

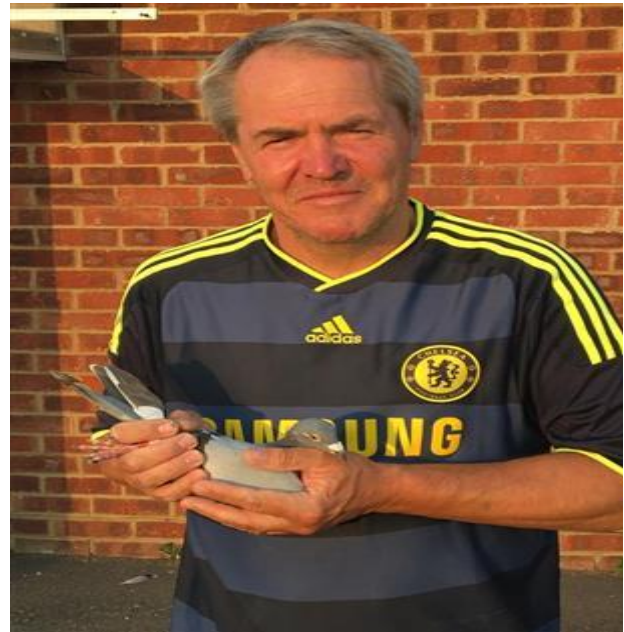
# British International Championship Club

## Perpignan International Provisional Race Report

The sixth and penultimate International of the season took place from Perpignan. Due to the heat in the UK and Western Europe, the birds were held over until Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August and were moved to a new liberation point at Rieux-Minervois, Carcassone. 11,209 pigeons were liberated at 6.45am, UK time, which was slightly less than last year, when 12,752 pigeons were released. The international numbers were made up of 4,192 from France, 3,356 from The Netherlands, 64 from Luxembourg, 855 from Germany and 2,643 from Belgium and 99 from the UK.

At the time of submitting the report, on Monday morning, 14 birds had returned home to the UK. This report is based on member's verifications, the final result may differ.

**1<sup>st</sup> Open, 1<sup>st</sup> South East Section & 57<sup>th</sup> International was D Hales of Hockey on 869ypm.** Duncan Goodchild who races the late David's birds followed up his 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Barcelona position with an impressive win at Perpignan from 631miles. Duncan said, "The hen we timed for provisional 1<sup>st</sup> Open UK Perpignan was a 3 year old blue w/f hen called, Mirfar. She was sent to the race sitting a 3 day old baby. Her sire was bred by Ronald Geerdink, who has such birds as Mr Bergerac, Rika, Perpignan Queen and Dure Cees as grandparents. The dam is a daughter of, Duncan who was 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> National Marseille and 25<sup>th</sup> National Pau for us. Mirfar adds 1<sup>st</sup> National to 2<sup>nd</sup> National Perpignan, 50<sup>th</sup> National Agen and 18<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Alencon to her collection of top prizes."



**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Open & 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> South West Section were Dave & John Staddon on 858 & 813ypm.** Dave sent the following information, " Firstly congratulations to Duncan Goodchild on winning this very hard race. What a pigeon to be 2<sup>nd</sup> Open in 2019 and then 1<sup>st</sup> Open 2020. Wow, where do I start, what a season we have had with the old birds. They have danced every dance. We have won 1<sup>st</sup> South West Section from Falaise, St Philbert, Poitiers, Bordeaux, St Vincent and Perpignan/Rieux-Minervois, added to this we have been 2<sup>nd</sup> Section at Pau, Agen & Barcelona. Last week we also topped the Section from Pau in the NFC, BBC & CSCFC. So in total, we've had 9 x 1<sup>st</sup> Section old birds in 2020. When we wake up from this dream I will get my head around it.

We sent 3 birds to this race and were quietly confident they would come well. Although our confidence was tempered by the report of extreme heat and humidity. Our first-timer is a 2 year old cock now named, Fahrenheit. He is bred from, Winters Gem bred by Barry & Pete Winter. He was bought on spec by dad at one of Stuart Wilcox's, 'Distance Champions' sale in Blackpool. Barry's other lots made well over £1000 each but this lad only cost £120. He is a son of, Pearler a full brother of, Little Gem (1<sup>st</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Tarbes NFC). Pearler himself is a sire to 8<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>nd</sup> Tarbes at 724 miles. The dam is, Blue Gem, a fantastic breeding daughter of one of the all-time great Tarbes Champions,

Freelands Gem, who was 6 x Tarbes NFC in the first 88 positions in the Open at 624 miles winning 2 x NFC Certificates Of Merit. She was bred for us by the lovely Bill & Beryl Lewis.

