

British International Championship Club

Perpignan International Provisional Race Report

6th August 2022

The last International race of the season took place on Saturday 6th August, following a one day holdover. A total of 12,094 birds were basketed from the six countries competing. With France sending 3,500, Netherlands 3,804, Luxembourg 32, Germany 661, Belgium 3,766 and 331 pigeons from the UK, sent by the BICC.

In the BICC, each Section sent the following: in the South Centre Section 18 members sent 57 birds, in the South East, 20 members sent 215, in the South West 5 sent 21, North Centre 2 sent 6 and in the North East 1 member sent 33.

The last time the BICC raced from Perpignan was on the 9th August 2020 and due to the heat in the UK and Western Europe, if members remember, the birds were held over then and were moved to a new liberation point at Rieux-Minervois.

Perpignan is the last big city before the Spanish border, it is the capital of the Pyrenees department in the Languedoc-Roussillon region. Located at the foot of the Pyrenees, it acts as a bridge between Barcelona and the south of France. Like the rest of the southern France, Perpignan is a rugby stronghold and their rugby union side, USAP Perpignan, is a regular competitor in the European cup and they have been the French champions 7 times. There is also a Perpignan-based rugby league club who play in the British Super League, called the name Catalans Dragons. The Dragons' games in Perpignan against the Northern English-based sides are usually very popular with British rugby fans. The Dragons' are previous Challenge Cup winners.

The Provisional Open and 1st South Centre Section winner was Paul Basham of Bursledon on 897 timing at 10.53am on day 2. Paul also took 2nd Section on 753 and 4th Section on 624 over 607 miles.

Paul was delighted with the win to round off his old bird season and said, 'Having both been raced on roundabout all season on the north, they were turned south into St Philbert, followed by Poitiers with the BICC after which all birds were left to run together. These two chose one another and were both sent sitting 10 days. Our 1st bird is the chequer hen now named, Lioness. She has the heart of a Lion! Clocked at 10:53, Flying 607 miles on a very tough day and recording 849ypm and well placed in the International result. Her sire is a grandchild of G&C Coopers Farmer George x Farm Ivy and Mark Gilbert's Southfield Darkie. A full brother to the dam of Burseldene Brian, who was 1st CS, 1st Open, BICC Poitiers for us. Her Dam is a DO Pennine Heights. We timed our 2nd bird at 13:33 and the sire of this cock is bred by Jelle Jellema. The dam is a direct daughter of G&C Coopers base breeder 'George'. Paul's first bird was also his fourth pigeon on the clock from Poitiers a couple of weeks ago scoring 18th Open.



Paul Basham



Paul's National winner and 2nd Section bird

3rd South Centre Section, 11th Open was Mark Gilbert of Winkfield, Windsor on 694 over 634 miles.

5th South Centre Section, 30th Open was John Jobling of Millwall on 478 over 629 miles. John said, 'In my photo, I am holding my 5-year-old mealy cock, Bob Mealy, he has been to Perpignan 3 times now and been on the result sheet all 3 times. His sire was a gift from the late Joe Bradford of Sutton, from his old family of distance pigeons.'



John Jobling



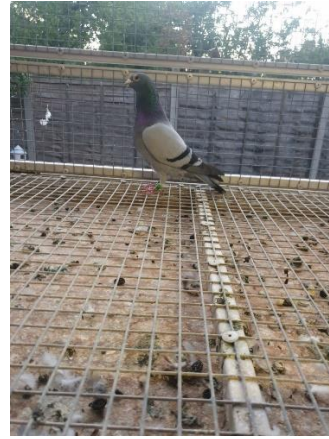
Mark Gilbert

6th South Centre Section, 44th Open were Buzi & Vilarino of Denham on 330 over 640 miles.

7th South Centre Section, 47th Open was M Adochita of Queensbury on 318 over 639 miles. Maninel said, 'GB18H24038 it's a 4-years-old blue cock raced on the natural system and he's one of the most consistent racers in my loft at this moment. He was bred from my stock birds and his 50% Kipp and Sohne and 50% Jan Kastelijn. The first Kipp birds were brought to my loft in 2016 and they started performing well from the start. A big thank you to the Kipp Family for the quality birds they bred for me. His racing performance is: In 2020 he was sent with the BICC to Falaise, Alencon and later to Pau where he was 52th National. In 2021 he was sent to some club races and Guernsey with the BICC. In 2022 he went to 2 club races and 3 times to Guernsey with the BICC as preparation for the international races. He was sent to Pau (Bordeaux) taking 24th National, 6th Section and later to Perpignan taking 47th National, 7th Section.'



