

# British International Championship Club

## Wakefield National Provisional Race Report

28<sup>th</sup> May 2022

The BICC joined forces with the CSCFC and the BBC to race on the north road. So, from Wakefield, on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 55 members sent 687 birds that were liberated at 7.30am.

Wakefield is 9 miles south-east of Leeds and 28 miles south-west of York on the eastern edge of the Pennines in the lower Calder Valley. The city centre is sited on a low hill on the north bank of the River Calder close to a crossing place where it is spanned by a 14th-century, nine-arched, stone bridge and a reinforced concrete bridge built in 1929–1930. It is at the junction of major north–south routes to Sheffield, Leeds and Doncaster and west–east routes to Huddersfield, Dewsbury and Pontefract. Wakefield is the home of Wakefield Trinity a Rugby League club currently playing in the Super League. The club, founded in 1873, was one of the initial founders of the Northern Union after the split from the Rugby Football Union in 1895.

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

**The Provisional Open and 1<sup>st</sup> North Centre Section winner was UK Team of Nottingham on 1835ypm over 47 miles.**

Lucas from UK TEAM told me, 'We started racing in 2019, when we bought our house with a garden. We started on the south road but found it boring. So, when in 2020 our club turned north, I was very pleased. My pigeon colony is based on Miro Chwedoruk birds from Yeovil. Miro is a Polish fancier, who races well over the Channel and often wins in the Combine. Our winning hen is from the first batch of babies I bought in October 2019. They were all late-breds from Miro's best racers. She is a cross Leen Boers x Huyskens van Riel x Desmet Mathijs. These are the same blood lines that won for Miro, when he took 2<sup>nd</sup> Section, 3<sup>rd</sup> Open in NFC in 2020. My winning hen is named, Anna after my partner. She is a very consistent bird but not the fastest! I fly my hens on the jealousy system. They train once a day around the shed, with one midweek training toss from 12 miles. And that is it! Some people say that pigeon friends don't exist, well I would not have got to where I am without Miro Chwedoruk. Miro always wanted to get a first National, so I would like to dedicate this one to him. Miro this is for you, my man! Kev Spears, a real gentleman, has also helped me a lot, so thank you too Kev. Also Sylwester Kaminski together with Slav Jankowski, as these are people who motivate me, every day. It's not always easy to race pigeons with a young family and these people help me a lot. Can I congratulate everyone who timed well from Wakefield, thank the BICC and wish everyone all the best in the coming races.'

Lucas explained that the flying name comes from a combination of the first letter of his surname and the surname of his partner, Urbaniak and Kaczmarek and the fact that they live in the UK. Lucas has had some good results recently, winning three fed races out of six and the birds are doing well for him in general. Last year he also won, 1<sup>st</sup> Section Yearlings from Perth in the NRCC and he is looking forward to the rest of the season.



Wakefield National Winner



UK Team lofts



Lucas Urbaniak

**2<sup>nd</sup> North Centre Section, 5<sup>th</sup> Open was Artur Pawlowski of Northampton, on 1718yppm over 100 miles.** Artur told me, 'My pigeon was bred by my friend Peter Wells from Dunstable and the base of my loft are pigeons from Peter. Last year my cock won twice in a club from Lyndhurst and he had a 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the fed when racing from the south. This year our club is flying from the north and I'm hoping for a good season.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> North Centre Section, 9<sup>th</sup> Open was Slawomir Janowski of Northampton, on 1694yppm over 100 miles.** Slawomir said, 'I race in the Brixworth North Road FC and my chequer cock was bred by my club college Artur Pawłowski and gifted to me as baby. It is a south road pigeon that was turned north last year.'



