Hook a fish on the float rods and you immediately feel in control, whether it's a 2lb or 12lb fish, the rod's action keeps you in control. In fact, the harder the fish pulls, the more the rod works to absorb the power.

For anglers who already use the Mini Series 10' Carp, you'll find the 11' and 12' C Series Feeder models the perfect complement for fishing further out. As the C Series Feeder rods have relatively soft tips, they can cast small feeders easily, as the tip section is quite easy to compress (something that stiffer feeder rods don't do well). "The action of these rods makes it far easier to land fish quickly and the very forgiving action helps to subdue carp when they are under your feet, reducing the amount of hook-pulls," adds Andy. The guides on the feeder rods are made from a lightweight but strong metal alloy, with hard-wearing SiC linings that are suitable for braid and mono. With the exception of the final guide on the top section, all of the guides are low profile double leg versions that are designed to take the pressure of big weight catches. The 'C' of C Series stands for Commercial, and if one rod range ever lived up to its name, it's this one.



Benefits of C Series Rods:

- Designed for commercial fisheries
- Balanced blanks with finesse in the tips and fish-playing power in the middle sections
- High quality lined guides and exclusive soft-touch reel seats
- Excellent value combined with uncompromising quality
- Non-Lock carbonactive action



C Series Specifications

Blank: high modulus carbon | Handle: cork/EVA | Reel seat: soft touch custom designed with screw down EVA hood | Guides: exclusive SiC lined

Model	Length	Weight	Sections	Guides
C Series 13' Float	13' (3.90m)	195g	3	15
C Series 11' Feeder	11' (3.45m)	180g	2 + 3 Tips	13
C Series 12' Feeder	12' (3.60m)	200g	2 + 3 Tips	14

■ C SERIES 13' FLOAT

Manufactured from high modulus carbon, the 13ft C Series Float combines a through actioned non-lock blank with low down power to tame the increasingly large carp encountered in modern commercial fisheries. Suitable for use with lines up to 8lb and floats up to 16g, it's capable of casting all but the largest splasher wagglers. As with all Carbonactive rods, the C Series Float has a high gloss blank finished with top quality guides and a cork/duplon handle with a screw lock reel seat. Weight 195g · Sections 3 · Guides 15 Line rating: 3lb - 6lb

CARBONACTIVE

mini

Our knowledge of current trends and having anglers at the cutting edge of the sport helps us stay ahead of the game. Developing new ideas, methods and tackle to help you catch more fish is one of Preston Innovations' fundamental principles. The Mini series rods are a classic example of us working closely with our consultants and developing a product that solve problems in today's match fishing world.

At the start of the current pellet waggler revolution, our consultants quickly realised that traditional 13ft waggler rods had limitations when casting accurately close to islands on commercial fisheries. A new type of rod was needed for accurate short casting and the Mini Series was developed. We use golf as an example of why shorter rods are more accurate. Typically, different clubs are used to hit the ball different distances and to different degrees of accuracy. The shorter the club, the shorter the distance, and the more accurate the shot.

This is the same for fishing rods. Feeder rods of 12' and float rods of 13' needed to be scaled down to increase the accuracy. Additionally this gives you other benefits. It's easier to cast in tight swims and netting fish nearer to the bank, because of the shorter length, reduces playing time.

Preston Innovations were the first company to recognise this trend and launched the Mini Series to fulfil a modern angling situation, something top match carp ace and experienced hand Steve Saunders says has been a Godsend for commercial match fishing.

"The Mini Series offers more casting accuracy on small and medium waters where fishing tight to features is important," he explains. "The shorter lengths and exclusive Carbonactive non-lock action combine together perfectly to offer just about the ultimate fish-playing action. Hookpulls virtually become a thing of the past."

All Mini models have slim blanks that are deceptively strong and can handle fish well into double figures or cope with big weight bagging situations.

"The Mini Series is a classic example of Preston

Innovations ability to design products to meet the specific needs of modern anglers," elaborates Steve. "Man-made match waters tend to be small and the need for accurate casting tight to features is essential. In fact, over the last couple of years getting 'tight' to an island, often within inches, can be the difference between success and failure, and there isn't anything better than the Mini Series to do it."

