

BICC Perpignan International 2019 Section Winners Report

The last International race of the 2019 season took place from Perpignan with most of the British International Championship Club members flying around six hundred miles or more and they were liberated at 6:30 UK time into a blue sky with no wind and good visibility. The BICC entry joined the International entry to make a total of 12752 birds being liberated to return to lofts all over northern Europe. Following on from the winner's report with 1st east section and 1st Open were G M Preece & Son with "Sunny Jim", a blue white flight cock raced on a widowhood system having his second International race.



G M Preece & Son 1st Open 1st ES BICC Perpignan International 2019

This season he has flown the channel six times, including BICC Cholet 300miles and Messac 270 miles with the Kent Combine, two weeks before being sent to St Vincent when he was 5th BICC flying 533 miles. As a yearling he flew the channel ten times but only up to 250 miles and he crossed the channel twice as a young bird, so he has already completed channel crossings. His sire is direct Bernd Morsnowski and his dam is a direct Stoffel, which has also bred them their day bird from Mont De Marsan in 2017, winning 10th BICC National. Second and fourth east section was the late David Hales with his racing name being continued by partner Duncan Goodchild, who wins a 2nd Open position for the second time this season. He began by congratulating both Geoff and Clayton for winning the race and clubmate Georgel for timing his yearling to be 5th BICC flying 650 miles! Duncan timed a two year old blue white flight hen called "Daves Mirfar" sent feeding a three day old youngster to also be second Open BICC. She flew 534 miles from Agen as a yearling being 49th and this year was their fourth bird home from Pau flying 575 miles. She had shown some potential from BICC Alencon at 220 miles earlier in the year, being 18th Open from around 4500 birds and her sire was bred by Ronald Geerdink from the lines of "Rika" and "Perpignan Queen" 1st International Perpignan, her dam is a daughter of "Duncan" 1st BICC Marseille and merit



David Hales/Duncan Goodchild 2nd and 4th ES "Daves Mirfar" and "Daves Diva"

award winner for being in the top fifteen BICC on three occasions from Marseille, along with other decent positions from 170 to 630 miles. Their second pigeon winning 4th Open BICC is a hen made in heaven called "Daves Diva", a three year old red hen also sent sitting a three day old youngster. "Daves Diva" has flown in four International races and has achieved the following positions; 4th Agen 534 miles, 8th Narbonne 595 miles, 6th Agen 534 miles and 4th Perpignan 631 miles and she also flew 21st Open BBC Bordeaux as a yearling flying 467 miles. "Daves Diva" also qualifies for a merit award and her sire is "Comfort Zone" 1st BICC Marseille plus other positions, her dam is a daughter of "Tubby" a top racer and breeder sire of 2nd Marseille two weeks previous.

"Triple Two"

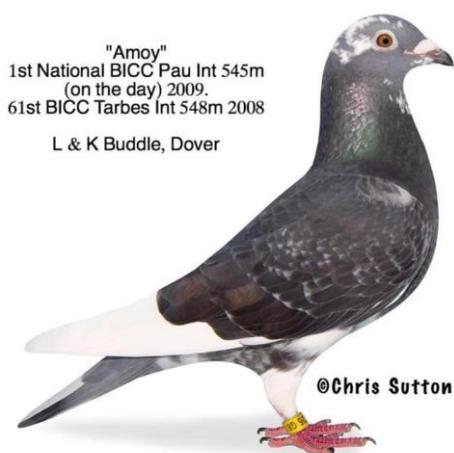
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**1st Open British Barcelona Club
2nd East Sect 3rd Open
British International Championship
Club Barcelona 2019
Raced by L & K Buddle,
Dover**