Artur Pawlowski



Slawomir Janowski

### **The Provisional North East Section Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> North East Section, 8<sup>th</sup> Open was Tom Burkill of Mattishall, on 1697yppm over 123 miles.** Tom said, 'I am really pleased with the result from my first time of sending with the BBC and BICC and the race was superb. I had 4 pigeons drop together but, unfortunately for the cock that dropped with 3 hens he didn't register. I had 9 of the 15 pigeons home in 10 minutes, so they absolutely fell in and full credit to the conveyer and race controllers. I am really looking forward to Hexham. I race my pigeons on the roundabout system, racing both cocks and hens. I would like to thank Les Green for supplying me with some super pigeons. I must also say a huge thank you to David Hicks, without him I wouldn't be able to race due to having 2 young kids and businesses to run. He does so much for me, and he looks after the pigeons day in day out and superbly executes my instructions to allow us

to race at the standard we do. GB19X04803 – blue hen - has been a very good pigeon for me taking many fed cards already – both parents are from Les Green, she is bred out of a cock that Les Green loaned me before his total sale of Dirk Van Den Bulcks when paired to a daughter of his Auto hen. GB20X00364 – blue hen - another hen that has been very good for me, she has been beaten by loft mates twice now for a fed win, she is bred from a son of Maximus of Ronnie Johnsons when paired to a daughter of Les Greens Boonen. GB20X00477 – blue pied hen- both parents are from Les Green and is bred from another cock that Les Green loaned me out of his famous Blauwe Bertje cock when paired to a daughter of Flanders Connection. And finally, the cock that didn't register was the nestmate to the third pigeon.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North East Section, 10<sup>th</sup> Open, were Woods & Batch Loft 2 of Lakenheath, on 1692yppm over 135 miles.** The partnership of Andrew Woods and Kevin Batch. Andrew said, 'Our first pigeon over the trap was a Lambrecht hen and she has previously won twice before this. This was my first time racing with the BICC and we had a great day racing, with Kevin is sitting in 6<sup>th</sup> Provisional in the NRCC from Perth.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> North East Section, 13<sup>th</sup> Open was D Hicks of Mattishall, on 1679yppm over 123 miles.** David told me, 'I timed a 2020 Van dyke widowhood cock from Wakefield in the BBC and the BICC race. What a fantastic race it turned into when I timed 6 pigeons in under a minute! I also maintain the lofts of my close friend Tom Burkill, who also had a few together. We fly as a partnership in everything but name and have had a fantastic season so far. Also well done to my friend Andy Woods of Woods & Batch and thanks for taking the birds for marking.'



Tom Burchill



Woods & Batch



David Hicks

### **The Provisional North West Section Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> North West Section, 31<sup>st</sup> Open were M & C Lee of Alfrick, on 1565yppm over 110 miles.** Mickey said, 'Our hen was sent to Wakefield sitting 14 days on pot eggs. She had three inland races south prior to Wakefield and was first to the loft from Purbeck last weekend. She is three quarters Jan Huybregts plus my old family. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to the marking team at Charfield.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North West Section, 33<sup>rd</sup> Open, was John Rodway of Rushwick on 1554yppm over 108 miles.** John said, 'My first pigeon was a dark white flight 2018 cock bird sitting eggs, having his first race of the year. This bird has previously won prizes, but always in longer and slower races. He was my first bird last year from Elgin in a very difficult race. Overall, it was a good race with 100% returns. Congratulations to my fellow Malvern club mate Micky Lee on winning the NW section and to Mike Howard, another fellow club mate, on provisionally winning third section. Many thanks to the team Memorial Hall, Gloucester marking station.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> North West Section, 36<sup>th</sup> Open was Mick Howard of Upton-Upon-Severn, on 1515yppm over 116 miles.** Mick was surprised how quickly one of his Vanroy long distance pigeons came on the day. This



was the 3-year-old's first ever race, having had a few tosses out to 40 miles in preparation. He was preparing him for the Channel last year but now, has a view to send him to Lerwick this season.



