

British International Championship Club

Falaise Old Bird Provisional Race Report

The old bird national from Falaise, took place along with the young bird national, on August bank holiday Monday. The birds were liberated at 8.00am, after a two day hold over, and 154 members sent 1074 birds.

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

The Provisional Open Winner, taking 1st South East Section was Tony Buckfield of Hockley, on 1222ypm. Tony timed a yearling blue cock, flying 192 miles to take 1st Section, 1st Open. Tony explained that his this pigeon was a Gaston van de wouer bird, racing on widowhood and he also timed a second widowhood cock of Soontjen bloodlines within a few seconds. This chequer cock and the blue cock both had three Channel races prior to this race. Tony was happy with both birds, the second as much as the first because he was his pool pigeon.



Tony Buckle 1st Open Winner



The Provisional South East Section Winners

2nd Section, 2nd Open was John Cowlin of Hullbridge, on 1217ypm. Before telling me about his pigeon, John had this to say about Tony Buckfield, "The members of Hullbridge would like to say a very big well done to Tony Buckfield on winning the old bird race. Tony does a lot for both the Hullbridge Club and the Thames North Eastern Counties, and fully deserves this win."

John then said this about his second section bird, "I timed a Formula 1 Lofts, Frans Zwols bird which is a grandchild of, Tip Top Junior, the sire being a son of, Tip top Junior and Dream Maker when paired to Formula 1 Lofts ace breeding hen, Dream Rekkem. She is a direct daughter of the, King of Rekkem and Dream Girl 200. This is the fourth pigeon Dream Rekkem has bred to finish in the top 10 at national or combine level. Dream Maker herself is already responsible for 2nd & 3rd Open National, six other top ten Open/National positions and five other results in the top thirty Nationals, along with club and fed winners. The hen that is provisionally 2nd Open has scored a few times including winning both Hullbridge Club and the Thames Open in 2019." She is part of a team that John bred in October 2017 and this team have done very well for him, winning 4 x 1st Open Thames this year alone, flying against an average of 2,000 birds. All with the birds he bred in October 2017.

3rd Section, 4th Open was Micky Watts of Southminster, on 1206ypm. Micky timed a 3 year old bird but wasn't able to provide any other information.



John Cowlin

The Provisional South Centre Section Winners

1st Section, 3rd Open were Mr & Mrs Beasley & Lee Oglesby of Reading, on 1212ypm. Lee told me, "Our yearling cock that is now called, Barney, flew his first ever Channel race and proved that he was ready for the job at hand. He is a Janssen De Klak Vanloon. GB 19 N 18620 had been coming well in the club, being in the mix up of birds to the loft each week. He also had three weeks off before this race and had been flying well round the loft with the rest of the cocks, doing anything from 1 hour to 1 hour 45 minutes a day each evening. We also haven't given them any training since before the first inland race with the federation."

2nd Section, 5th Open was S Buckle on Northwood, on 1203ypm. Steve said, "I fly in the Boxmore Pigeon Club and I fly a small team of mainly Janssen de Klak pigeons, but I regularly knocking on the door! This bird has had many good cards and I was pleased to see her come good in this race. The photo is of me and my grandson, Baye, who is an up and coming pigeon man."

3rd Section, 7th Guguri & Darda of Denham, on 1196ypm. Guguri & Darda timed a yearling but weren't able to provide any other information.



Mr & Mrs Beasley & Luke Oglesby



Steve Buckle & Grandson

The Provisional South West Section Winners

1st Section, 6th Open was Danny Lanahan of Poole, on 1200ypm. Danny followed up his 1st Section Coutances win two weeks earlier with another section win. As Danny explained, "This chequer hen was a gift pigeon from Kelvin Legg and she also won 1st Section BICC Coutances two weeks ago. In this race she was sent sitting one day old youngsters."

2nd Section, 17th Open was John Halstead of Kington Magna, on 1120yppm. John sent a yearling chequer hen sitting a 6 day old baby on basketing day. She is from a Jellema cock, purchased from Mark Gilbert to a daughter of Nyland Reco. Reco was 9th Open Barcelona in 2017 and 23rd Open in 2018 and was a grandson of Ashley to a hen down from B Denney Tuff Nutt line. The nest mate to the 2nd Section hen won 3 prizes as a young bird and this season flew 14 hours from the BBC Bordeaux to be 37th Open from 1030 birds.

3rd Section, 40th Open were Mr & Mrs Hodges of Templecombe, on 1056yppm. Prilly said, "The pigeon we timed to be 3rd Section was flown on the chaos system for most of the season but she was paired for the old hens races and she was sent on chipping eggs. She is bred from pigeons on loan from John Gerard. We would like to congratulate the winner Mr Buckfield and all the section winners."



