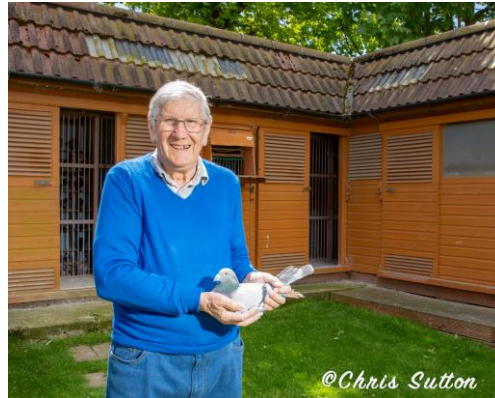


BICC – Section Report Alencon OB National 2019

The British International Championship Club race from Alencon held on the 11th May was flown into a tough head wind for all but the east side of the country experienced some heavy rain showers from midday onwards. That said some excellent performances came from the eastern side with the top of the result being dominated by the east section.

Following on from their third section in the opening race of the season from Falaise, Mr & Mrs Cowper & Son won first East Section and First open, the full details having been published in their loft report.



Bill Cowper 1st Open 1st East Section winner

Second east section was Roger Nind from Rochester with a bitter sweet second open, I'll let Roger explain in his own words; "Needless to say I am delighted with this result, but our week couldn't have started worse. Bank holiday Monday, our twice national winning pedigree racing whippet "Bolt from the Blue" died.

His pet name was Ronnie and he always played a big part in and around the loft including race days. So burying him by the race loft was an obvious choice.



Roger Nind with 2nd East Section



"Bolt from the Blue"

We suffered heavy loses to the race team last season and after looking at the predicted forecast for the race, I chose to send only experienced channel birds, which ended up being just two older cocks. Our 2nd National winning bird is a 3 year old blue Vandenabeele cock racing widowhood. He scored as a

young bird and as a yearling he also scored from Exeter being 3rd club, 6th Fed, 17th combine from Messac”

In the open and the section Dean Childs first bird took third place. Dean had a great race and sent me the following details; “Here are some details on how my birds were prepared for the Alencon National. The celibate system is used for the old bird race team, the birds are never paired up at the beginning of the year and only get to run with each other for a short amount of time on return from racing, at no other time do they mix with each other!

My first bird home and finishing 3rd BICC National is from one of my top Mark Gilbert breeding pair. The father ‘Chalice Champ’ is a direct son of ‘Southfield Champ’ winner of 1st NFC Saintes National and the Mother is a full Sister to the pigeon that finished 2nd NFC Saintes national for Mark behind ‘Southfield Champ’



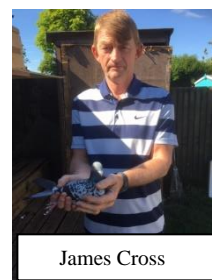
My 2nd pigeon home and finishing 6th BICC National is from a full brother of ‘Chalice Princess’ who is the number one middle distance breeding hen at my loft and the mother of 1st and 2nd National Fougères plus many other top national performers. The mother of my 2nd pigeon is a granddaughter of “New Laureet” 1st

Int Nat Barcelona. My 3rd pigeon home and finishing 26th BICC National is a half sister to ‘Chalice Emma’ who was 4th National Pau last year, her father is ‘Blue Shadow’ at direct son of ‘Black Shadow’ 2nd Int Nat Barcelona, and her mother is a direct Dtr of ‘Isla Rainy day boy’ 1st Int Nat Pau.



In the Centre section, Byre Bishop from Chingford was first place and 13th Open with a granddaughter of “New Freddy” a De Rauw-Sablon from PEC and a grandson of “Jelson” Van Hertem-Schuurmans. She was flying natural and having just her second race of her life.

James Cross from Carshalton was second section with a two year old natural cock sent sitting 15 days. This was his first race of the season as he only flies in the BICC and NFC. He sent 10 birds and had 8 out of 10 return with the sire of his bird being from Ray Roberts “Macfadham” pigeon and the dam from Bullen and son. Third section were J & D Marsh from Southwater.



