



What Les Thompson Says:

I Was first shown the bait that would later to be known as SKINZ at Go Fishing 2004 - NEC

David Preston brought two different samples of his newly developed bait, and I must admit I was very impressed with what I initially saw. I instantly started to think about ways I could integrate these little sacks of latex filled with all the particles that fish love to eat into my fishing. Obviously just to use them in conjunction with the pellets I was using at the time as a change of hook bait that didn't strike off, was the method that I was going to use first. I was to later discover, this was merely scratching the surface of the variety of methods that could be achieved just using Skinz as a stand alone bait . But even after all that I had seen over the weekend at the NEC I still remained a little sceptical as to whether fish would eat them ? .

However, my scepticism was to be removed over next twelve months after numerous conversations with everyone working on developing the bait and also hearing of results Tommy Pickering was starting to get using them in matches at Lindholme fisheries, The final seed of doubt was removed when I first saw the feed Skinz that were to run alongside the hook bait. The speed at which these feed pellets broke down was amazing! And I couldn't wait to get my hands on some to use on my next match.

This was to be a midweek match at Wassell Grove. I drew peg thirty-two on the match lake and after feeding two lines with Skinz and two lines with the pellets I have used for years (just in case!) I weighed thirty-nine pounds twelve ounces, which consisted of sixteen pounds of silverfish for second place. The majority of them were caught on Skinz - this showed me that every species in the lake would eat them and my confidence was found. Next up was the Press Launch day this was a real eye opener ! Tommy Pickering, Des Shipp, Andy Findlay, Steve Sanders and myself all at together at Woodland View. The amount of fish that were caught was amazing! And this also highlighted how many different ways you can fish with Skinz. We made paste made from the feed, groundbait from

the feed, soft hookers, and many other variations - all this meant that the “shallow” and “deck” fishing possibilities were endless.

Since the launch I have had numerous other successes using Skinz - the most recent being third place overall on the first round of the Preston Innovations UK championships at Heronbrook Fisheries. I used slopped up Skinz feed and 4mm on the hook for a weight of ninety three pounds. Now, every match I fish where they are allowed I take at least two sizes of Skinz hook bait and a bag of 4mm feed as I feel that you would be hard pressed to find another bait as versatile as Skinz - and that's a very handy weapon to have with you on any match or pleasure fishing session

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