



NICK SETS A RECORD

SURFER Nick Hart today beat the record for riding the Severn Bore.

He surfed for four fifths of a mile standing up—a twentieth of a mile further than the previous best. His achievement should make the Guinness Book of Records.

Nick, from Newport, pictured right during an unsuccessful attempt on the record yesterday, surfed from Lower Rea to Straight Mile at Hempsted.

His friend, Gloucester glazier Dave Lawson, of Hempsted, riding from Stonebench to Upper Rea, managed three-quarters of a

mile, equalling the old record set up by Colin Wilson, of Cornwall.

Dave, (pictured above during yesterday's attempt) said conditions today were much better. The river levels had fallen and the bore was larger than yesterday, when overnight rain reduced its size.

He said they would be back next March to have a go at the new record and he hoped they would surf for more than a mile.

Nick and Dave, who have been surfing since they were teenagers, met when riding the bore on a previous occasion.