Danny Lanahan



John Halsted



Prilly & Frankie Hodges

The Provisional North West Section Winners

1st Section, 77th Open was John Rodway of Rushwick, on 934yppm. John told me that his bird was a blue bar yearling cock who was sent unpaired. He was a young bird gifted to him from Mike Coe, a Herefordshire fancier. John then explained, "The bird was lost off the loft as a squeaker in 2019 and he returned in March 2020 in a very poor state having been out 'roughing it'. His whole body feathering was really in a bad state. He has had a few land races where he has homed late in the evening and this was his first time across the channel. Can I thank my fellow club member, Mick Howard for taking the birds to the Gwent marking station and also say well done to the convoyer, as the birds arrived home in excellent condition. Finally, a big thank you to Carol Francis for her sterling work as secretary."

2nd Section, 104th Open was Mick Howard of Upton upon Severn, on 805yppm. Mick had a good weekend, clocking three pigeons in close succession and all hens. His first hen was a 2 year old of Padfield breeding, being a grand-daughter of Padfield Invincible. His second bird had previously won, 1st Section from Coutances and his third was also of Padfield bloodlines. This one is bred down from Padfield St. Vincent lines. Mick races in the Malvern South Road Invitation Club along with John Rodway and wanted to congratulate John on an excellent section win.



John Rodway



Mick Howard

The Provisional North Centre Section Winners

1st Section, 10th Open was Harry Jackson of Selby, on 1160ypm. Harry had this to say about his Section winner, "This little chequer hen is bred from a blue Frans Zwoll I bought from the Portugal One Loft Race in 2017 and a chequer hen bred by Brewerton and Son of Castleford, that I purchased at their clearance sale. Last year, as a yearling, she was raced all the way to 510 miles but she was lost in the last race and was reported by non fancier in Derbyshire. I picked her up and she was a bag of bones and feathers but she came back around OK, so I knew she had a strong constitution. She was raced this year on the roundabout system and was 5th Club 10th Fed from Falaise at 336 miles. Two weeks before the BICC race she was left with her cock and was sent sitting 10 days for Falaise. She did me proud in this race and I'm pleased as punch for this little hen. She was definitely worth the trouble of going to pick up." Harry also told me that he feeds his birds on a hopper of beans and peas with plenty of barley, a standard widowhood mix to get them to come in and plenty of conditioning seeds.

2nd Section, 15th Open were Kevin Kingston & Family of Cottingham, on 1128ypm. Kevin told me that his timer from Falaise was a blue hen. He said, "She flew well as a young bird, winning three races and taking two seconds. She was also runner up to the young bird Humberside trophy winner this year. She has been across the Channel three times with MNFC always being in the first two, to the loft. She was sent to this race sitting 3 day old youngsters. I would like to thank the convoyer for the excellent condition of the birds on their arrival home. I sent four birds and had another two just behind my first bird and the last one came an hour."

3rd Section, 33rd Open was P S Wraight of Bluntisham, on 1065ypm. A 2 year old bird was clocked but no other information was available.



Harry Jackson



Kev Kingson & Grandson
Louie

The Provisional North East Section Winners

1st Section, 28th Open was Stephen Kaschner of Diss, on 1093ypm. Stephen said, "Firstly, well done to Trevor for looking after the birds so well. Our first pigeon was a yearling hen. She's been on roundabout all year but sent to Falaise sitting on eggs. She's bred from a Colin Smith (Ipswich) pigeon with one of our own, based on Westcote bloodlines. Six seconds later our second pigeon came, which was a Ian Stafford crossed with a Westcote. I must say a special thanks to my neighbour Chris, pictured with me, for sitting for the birds due to having to attend a hospital appointment. This is the first time he's ever held a pigeon – cheers Chris."

2nd Section, 38th Open were Len Rix & Son of Mildenhall, on 1067ypm. Len explained that, "The one that was first came from the late Ryan Farrington of Cambridge. He is an excellent bird and the father of that bird won the Section 2 or 3 years ago in the BICC from a similar distance. I can't remember which year exactly but I remember it was a hard cold day in this Section. Our other bird was from my good old strain of birds that have been going well for me for years." Len also send regularly to the Sunset \$1 million Dollar race.

3rd Section, 39th Open was Len Swallow of Diss, on 1057ypm. Another Len, Len Swallow timed a 3 year old red cock flying 246miles to Diss. Len has developed his own family of birds for over 70 years and says that he has no need to bring in any new birds. Len spends hours every day with the birds nurturing a sense of, 'family' that he says encourages them to make home. Along with this old bird, Len also clocked a dark chequer cock to take 3rd Section in the young bird race.



Stephen Kaschner & neighbour, Chris



Len Rix

The Provisional Top Ten Open Positions

1st T Buckfield of Hockley on 1222ypm, 2nd J Cowlin of Hullbridge on 1217ypm, 3rd Mr & Mrs Beasley & Lee Oglesby of Reading on 1212ypm, 4th Micky Watts of Southminster, on 1206ypm, 5th S Buckle on Northwood on 1203ypm, 6th Open was Danny Lanahan of Poole, on 1200ypm, 7th Guguri & Darda of Denham on 1196ypm, 8th P & J Harrison of Hounslow on 1168ypm, 9th Fagg & Nicholas of Hartlip on 1160ypm, 10th Harry Jackson of Selby, on 1160ypm.