Mickey Lee



John Rodway



Mick Howard

### **The Provisional South Centre Section Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> South Centre Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> Open was A Hitchcock of Windsor, on 1755yppm over 155 miles.** Andrew Hitchcock is provisionally 1<sup>st</sup> Open British Barcelona Club, 1<sup>st</sup> Section D British Barcelona Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> Open British International Championship Club and 1<sup>st</sup> CS Section British International Championship Club Wakefield. He said, 'GB21Z40685 is now named, Clewer Hill Adam and is a yearling chequer cock who has been consistent on the north road this year, winning minor prizes. He was bred by Dave Atkins from his John Crehan Jan Hooyman stock he is a grandson from, Mystiques Bond Son to, James Bond x Mystique. Sire and grandsire to many fantastic pigeons including grandsire 1<sup>st</sup> Section 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Northern Classic 18 Grandsire: 1<sup>st</sup> Combine Le Mans against 3.594 birds, 1<sup>st</sup> Combine Falaise against 4.381 birds, 1<sup>st</sup> North East Region RPR award middle distance, 2<sup>nd</sup> National RPR Award middle distance also in his pedigree there are several brothers / sisters / daughters from the champion, HARRY. One of the best one day long distance performers ever in the Netherlands winner of 1<sup>st</sup> Nat Ace Long distance W.H.Z.B competition 2009, 1<sup>st</sup> NPO Blois 5,553.b (against 37,728.b), 1<sup>st</sup> NPO Chateauroux 5,979 (against 22,340.b) 3<sup>rd</sup> NPO Chateaudun 8,781.b (against 21,520.b). I race a small team of approximately 12 cocks, 15 hens and 25 young birds. The young birds are raced on natural, and I fly the cocks and hens as old birds aiming for the long-distance races. The birds are fed 50% V/I Superstar plus 50% V/L Gerry plus black label for the longer races and I add some additional energy mix a few days before, no additional supplements are used other than energy oil day before the race. At stock I have two main families of pigeons for the long-distance sons and daughters from the Padfield national winners and for the sprint to middle distance the Jan Hooyman pigeons based around the line of, Harry. This is the first race I have won flying on my own from the allotments, next year I will be moving the bird's home which will allow more time with the birds. I would like to say a big thank you to Gary Ellis for looking after my birds for the first two weeks of May and keeping them going for me to allow me to enter this race he obviously did a great job.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> South Centre Section, 3<sup>rd</sup> Open were Jim King & Son of Slough, on 1724yppm over 151 miles.** Jim said, 'My blue hen was bred by National winner John Haines and was one of six gifted young birds from his sprint lines. I turned north this year and from 7 races she has been my first bird 6 times, winning Retford 123miles, raced on the roundabout system. Can\_I congratulate all and thank the clubs for putting on these races.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> South Centre Section, 6<sup>th</sup> Open was Mr W E Huggins of Reading, on 1715yppm over 152 miles.** Bill timed a chequer pied cock bred from a hen a friend gave him, when paired to his Bergerac federation winning cock. He separated them last week for bit of motivation and had all 6 back.



