

# British International Championship Club

## Narbonne International Provisional Race Report

The final International race of the season was held at Narbonne on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August and the birds were liberated at 6.15am. There was a record entry for the race this year, with 21,394 birds being liberated, (the last time over 20,000 birds were liberated from Narbonne was in 2014). There were 8,575 from Belgium, 5,143 from France, 662 from Germany, 6,747 from The Netherlands, 72 from Luxembourg and 195 from the UK. The race proved to be a tough one and by Monday morning, at the time of submitting the report, 11 birds had been timed in.

This report is based on member's verifications and the final result may differ.

**1<sup>st</sup> Open, 1<sup>st</sup> Centre South Section was Mark Gilbert of Windsor, on 796ypm.** Mark commented that this was a terrific old bird season with another big win, taking 1<sup>st</sup> Open Narbonne from 598 miles. This winning bird was also Mark's Single Bird Nomination. He said of the bird, "This 3 year old cock was 5<sup>th</sup> National Agen this year, making it home on the day. He is a grandson of, Golden Barcelona and, Kaniball Barcelona – the 4<sup>th</sup> International Barcelona winner."



**2<sup>nd</sup> Open, 1<sup>st</sup> South East Section were Gladwin, Jarvis and Family of Leigh on Sea, on 783ypm.** John said this of the race, "This cock has been named, Lazy Bones because ever since he was young bird, he has always come home late, especially from short distances. But, as the races get longer and harder the better he comes. This year he was being set up for Agen but just after the second BICC race, he come back from a training spin a week late and had been hawked. He was rested and put into a 76 mile race 2 weeks ago and then he was trained the following week with my young birds - but singled up after them. He was 30<sup>th</sup> Open Agen last year and was my second pigeon helping me win the 2 bird average. He is a half brother to last year's Agen winner, having the same sire. His sire is a top Frans Zwols cock from the Boy & Queen line, which was also sire of 1<sup>st</sup> Open Agen, 1<sup>st</sup> Section and 2<sup>nd</sup> Open, BBC YB National, 2<sup>nd</sup> Combine from 197 miles and much more. And now 1<sup>st</sup> Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Narbonne from 592 miles! The dam of, Lazy bones, is a daughter of another top breeding Frans Zwols' pair, Titan and, N63. Both of these are top breeders. Titan has bred: 1<sup>st</sup> Section, 26<sup>th</sup> Open NFC Fougères, 2<sup>nd</sup> Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> Open NFC Ancenis, 1<sup>st</sup> Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> Open BBC National YB 2017, 2<sup>nd</sup> Section NFC YB 2016, 1<sup>st</sup> Perth, 372 miles as a yearling. N63 was a top racer winning 5 x 1<sup>st</sup> before going to stock and breeding big winners from her first nest.

I would like to say thanks for the many calls and messages I have had, I do appreciate it. Can I also say well done to Mark Gilbert and all the terrific fanciers and pigeons that made it home in a very tough race. I was glad I got him today because all my club mates have been

winding me up the last few weeks by saying, that since I have been working from home, my performances have got worse this year! So at least I can keep them quiet for a week.”



**3<sup>rd</sup> Open, 2<sup>nd</sup> South East Section was David Hales (Duncan Goodchild) of Hockley on 605ypm.** Duncan wanted to firstly congratulate both Mark Gilbert and John and Theresa Gladwin. He then said this of his performance, “The hen we timed is a 2 year old blue hen. Both her parents were bred by our friends, the Van Ouwerkerk Dekkers family from Brasschaat near Antwerp. They are real top international fliers. She went to Pau and was our second bird home. I left her to lay-out and trained her a few times with some added extended loft flying. She hatched her first young bird of the year and went away with a 5 day old young bird in the nest.” Duncan was over the moon to also record another 3 birds in the top ten, taking **5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Open, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> South East Section on 613ypm, 605ypm and 575ypm.** Some impressive flying to follow up his Perpignan win the week before.



