

British International Championship Club

Falaise Young Bird Provisional Race Report

The BICC's second young bird race was from Falaise, a town situated in Normandy, northern France. Falaise was where this season started, on 13th June, when 7,441 birds were liberated. Not quite so many for this weekend but still a combined total of 2,423 pigeons, made up of old and young birds. Of the young ones, 161 members sent 1,349 birds that were liberated at 8.00am on bank holiday Monday after a two day hold over.

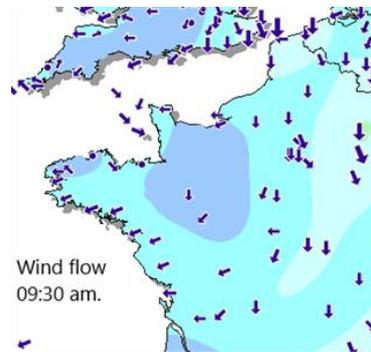
The weather/race report

Steve Appleby, the BICC race and weather advisor, provided the following report:

The extreme strong northerly winds over the channel and the low temperatures were always against a liberation on Saturday and the race team were hopeful for improvements for Sunday. But unfortunately the forecast for better weather on Sunday failed to materialise, resulting in another holdover. Finally during Sunday night high pressure extended from the west improving the weather conditions across the flight path. This development prompted a discussion early on Monday morning between Mark, Trevor and myself and we agreed to a liberation. The long awaited release of the B.I.C.C. convoy at Falaise was affected on Monday at 08:00 am into broken cloud and sunshine. Trevor our convoyer reported he was happy with the immediate clearance of the convoy which always indicates a good start to the race. He also reported on his return journey that the weather conditions of broken cloud and sunshine were all the way to the Caen docks. Across the Channel more blue skies were identified by the satellite images. The cool winds were light over the Channel with the influence being from the north-east and visibility 20 miles. Even though the winds were light, the north easterly element certainly contributed to a tough race.



Satellite Image



Wind flow

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

The Provisional Open Winner and 1st South Centre Section was Mike Moody of Thornhill on 1253ypp. "I have called this pigeon, Iron Saviour, because he saved my season and he is bred down from Mark Gilbert's, Iron Man". They were the first words of Mike Moody, the 1st Open winner. Mike went on to explain that, Iron Saviour was an experimental cross between two of his late-bred race birds from last year. He said, "The sire is bred from a son of Mark Gilbert's, Iron man when paired to Southfield Dark Star x, daughter of Hugo. The dam is bred from a son of Peter Fox's proper Rik x direct Eddy Jansen's hen. I have my girls to thank as they chose to keep this one and the nest mate was

sent to the Golden Algarve one loft race. This youngster was put on the darkness system and trained out to 30 miles. It had two club races and was sent to the Classic young bird race the week before, I then sent her to this race.” Mike had had a busy weekend but was delighted with his win and wanted to congratulate all the Section winners and to say that the two pigeons that returned for him out of the four he sent were in great shape considering the amount of time they spent in the basket.



Mike Moody with Evlyn & Nevaeh



Iron Saviour 1st Open winner

The Provisional South Centre Section Winners

2nd Section, 2nd Open was Godfrey Kingston of Southampton, on 1238ypm. Godfrey was keen to say, “I have already congratulated Mike Moody for beating me to first place in this race, so I won’t congratulate him again I’ll save it for the others who have timed in! Well done everyone! The blue pied hen I timed to be 2nd Open is called, Flash of Thunder, because she has some flashy white flights and she has my CSCFC Pau winner in her blood, three times twice through Daphne (the best pigeon in Europe over four races in the same year with a 2.4 co- efficient) and once through Volante, who took 36th Open CSCFC Pau and 38th Open BBC Bordeaux in the same year. Flash of Thunder’s mother is my best pigeon at the moment appearing on the result of every race I have sent her, including 63rd Open NFC Fougères this year and 40th Open BICC, Cholet last year (she is a double grand-daughter of Daphne) and the father is a son of Volante, another reliable pigeon who amongst other positions was 76th Open BICC, Poitiers this year.”

3rd Section, 7th Open was Mark Gilbert of Winkfield, Windsor, on 1213ypm. Mark clocked a hen, whose father was from, New Laureat - 1st International Barcelona, when he has paired to Kleine Jade -1st International Barcelona, the mother was from Naomi -1st International Ace Bird from Barcelona. As usual, a superbly bred pigeon.



Godfrey Kingston



Mark Gilbert

The Provisional South East Section Winners

1st Section, 3rd Open was D Dumitrascu of Basildon, on 1226ypm. Darius timed a blue cock that carries the Jan Aarden bloodlines of New Laureatt and Kleine Jade and also the bloodlines of top Romanian pigeons.

2nd Section, 4th Open was Lee Bastone of Burnham on Crouch, on 1224ypm. Lee told me, "The blue cock I clocked was on his second race and was sent driving to nest. His blood lines are, Golan and Sunday Girl of Peter Fox x Prince, of Formula 1 Lofts. I had five drop together but he was my first gold ring bird, with a £2000 pick-up. Can I say a congratulations to all the winners."

3rd Section, 5th Open was C Simmons of Basildon, on 1223ypm. Unfortunately, C Simmons was not able to provide any further information.



Darius Dumitrascu



Lee Bastone

The Provisional South West Section Winners

1st Section, 21st Open was Thomas Fedyk of Melksham, on 1139yppm. Fedyk said, "I would like to congratulate to all of the winners. I am really proud of what I achieved from this race and the previous race, where I was 2nd Section, Coutances in the CSCFC. My pigeon was a little chequer w/f from Steve Wright, House of Aarden pigeons."