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Lee and Kevin Buddle were next with a three year old hen to win 3rd east section 3rd Open BICC Perpignan having her second International race of the season, as she had previously flown BICC St Vincent International 530 miles, when she was clocked to win 37th Open BICC. After being paired in early February and raising a pair of babies', she was parted after sitting between 5-8 days on their second round, and was flown all season on their Widowhood/Roundabout type of system, when the only time the cocks and hens get to see each other, is for an hour or two on return from the training races, but will be allowed to be together before race marking when it comes to the International races. Feeding is very simple with every pigeon getting the same mix seven days a week, which is made up of 50% Versele-Laga Superstar Plus mixed with 50% Vanrobaeys Best Allrounder with a few fatty seeds given the last five days before marking. In preparation for St Vincent she flew some BICC & BBC short national races, then after St Vincent she was allowed home exercise for three weeks prior to race marking for Perpignan. She is very well bred with her sire being a full brother to "Triple Two" himself a winner of 1st Open BBC Barcelona this season, and a direct son of "Amoy" their 2009 BICC Pau winner when she was paired to "Mike" a nine times prize winner from International races over 500 miles. The dam of their 3rd section winner is a daughter of "Elsa" 1st Open BICC Narbonne 2015 557 miles and "Elsa" is also a granddaughter of "Amoy". They would like to congratulate Geoff & Clayton on the super win and second week in a row.



"Amoy"
1st National BICC Pau Int 545m
(on the day) 2009.
61st BICC Tarbes Int 548m 2008
L & K Buddle, Dover

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"Elsa"
1st National BICC Narbonne 557m 2014
29th BICC Perpignan 598m 2015
36th BICC Pau 544m 2016
39th BICC Agen 484m 2013
47th BICC Pau 544m 2015
L & K Buddle, Dover

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West Section

Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales were 1st and 3rd west section with a pretty blue pied yearling hen called "Treetops Wonder Girl" which is bred from a cock bird purchased from the Padfield family, not long before Dave so sadly passed away, when paired to a hen from Ray Strawbridge which also had Padfield blood in the pedigree together with Jan Aarden bloodlines. This hen had already timed for the loft in the BICC Agen race on the winning day when she was the 8th yearling timed and she arrived 12 hours later than Clive & Jill's first pigeon, meaning that she had stuck with the task. She recovered from the Agen race magnificently, was flying well again round the loft, and looking fit. She was so keen that it was felt that she stood a good chance of coping with the extra miles required for the



Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales 1st and 3rd west section

Perpignan race. Their second pigeon timed to win third West Section was a chequer hen with Brakele / Van Geel bloodlines on the cock's side, and the mother was a Freialdenhofen hen gifted by Keith Haines when he gave up the sport some years ago. The birds are flown on the chaos system with no fixed partnering and they are not bred from during the racing season at all. They are fed with Matador corn, with food in front of them all the time for the distance racing. The photo shows Treetops Wonder Girl now paired up to a yearling cock that was 5th West Section, 34th Open BICC Agen for Treetops Loft this year.



Treetops Lofts

Second west section was G & C Cooper with a four year old dark chequer cock flown on widowhood called "Farm Darkie" which had flown the BICC National races before going to Pau International. He then had a few weeks rest, without any racing in preparation for Perpignan. Last year he was 3rd west section BICC from the Pau International, and 1st west section 3rd BICC in the St Vincent International. His sire is "Darkie", a son of "George" who has bred many top birds including 2nd International Bordeaux for Mark Gilbert. His mother is also the dam of "Farm Stellar", another top National racer.



Geoff Cooper with 2nd WS BICC Perpignan International

Centre Section

Mark Gilbert won 1st and 2nd centre section with "Southfield Darren" which was also 3rd BICC, 7th International Pau this year and 1st BICC St Vincent International so now qualifies for his merit award from three races, all in the same year. His second bird has previously won a merit award and was 9th BICC from the Barcelona International this year. Third was Marian Tampau from Kingsbury.



Mark Gilbert 1st and 2nd CS BICC Perpignan International 2019

"Southfield Darren"

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1st Centre Sect 1st Open
British International Championship
Club St Vincent 539 miles 868km 13-7-19
7th International Pau 2019 12119b
1st Centre Sect 7th Open
British International Championship
Club Perpignan 634 miles 3-8-19
3rd Centre Sect 3rd Open
British International Championship
Club Pau 562 miles 905km 22-6-19
Bred & Raced by
Mark Gilbert, Windsor



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Nicolae Georgel Bogdan 5th Open 5th East Sect BICC Perpignan International 2019



The 792 (G M Preece & Son) having his ETS ring removed for retirement