

# 'Richworth S-Core'

## Trials at Sparsholt College

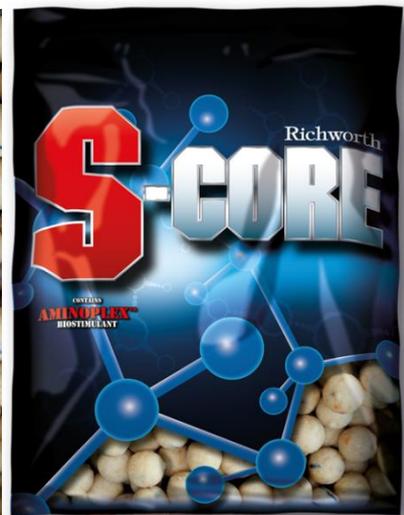
As part of my thesis, I had the privilege of running some trials at Sparsholt College involving Richworth's new bait, the 'S-Core', set for release sometime in spring 2013. More specifically, the trial was set up to assess the stimulatory properties of 'Aminoplex Biostimulant', and whether the mind-blowing results achieved in tank tests could be replicated in an angling situation, ultimately resulting in more fish on the bank. In short, they did!

The trial was conducted at the colleges own lake, a well-managed mixed coarse fishery with a healthy stock of VS-fisheries carp. A team of three anglers were used for the trial, each fishing two rods, spread out at equal intervals around the lake. Ten short (2 hour) sessions were fished from the end of November up until mid-December. In order to get a



clear picture of the baits strength, each angler fished one rod on the 'S-Core', and the other on a control bait, which was an exact replica of the 'S-Core' minus the 'Aminoplex Biostimulant'. To the naked eye, the baits were identical, and it wasn't until after each session when I revealed which is which, to minimise any preference/bias. To keep everything as fair as possible, and minimise anomalies, different swims were fished each session, and a quick plumb around was done before casting out, to ensure that each bait was fished at the same depth, over the same bottom, and with the same proximity to any features ie. islands. Because of this, open water spots were normally used as they minimised the chance of one rod being fished to a fish holding area, such as the island margins. Loose feed was also kept identical throughout. It was down to the angler how much/little they wanted to feed and when, as long as it remained constant between the S-Core and control rod. Everything imaginable was done to ensure a fair test, as the bait had some big claims to live up to, and being a bunch of cynical carp anglers, we wanted to see for ourselves if it really was as good as it was cracked up to be!

The results speak for themselves. Overall the tally



for takes on the 'S-Core' reached 82 (including the lakes biggest resident), and the control bait amounting to 38 over the ten sessions. It can be seen from the results that on many occasions the 'S-Core' caught more than double what the control bait did. It is important to remember however, that the control was still a top quality bait, and only one ingredient different to the 'S-Core'. Because of this, when the conditions were spot on, the control



tended to do fairly well, although still not catching quite as many as the 'S-Core'.

When the 'S-Core' really came in to its own were those days when the water and air temperatures were well down, and the conditions were far from ideal. On three occasions, we had to spend time breaking ice in the chosen swims in order to get the rods out. On these days, the 'S-Core' was phenomenal, out-fishing the control 3-0, 12-3 and 13-6. Interestingly, one other thing that became apparent was its appeal

to other species other than the carp. From a lake that holds very little chub, 14 were landed over the trials, although previously none of us had seen one caught in three years!

It's fair to say, that on completion of the trial, everyone involved was left in no doubt that the 'S-Core' certainly does live up to its claims! The little amount of leftover bait from the trial has already accounted for several chunks from up and down the country for myself and some of the other lads involved during 'unofficial trials'!

All the best,

Ollie Ricotti

Date	Total takes (S-Core)	Total takes (Control)
21/11/2012	10	4
28/11/2012	6	4
02/12/2012	3	0
03/12/2012	7	8
05/12/2012	12	3
07/12/2012	13	6
08/12/2012	4	3
09/12/2012	11	4
15/12/2012	6	2
16/12/2012	9	4
<b>Total:</b>	82	38