He is as usual, flown on the Chaos widowhood system and is a very good pigeon. He was our 4<sup>th</sup> timer at last year's very hard Agen International, winning 64<sup>th</sup> National, as a yearling (526 miles). This year, his preparation has been Exeter, Falaise & St Philbert and then the Pau International, where he won 4<sup>th</sup> Section, 23<sup>rd</sup> National. He was given three weeks rest and sent to Perpignan to win, 1<sup>st</sup> South West Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> National.

Our second pigeon was a 3 year old hen now named, Celsius. She is also raced on the Chaos Widowhood system. She is homebred from our race team. Her father is a half brother to, Portrait Boy who was 1<sup>st</sup> Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> National 68<sup>th</sup> International 22,000b Agen, for our great pal Dave Young (now in our stock loft). Her dam is from a son of, Woolongong ,1<sup>st</sup> International Pau for Geoff & Cath and a daughter of, Annie, the first of our 5 BICC winners. All the best of the original G & C Cooper blood in this one going back to, Titch. She is also a very good hen. She was 9<sup>th</sup> Section, 85<sup>th</sup> Open Pau International in 2019. She was 1<sup>st</sup> South West Section, 15<sup>th</sup> Open Pau International in 2020 and was pooled all the way for this race. She has now backed up her Pau win with this 2<sup>nd</sup> Section 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Perpignan. "As the Staddon's say their birds still remain in top form they are going to try and claim that elusive 1<sup>st</sup> Open position from Narbonne – the upcoming International".



**4<sup>th</sup> Open, 2<sup>nd</sup> South East Section were GM Preece & Son 781yppm.** Geoff and Clayton clocked a 2 year old bird flying 596 miles to Dover.

**5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Open and taking the first six positions in the South East Section was Mark Gilbert.** To follow up his Barcelona and Pau wins, Mark put up another impressive performance to time these six birds between 2.08pm and 4.52pm on the second day of racing. Mark said this of his first three section winners, "The first bird today was a hen from a son of New Laureaat, 1<sup>st</sup> International Barcelona when paired to a daughter of, The Special One (1st International Barcelona) when he was paired to, Romee from Jella Jellma. The second bird was, Southfield Doug, who was 2<sup>nd</sup> National BICC Pau in 2019, 5<sup>th</sup> International Pau and 10th National Agen in 2019. He now wins a BICC Award of Merit for being three times in the top 15 of the Open result. He is a double grandson to, Silvie of Jella Jellma, 3<sup>rd</sup> International Barcelona and a grandson of, New Laureate who was 1<sup>st</sup> International Barcelona. My third bird, is a red cock whose father is a double grandson of, Euro Diamond and his mother is, Southfield Agen, who was 1<sup>st</sup> BICC Agen."





**3<sup>rd</sup> South West Section, 21<sup>st</sup> Open was Ray Strawbridge of Newport, on 420ypm.** Ray clocked a 2 year old chequer w/f cock. Ray described him as a small to medium bird that sits nicely in the hand. Ray continued, "I don't know whether to call him "Lucky" or "Unlucky". He came back with a cut to the left hand side of the oil pip, not too deep luckily enough, and with only 4 tail flights left. His condition otherwise was very good, but then again he has had plenty of practice at dodging the peregrines around the loft. His sire is chequer, GB.14.L.43550, out of my, Tom Thumb, 1<sup>st</sup> South West Sec, 25<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Barcelona ( 744 miles) and chequer hen GB.11.P.18367 dam of, Reliable who was 7<sup>th</sup> Open, 1<sup>st</sup> South West Sec Perpignan (683 miles) in 2018 and 7<sup>th</sup> Open, 1<sup>st</sup> South West Sec, Barcelona (744 miles) in 2019. His dam is a chequer w/f W.11.T.11951, who is a dam of many winners. She is full sister to the dam of, Reliable. Her sire is GB.03.P.22633, a son of the Padfield Family's 'Old 89', who I had on loan and my good hen chequer W/F GB.03.N.43092, who was a top stock hen. She bred winners with three different cocks, from the best lines of Wim Mullers Original, Super Koople."



**The Overall International Winner** The International winner was PF Rouxel of Trévilan, France. His pigeon was clocked on Saturday at 5.09pm UK time after a race of 421miles, achieving an average velocity of 1187ypm.



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