The fact that others have copied the innovation of the Preston Innovations Mini range is no surprise, and now short rods are an accepted part of match carp fishing.

"Another advantage of shorter rods is the ability to control fish better when playing them," Steve goes on. "The almost elastic type action of the Mini Series range gets fish under control and inspires confidence when playing fish close to the net. The shorter length actually means the fish comes to the within netting range, reducing playing time and boosting your catch results."

The Mini Series, then, proves the old adage that good things do, indeed, come in small packages.

MINI SERIES 11' FLOAT 2 PIECE **NEW**

With the popularity of pellet waggler fishing these two new rods are destined to be very popular. The through action provides the power required when hundred pound-plus bags are needed to win, whilst the short length aids casting accuracy. These new models have short handle lengths of 50cm (19") to make moving them around your body when playing fish easier.

Finished in smart black livery, with quality lined guides and a soft touch reel seat both models pack down into two equal pieces for easy carriage when set up.

The lighter 2-4g model is designed to be used with traditional wagglers and small pellet wagglers whilst the 4-10g model is for all pellet wagglers.

Line rating: 2-4g=3lb-8lb. 4-10g = 3-6lb

Developed to reflect the current need for shorter rods on many commercial venues, Mini Series rods are more accurate to cast and have an amazing non-lock fish-playing action.

Benefits of Mini Rods:

- Perfect for accurate casting to features
- Better for playing fish to the net. Shorter rods mean fish surface closer to the bank
- Great for tight pegs with restricted room
- Easy to carry 'made up'
- Carbonactive non-lock rod technology equals fewer lost fish



MINI SERIES 10' CARP **NEW**

Designed specifically for short range feeder fishing for carp on commercial match waters. At 10ft long, the Mini Carp offers better casting accuracy over shorter distances than normal feeder rods. This makes it great for casting to islands and it can handle large open and block-end feeders and medium method feeders.

The non-lock through action is perfect for playing carp even into double figures and when bagging. Packs down into two equal sections for easy transporting when set up.

Weight 170g · Sections 2 + 2 tips · Guides 12

Line rating: 3lb-8lb

C SERIES TIPS (Ø 3.5MM)

There are three replacement tips suitable for the Mini Series Feeder range - all made from fibre glass. They are robust and provide the perfect option for match anglers. Also fits some Sentient and original Carbonactive rods. 3/4oz, 1oz and 2oz

DUTCH MASTER

Designed primarily for the Dutch market, with the input from consultant Arnout Van De Stat, one of the best long range feeder anglers in Holland. His input on what was required has provided Preston Innovations with a unique range of distance feeder rods that we believe are second to none in Europe.

Strangely, these rods were designed from the tip back towards the butt. We first developed the correct tips, which is very important when distance casting and as you can see from the range there are different versions of tips that fit the extreme, long and medium range rods. These tips are vital in the design of each model and make the rods perform correctly in terms of distance and bite detection. Again, we have stuck to our principles of using the correct components for the job and kept a perfect fish-playing action. "When you need to go to extreme lengths to catch, you need a rod that will get you there," smiles Arnout. "I wanted a rod that could outcast my rivals and help me land more fish. That's where

the Dutch Master Series comes into its own."

As the name suggests the Dutch Master Series was developed for the Dutch long range feeder market where anglers often have to cast 100 metres or more when fishing for bream. On some flowing waters, not only is distance important but also the ability to cast big feeders with extra lead to hold bottom is also important.

Although designed as long range rods, this doesn't mean the Dutch Master models are just stiff casting machines. By carefully blending different carbons we have created rods with proper actions suitable for fishing with small hooks and light hooklengths. Admittedly this range doesn't have the same shock absorbing qualities as the Excel Series (especially in the longer/heavier versions), but it still makes best use of the Carbonactive action and in use there is more than enough action in the tip section to safely play bream and carp on stillwaters and chub and barbel on rivers.

"Some anglers may be put off by the name, thinking these rods aren't suitable for the UK," Arnout clarifies. "If you want a rod for bream fishing, you'll

not be disappointed by either the 11' 8" or the 12' 8". Both cast medium to long distances with medium groundbait feeders and have actions more suited to the UK style of bream fishing."