2nd Section, 41st Open were Brooks Bros & Wilcox of High Littleton, on 1077yppm. Stuart told me, "Our 2nd South West Section bird was a young chequer cock, who was sent sitting eggs, he is in fact paired to a late-bred hen from 2019 who was also sent to this race, and she was timed shortly after her partner. The cock is bred from some of our best distance lines. Sire is, Whitetail, a home bred stock cock and ½ brother to 2nd Section G, 41st Open NFC Tarbes 2019. Whitetail is bred from a son of Mark Bulled's "Old 60" the grandsire of Legacy-1st Open NFC Tarbes when paired to Wintergem (a direct daughter of, Little Gem 1st Section, 1st Open NFC Tarbes flying 731 miles). The dam was bred by the Dutch Partnership of Verweij De Haan, a granddaughter of, Bartoli-1st International Agen- and their base breeder, Milos, sire of multiple long distance champions." Stuart concluded a good seasons racing by saying, "That was our last BICC race this season and we look forward to picking up the challenge in 2021."

3rd Section, 56th Open was Danny Lanahan of Poole on 1031yppm. Danny, the Section winner from Coutances two weeks earlier, timed another good bird from Falaise. He said, "My first youngster was a son of my CSCFC winner, Dark Flo when paired to a daughter from Flo. They are proving to be excellent pigeons, and my first three youngsters are all bred around this bloodline. Two of them are Thames gold ring birds, winning £280. I had two teams of youngsters this year, one natural and one darkness. I stopped the natural team a couple of weeks ago due to the moult. This is my 2nd year racing and my first go at the darkness. At first I thought it was not that good as the natural youngsters were beating them back from most trainers but now they seem to have come into condition and are performing well. I had 4 from 4 in the BBC and 6 from 6 in the BICC, so I'm really happy and the birds as I sent them in top condition. Thank you to the BICC for a looking after the birds and holding a great race."



Thomas Fedyk



Brooks Bros & Wilcox



Danny Lanahan

The Provisional North East Section Winners

1st Section, 36th Open was Jeremy Nicholson of Ipswich on 1093yppm. Firstly, Jeremy wanted to congratulate the winner, all the other section winners, Terry and Jacqui for running the marking station and Dave Fisher and Roger Strowger for waiting for the transporter to load the birds. He also told me, "On a very hard weekend of racing for all in east Anglia, today was by far the best racing day over this bank holiday weekend. I only sent a small team to this one having taken an battering on the last BICC race, although the birds had four nights in the basket they have returned in good condition, so thanks to Trevor for looking

after them all.” Jeremy’s Section winner was a blue Van Den Bulck cock bred from one of his top stock cocks. He explained, “He is bred by Patrick Boeckx from the top hen Vaal Luna and a grandson of the Good Road, the dam of this hen is a home bred Van Den Bulck, direct from my top pair, Mealy Bob and the, Quiet Girl - sire and dam to 31 prize winners. This cock has raced in all the young bird club races so far and has showed to be a consistent racer so far. So its fingers crossed for next year for him.”

2nd Section, 60th Open was Kriss Mulley of Copdock on 1020ypm. A thrilled Kriss told me, “I’m new to pigeon racing and this is my first full year of racing. I’ve had some great support and I would like to thank Chris Patmoore for breeding me this hen and everyone else at the Ipswich South Road Flying Club for their help and support.”

3rd Section, 71st Open was Len Swallow of Diss on 974ypm. 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. And, Len was rewarded this weekend by timing a dark chequer cock to take 3rd Section in this race, and a 3 year old red cock to take 3rd Section in the old bird’s race.



Jeremy Nicholson



Kriss Mulley

The Provisional North Centre Section Winners

1st Section, 45th Open was P S Wright of Bluntisham on 1065ypm. Unfortunately, P S Wright was not able to provide any further information.

2nd Section, 50th Open was John Black of Hitchin on 1048ypm. Picking up another Section position, John said, “The young bird I timed was a chequer pied cock sitting ten days, bred by John Chipperfield of Herne Bay, Kent. His sire is, Joe, 1st International Pau, and his dam is a daughter of Lady Teresa - 2nd Pau and 1st International Perpignan. It doesn’t stop there as I was also 1st and 2nd Section Gold Ring in the North of the Thames, so happy days; I’ve got some beer vouchers! Also well done to all the section winners.”

3rd Section, 100th Open was Mircea Liviu Dehelean of Wellingborough on 817ypm. Mircea has named his hen, Black Beauty and she was raced on the natural system. He said, “She accepted two plastic eggs the day before basketing. Her sire is a grandson of, Turbo, one of the best flyer’s of Rosu Alin from Romania (a winner of 16 trophies) and the dam is 100% Andreas Drapa bloodlines from Fratii Imbrea from Italy.”



John Black



Mircea Liviu Dehelean

The Provisional Top Ten Open Positions

1st M Moody of Thornhill on 1253ypm, 2nd Godfrey Kingston of Southampton, on 1238ypm, 3rd D Dumitrascu of Basildon, on 1226ypm, 4th Lee Bastone of Burnham on Crouch, on 1224ypm, 5th C Simmons of Basildon, on 1223ypm, 6th A Scarborough of Laindon, on 1215ypm, 7th Mark Gilbert of Winkfield, Windsor, on 1213ypm, 8th R & P Thomas of South Benfleet, on 1210ypm, 9th Mr & Mrs R Hume of Rochford on 1206ypm, 10th Tony Meader of Benfleet on 1206ypm.