Andrew Hitchcock



Jim King

### The Provisional South East Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> South East Section, 25<sup>th</sup> Open were Patimore & Rayner of Saffron Walden, on 1606yppm over 138 miles.** The partnership said, 'Having not raced north since 1993, I thought we would have a go for a bit of fun and also if the Channel doesn't open up, we have the opportunity for a bit of distance racing. The pigeon in question is a six-year-old blue roundabout cock having been across the channel many times as far as Tarbes. He's had the odd card here and there but never set the world alight. I like to take a position now and again but just love to see them come home especially from 500 miles plus. The blue cock is bred for the distance, his father being a grandson of Peter's Dream, BICC Barcelona winner for Peter Archibald. The mother is a daughter of Monty, BICC winner from Montlucon for David Coward-Talbot. Monty was a grandson of Black Giant a fantastic pigeon in my estimation.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> South East Section, 43<sup>th</sup> Open was T & A Wilson of Nr Bishop Stortford, on 1476yppm over 138 miles.** The partnership told me, 'Firstly we would like to thank the BICC and BBC for unifying for the north road racing. We would also like to congratulate all winners of the Wakefield race, especially our club mate Chris Patmore for winning the ES section. Our game 'Little Hen' was sent on the roundabout system and she dropped online from a considerable height. The hen is home bred from our unique family of racing birds. Her sire, Lonesome was bred for stock from our number 1 stock hen, Little Black and sire, Verius and the dam being, Little Christine, 7<sup>th</sup> Open BBC and 40<sup>th</sup> Open BICC. This was her second ever race on the north road and she is currently being prepared for the BICC and BBC's Thurso race which is taking place on the 15th of July.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> South East Section, 44<sup>th</sup> Open was W Gardiner & Family of Freford, on 1460yppm over 210 miles.** Bill said, 'My pigeon was a Dirk van den Buik blue cock, bred by Mick Bundy. As a baby he won 1<sup>st</sup> club, 2<sup>nd</sup> fed, being beaten by a loft mate. He has also had 4 cards in the first 5 this year, 4<sup>th</sup> club 1<sup>st</sup> club, 5<sup>th</sup> club, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> fed and all positions in the first 20 in the fed so far.'



Patimore & Rayner's 1<sup>st</sup>  
Section bird



Trevor & Adrian Wilson



Bill Gardiner



## The Provisional South West Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> South West Section, 4<sup>th</sup> Open were Lanaghan & Gerrard of Poole, 1724yppm over 200 miles.** Danny told me, 'Our first pigeon was a half-brother to my CSCFC Coutances winner, Dark Flo with the mother being paired to King Kong, a son of Zwarte Louders' 1<sup>st</sup> International St Vincent 1,6340 birds flying 600 miles on the day. This line of pigeons is proving to be very good for us, and others including 1<sup>st</sup> National Marseille, 1<sup>st</sup> National BICC Guernsey, 11<sup>th</sup> National Tarbes, 15<sup>th</sup> National Pau and many other top positions. Our second pigeon is a lovely dark hen and is a great granddaughter of Zwarte Louders' crossed with a Belgium hen. For this race our pigeons were raced completely natural, mostly sitting eggs. It was a great racing day with full perches by sun down.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> South West Section, 21<sup>st</sup> Open was Mr & Mrs M King of Blandford Forum, on 1631yppm over 197 miles.** Mel and Sue King wanted to firstly congratulate the winners and Section winners. They said, 'Our first bird is a yearling cock on his third race from the north route, flown on our own celibate to roundabout system as the season progresses. He is of Vandenabeele breeding, line bred back to our original Gaby's.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> South West Section, 38<sup>th</sup> Open were Smith & Jones of Cwmbran, on 1503yppm over 153 miles.** The partnership of Norman Smith and Roy Jones told me, 'The bird we clocked was a chequer cock flown on the roundabout system. He was bred from gift birds from our good friend Jim Hooper from Cardiff. We would like to thank Ray Strawbridge, for all his good help and hard work. Plus, well done to the BICC, CSCFC and BBC, for the opportunity to fly four, five, and six hundred mile races, and of course, well done to the winners.'



Lanaghan & Gerrard



Mel & Sue King



Norman Smith & Roy Jones

## The Provisional Top Ten Open Positions:

1<sup>st</sup> UK Team on 1835yppm of Nottingham, 2<sup>nd</sup> A Hitchcock on 1755yppm of Windsor, 3<sup>rd</sup> J King & Son on 1724yppm of Slough, 4<sup>th</sup> Lanaghan & Gerard on 1724yppm of Poole, 5<sup>th</sup> Artur Pawlowski on 1718yppm of Northampton, 6<sup>th</sup> Mr W E Huggins on 1715yppm of Reading, 7<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Boggins & Son on 1709.596 of Watford, 8<sup>th</sup> Tom Burkill on 1697yppm of Mattishall, 9<sup>th</sup> Slawomir Jankowski on 1694yppm of Northampton, 10<sup>th</sup> Woods & Batch Loft 2 on 1692yppm of Lakenheath.

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