The Dutch Masters have low profile, large diameter guides suitable for braid. The large diameter and also the careful spacing of the guides reduces line friction, which increases casting performance. The carbon tips also have large internal diameter guides that are better than normal guides when using shock leaders as they allow smooth passage of knots.

One feature often overlooked is the spigoted joints. This keeps blank diameter down and reduces wind resistance when casting, which, in turn, improves distance.

"If you want a rod to go the distance on stillwaters or cast large feeders on rivers, I have no hesitation in recommending the Dutch Master Series," says Arnout. "These rods will get you casting further than you ever have before and enable you to out distance anglers around you when it matters most."



All Dutch Master rods are supplied with a Hardcase Tip Tube - excellent protection for spare quivertips.

■ DUTCH MASTER 11' 8" FEEDER

The Dutch Master 11' 8" comes supplied with two sensitive carbon tips and is perfect for casting up to 50 metres when catching bream and skimmers.

With its softer tip action it is the ideal rod for when you have to scale down, yet still need controlled power for casting and fish-playing. Weight 175g · Sections 3 + 3 tips · Guides 13
Line rating: 3lb-6lb

■ DUTCH MASTER 12' 8" FEEDER

The original Dutch Master designed for continental style feeder fishing. Capable of easily casting up to 60 metres, whilst retaining a proper fish-playing action, enabling fish of all sizes to be retrieved from distance with the minimum of fuss. Comes with two push-in tips, medium and heavy, to cope with different levels of tow.

Weight 220g · Sections 3 + 2 tips · Guides 14
Line rating: 3lb-8lb

■ DUTCH MASTER 13' 8" FEEDER

The extra length of the 13' 8" Dutch Master Feeder, combined with a more powerful blank, gives you the capability to cast a fully loaded feeder up to 80 metres without compromising the fish-playing action. Comes with two push-in tips, medium and heavy, to cope with different levels of tow.

Weight 260g · Sections 3 + 2 tips · Guides 14
Line rating: 4lb-8lb

■ DUTCH MASTER 14' 2" 130GRM FEEDER

The 14' 2" 130g Feeder can launch feeders in excess of 100 metres and can be used with large feeders on both stillwaters and rivers. Oversized guides throughout and a slim blank profile enhance casting performance.

Weight 320g · Sections 3 + 2 tips · Guides 14
Line rating: 5lb-10lb

■ DUTCH MASTER 14' 2" 160GRM FEEDER

With all the same features as the standard 14' 2", the Dutch Master 14' 2" 160gm has a more powerful blank to make casting and fishing accurately at over 100 metres a reality for the competent angler.

Weight 330g · Sections 3 + 2 tips · Guides 14
Line rating: 5lb-10lb

■ DUTCH MASTER 13' 8" 100GRM

The extra length of the 13' 8" Dutch Master Feeder, combined with a more powerful blank, gives you the capability to cast a fully loaded feeder up to 80 metres without compromising the fish-playing action.

Weight 260g · Sections 3 + 2 tips · Guides 14
Line rating: 4lb-8lb

CHOOSING THE CORRECT FEEDER ROD



Feeder Rods now make up a huge part of UK fishing on commercial venues. But how do you choose the right rod for your fishing? We spoke to England International Des Shipp to find out more about the types of things he looks for in his feeder fishing, to help you make the best choice.

"Traditionally, a properly designed feeder rod will be reasonably stiff for up to two thirds of its length. This is so that the rod can be used to proper a heavy weight accurately, but retain a generous amount of flexibility in the upper top section that continues into the quivertip itself for sensitivity.

"These days, however, there is more of a need for a through-actioned feeder rod on certain types of venues, and I believe Preston Innovations have got it exactly right in their range, providing a feeder rod for every circumstance."

Indeed, Des believes you should base your feeder rod choice around how you want to fish with the rod, which is just as important as considering the fish you intend on targeting.