**4<sup>th</sup> Open, 1<sup>st</sup> South West Section were D & J Staddon of Ditcheat, on 696ypm.** A delighted Dave Staddon had this to say about yet another Section win, “This makes it an incredible 7 x 1st Section in BICC races in the 2020 old bird season plus another 3 x 1st Section with the NFC, BBC & CSCFC at Pau. We are obviously delighted with our old bird season. The birds have remained healthy and happy throughout the season with excellent returns. Our latest section winner is a 2 year old hen flown on chaos widowhood. She has scored 2<sup>nd</sup> Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> Open BICC Cholet National 2019, against 2859b. Her preparation for Narbonne was Exeter with the WOESRC, Falaise, St Philbert & Fougères (WOESRC) followed by Pau NFC at 549 miles where she scored 7<sup>th</sup> Section G, 125<sup>th</sup> Open, 5<sup>th</sup> Section C

, 40<sup>th</sup> BBC National Pau and 9<sup>th</sup> Section, 28<sup>th</sup> Open Pau CSCFC. She had 10 days between Pau and Narbonne basketing and she recovered so quickly we knew she was our No. 1 candidate and entered her in the GDSBNFC where she won 2<sup>nd</sup> position behind Mark Gilbert. She is bred from a full brother of our star breeder, Red Treble who goes back to Southfield Pau and Southfield Supreme of Mark Gilbert. Her mother is also 100% Mark Gilbert's Deweerdt family. She is from a son of Mark's, Treble cock and her mother has already bred us 7<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Open Barcelona. Although Mark no longer has these Deweerdt pigeons, they are still winning for us. We'd like to congratulate Mark Gilbert and another fantastic win, Duncan Goodchild on a great team performance and great consistency in the internationals and everybody who timed in this very hard Narbonne race."



**7<sup>th</sup> Open, 5<sup>th</sup> South East Section were G M Preece & Son of Dover, on 580ypm. They also took 10<sup>th</sup> Open, 6<sup>th</sup> South East Section, on 573ypm.** Geoff and Clayton timed two 3 year old birds and said this about them, "**GB 17 D10205 is called, Sunny Jim and he is a blue white flight cock raced on a widowhood system. His previous results are, 1<sup>st</sup> Nat.Perpignan 2019, 5<sup>th</sup>Nat. St.Vincent, 2019 and 11<sup>th</sup> Nat. Pau in 2020. The sire to this cock is a direct Bernd Morsnowski and the dam is a direct Stoffel-Gr.Ophof. FR17 310895, is a blue hen also raced on a widowhood system. Her previous results are, 15<sup>th</sup> Nat.Perpignan 2019 and 40<sup>th</sup> Nat.Agen 2020. She was a September 2017 bred pigeon from the, Triple Europa marathon champions of 2013, 2015 and 2018 - Rezenthel Frères. This hen is a granddaughter to the brother's famous pigeon, Le Narbonne, who scored 15 International prizes from 15 engagements!**"



**8<sup>th</sup> Open, 2<sup>nd</sup> South Centre Section was C Edmiston of Horley, on 577yppm.** Calum Edmiston timed a 5 year old blue hen called, Lucy Blue of Van der Wegen breeding. Calum said, "She secures a fourth BICC Merit Award for the loft having previously been 7<sup>th</sup> Open St Vincent and 9<sup>th</sup> Open Pau. She was flown natural and had Falaise and Pau as preparation races and I feed Vanrobaeys corn."



**11<sup>th</sup> Open, 7<sup>th</sup> South East Section were L&K Buddle of Dover, 566yppm.** Lee said this of his bird, "Our timer from Narbonne was a 3 year old cock flown on our widowhood system all season long, but two days prior to race marking he was given his hen, a nest bowl and straw as a little extra motivation. He had previously flown the BICC Pau International, 454 miles, a few weeks prior to Narbonne. In the weeks between then and now, he had a couple of 20 mile trainers including a few in the last 7 days before marking. His sire is a son of our good Barcelona racer, Pipi, a winner of 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> BICC Barcelona. His dam is bred by Dave Hales & Duncan Goodchild and is a direct daughter of their, 80, winner of 1<sup>st</sup> BICC Perpignan, 4<sup>th</sup> BICC Perpignan fame and a sire/grandsire to many top pigeons for them, us and others. Feeding is simple here, with the same mix given at every feed. This mix is made up of 2/3 Versele-Laga Superstar Plus and 1/3 Verselle-Laga, Best Allrounder, with sunflower & hemp added in the last few days before race marking. The 2020 International season has been crazy with 7x 500 to 700 mile races all within a five week period. We have been lucky enough to time in and win prizes in all 7 of the International races. Dad and I would like to congratulate Mark Gilbert on his win from Narbonne and to all the others who clocked from this very tough race."



**The overall International Winner.**

The International winner was from Belgium, Reybroeck Zonen. The pigeon was clocked on Saturday at 19:25 BST after a race of 540 miles, achieving an average velocity of 1203yph.



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