In the west section they again had a tough race with first place going to G & C Cooper in Peasedown St John. Their first pigeon was a three year old widowhood hen called “Farm Solo”, flying her second national race of the season. In 2018 she won two 1st sections, and she was three hours ahead of the next bird in the section when she was 2nd National in the Pau International Race 2018. This is her third 1st section in National racing within 12 months!! She is a granddaughter of George 1st National Tarbes who is sire and grandsire to many top birds and Starlight 2nd International Tarbes. It was a hard race but ended up with 26/27 home. They said ‘Well done to the winner and section winners on what was a tough race”

Second west section were the partnership of Brooks Bros & Wilcox in High Littleton, which consists of Robert Brooks and Stuart Wilcox. They timed a 2-year-old widowhood hen on her first channel race, she is 100% Cor De Heidje and bred by Peter Fox. The Cor De Heidje pigeons have been very successful for them in a very short time and always come to front on hard races. The Sire is “Super Klamper” bred from a son of Cor first Nat Asduif Extreme Distance for Etienne Mearlaen and a daughter of De Favouriet, fourth Nat Dax 11,753b, 32nd Nat Cahors 13,185b and 52nd Nat St Vincent 12,992b. The Dam is a direct dtr of Syndicates Super Breeder Waarle, bred by Jan Hermans from De Jeu 1st Nat Montauban and Simply the Best 1st Nat St Vincent. Waarle was paired to Miss Hermans, 100% Cor De Heidje from Jan Hermans. We had 10 from 15 on the night with 4 arriving in good health the following day.



Third section were S Luff & Walker Bros from Dursley. They timed two year old blue cock called “The Clift Cock” so named after his breeder Graham Clift of Tirley. The partners bought 10 youngsters from Graham in 2017 bred from his race team following an advert in the British Homing World, with this cock being the sole survivor after rigorous testing. Last year he returned slightly injured from Messac and was put aside for the rest of the season. His sire is bred from a cock purchased from John Halstead of G & C Coopers Breeding x

“Southfield Supreme” lines of Mark Gilbert. His Dam is a G,G Daughter of “Southfield Supreme”, “Perpignan 06” and inbred grand Daughter of “Forest Junior” of Freialdenhofen & Son. They wish to congratulate Geoff & Catherine Cooper on winning the section in what turned out to be a tough Race for the west country lofts.

In the North Centre Section Dominic Gruzeller of Houghton Conquest took top spot and is pictured with his loft manager and son Josh. The section winner is a dark check widowhood hen and has been a good consistent racer. She is home bred from Pieter Oberholster old blood lines. This tops a great start to the season with three club inland wins under his belt all ready.



Mr & Mrs Thorpe

Second section was Mr & Mrs Colin Thorpe in Desborough with a three year old Van Reet hen on roundabout. It was her 5th trip over the Chanel and her best result so far. It was their first race in the BICC and they are very pleased with the result.



Mike Turner

Third North Centre section was Mike Turner from Alconbury My 3rd NC section pigeon was having her second race of the season. She had previously been sent to Portland a distance of 157 miles in the Huntingdon South Road Racing Pigeon Club. She was bred in the stock loft from Jan Aarden pigeons originating from Louella in 2013. Very lightly raced as a young bird in 2015, she has had no more than 3 inland and 2 channel races each year because his aim has always been to get her and other birds prepared to go to the NFC Tarbes race this

year. She will be going to one of the next two BICC races as preparation but also with the intention to do well. His Alencon pigeon was racing to 6 day eggs on her second round and she was allowed to rear a single young bird in her first nest of the season.



Steve Surry
& Alfie

In the North East section Steve Surry from Wisbech had a great race taking first and second place. The 1st Section is a two Year old mealy hen of Lambrecht x Frans .Zwols bloodlines and has been very consistent also winning his club last week and was 6th Fed. Second Section is a yearling Blue Cheq Hen of Leo Heremans bloodlines bred by STS Loft in Kings Lynn. This hen was 4th club last week and 9th Fed. In third place was Len Swallow of Diss.

John Rodway continued his great start to the 2019 season by topping the North west section. He clocked a blue cheq hen sent spare as her mate was recently killed by the hawk near to the loft and she was his second bird to the loft in the Falaise race a fortnight ago, winning 4th NW section. She has had many channel races in her four years racing, but is sometimes very unpredictable by having time away from the loft. The race was a very difficult affair for John as most of his pigeons struggled under the conditions.



John Rodway



Craig Gough

Second section was Craig Gough from Shrewsbury with a three year old roundabout hen. She was also his first bird from this race last year. Scoring in the section and finishing third in the eclipse 650 club and this year she looks like winning the eclipse. She had one club race from Frome two weeks earlier in preparation for Alencon.

Please remember to send your details and photos to biccpressofficer@gmail.com clearly marking the section and race in the subject line. The message is getting out there as for this report I had nearly every position winner send me their details. I did try to call the remaining two with no reply from one and an unrecognised number for the other. Any news or views to Chris Sutton on 01530 242548 or 07792 356330.