"Think about the technique your employing. Are you Method feeder fishing? Using the Pellet Feeder? Or fishing for sensitive bites on a Quickload maggot feeder?" he asks. "You also need to take into account the range being fished, or the features being fished to."

"The choice has to be weighed between the type of fishing you're doing and the species - and size of that species - you hope to catch."

And Des points at the Mini series of rods as a great case in point, providing a totally new style of rod designed to meet the needs of modern match angling on smaller commercial venues.

"Bigger feeder rods were a nightmare on smaller

lakes, where much of the fishing is short range, casting tight to islands, reeds or far margins," he tells us. "Rods of 12ft and 13ft needed to be scaled down to increase the accuracy. Additionally this gives you other benefits. It's easier to cast in tight swims and netting fish nearer to the bank, because of the shorter length, reduces playing time."

"Preston Innovations were the first company to recognise this trend and launched the Mini Series based around a problem us match anglers were facing all the time. Now, I wouldn't go anywhere without my Mini feeder rod. I land almost all my fish now, because the action runs throughout the blank, reducing hookpulls."

More rods boasting such qualities are the C Series rods, which provide power where it's needed for commercial carp fishing.

"Both feeder rods are perfect bagging rods for carp with non-lock, through-actioned blanks and the correct guides and tips to withstand catching lots of carp," smiles Des. "The action of these rods makes it far easier to land fish quickly and the very forgiving action helps to subdue carp when they are under your feet."

In the Excel range, meanwhile, there are two distinct feeder rods, both designed with the heavy influence of our consultants. The 12ft 6ins Feeder design had a lot of input from Des Shipp. He wanted a rod for Method feeder fishing at distances of 40-60 metres on venues like

Larford and Barston lakes, which are larger type commercial fisheries.

"For this type of rod use and taking into account the big weights needed to win, I thought it important that it came with the same guides and tips that you associate with carp feeder rods," says Des. "This rod is also a superb river feeder rod for maggot or groundbait feeders."

"The 12ft Super Feeder is a completely different rod and one with finesse. It's okay for carp, but ideally suited to bream fishing and casting open end feeders. Fine carbon tips for sensitive bite indication, but with enough power in the lower blank to cast 50 metres is the perfect combination for bream anglers nationwide." Dutch Masters and Competition rods don't feature prominently in Des's own fishing, but he does think these rods have a place in the UK angler's armoury, especially on big reservoirs and rivers. "The tips is these rods are vital in the design of each model and make the rods perform correctly in terms of distance and bite detection," Des explains. "For fishing across big rivers, or chucking into deep water reservoirs, they are ideal." So there you have it, from one of the UK's most talented match anglers. Match the feeder rod to the fish you're fishing for, and the water you're fishing and you won't go far wrong.



COMPETITION

The new Competition feeder rods have been developed to cope with the pressure of catching big weights of bream on larger canals and stillwaters.

Primarily designed with European match fishing in mind, the Competition range is also perfect for reservoir fishing in the UK, and provides a progressive fish-playing action with exceptional casting performance.

Featuring high-grade full cork handles, both the 12' and 13' Competition Feeder rods are also able to cope with large feeders, helping retain accuracy when casting across large rivers and lakes.

NEW



"An ideal all-round rod, suited to a variety of feeder fishing situations."

12' COMPETITION FEEDER

Designed for medium range feeder fishing, the 12' Competition feeder combines good casting performance with a smooth fish-playing action. Featuring a high grade cork handle, combined with a positive screw reel seat that really holds the reel firmly, it is supplied with two carbon tips of 2oz and 3oz. Finished with dark blue whippings and top quality stand off lined guides. Weight 210g · Sections 3 + 2 tips · Rings 8 Line rating: 4lb-8lb

13' COMPETITION FEEDER

Designed for medium and long range feeder fishing, the extra length of the 13' Competition feeder generates a lot of tip speed when casting to punch feeders a long way with accuracy. Featuring a high grade cork handle, combined with a positive screw reel seat that really holds the reel firmly both come with two carbon tips a 2oz and a 3oz. Finished with dark blue whippings and top quality stand off lined guides. Weight 230g · Sections 3 + 2 tips · Rings 8 Line rating: 4lb-8lb