Maniel Adochita



Maniel's blue cock

The Provisional South East Section Winners

1st South East Section, 2nd Open was Duncan Goodchild racing as David Hales of Hockley on 813. They were also 2nd Section on 812 and 5th Section on 786. The 2020 winner Duncan Goodchild was delighted with his birds' performances again and said, 'Firstly congratulations to the winner Paul Basham. Our first bird provisional 1st E/S, 2nd National is a 4-year-old blue hen, Irene D. She is bred from a direct Van Ouwerkerk Dekkers cock paired to a daughter of Duncan when he was paired to a daughter of Tubby. This daughter of Duncan bred 5th Open Tarbes for the Willson family from Dagenham and our own Mirfar, a top International performer. Duncan was a very good racer for us, 3 times in the top 10 and also winning Marseille 637 miles. He was capable of scoring from 170 to 637 miles over the Channel! Irene D was raced widowhood earlier in the season and she was 6th E/S 11th National Agen, 524 miles. She was then paired for Perpignan. To stop her going rusty she along with all our Perpignan team were flown well around home and complimented with some 50 mile training tosses and 10 days before basketing a short club race. Imagine to my total surprise, I'm still shaking my head and now my phone goes 'choo choo' to tell me we had another bird. I had been sorting out the first bird and missed him home. This 5-year-old red widowhood cock sitting at provisional 2nd E/S, 3rd National, is mainly a mix of our old family of Comfort Zone, 80, Duncan with a little bit of Buddle. He was raced from the Pau/Bordeaux International earlier in the season then set up for this race. He's flown Pau a couple of times and previous 17th Perpignan. So, after timing 2 birds from 631 miles in 92 seconds I'm assuming there are obviously plenty about? Our 3rd bird, 4th E/S, 5th National a blue chequer 4-year-old through Monar, 1st International Narbonne on the sire's side paired to our top daughter of Tubby. This hen has bred 2 meritorious performance award winners and is a daughter of a meritorious performance award winner. Our 2nd hen had her first International from Pau/Bordeaux earlier, then went on to Perpignan. Well, what a way to finish the international season all 3 looking likely to take International Open positions, think I had a little help from the boss David? I must thank, from the bottom of my heart, the BICC committee for getting the racing back we love and the hard-working marking station members. Well done to all who supported and timed birds in all the races!'



Duncan Goodchill



3rd bird chequer hen

Irene D



Red cock

3rd South East Section, 4th Open were G & M Preece of Dover on 794. They were also 5th Section on 775, 8th Section on 743, 11th on 681, 12th on 681, 14th on 652, 16th on 588, 17th on 529, 23rd on 506, 28th on 444, 32nd on 432, 33rd on 420, 35th on 409, 40th on 290. Geoff and Clayton told me, 'We were very pleased to see our Jubilee Barcelona cock arrive to take 4th National Perpignan 3 weeks after his Barcelona victory. 23 minutes later our hen 599 came to complete her third International race of the 2022 season. This year she came on the day from Bordeaux, our third arrival at 17:30 (ETS failure), 19th National Tarbes and now 6th National Perpignan. A super set of results over a 6 week period for herself, both her grandfathers were great performance pigeons for us, Jack Jones taking 1st National Perpignan and Wiggins Son, 2nd National Perpignan as a yearling, in fact a late-bred. Our third pigeon is a son of our, Jack Jones. He managed 10th National Perpignan after being 2nd National from Agen 4 weeks ago. He is also related to our, Jubilee Barcelona on his mother's side through a direct Raymund Hermes hen. We are happy with the team's performance from Perpignan and would like to mention one of our 2020 late-bred cocks, hatched at the end of September, GB20F27696 that has also managed 3 International races this year. He came excellently from Bordeaux being our 2nd arrival at 16:30 on the day (ETS failure) 18th National Tarbes and now 21st National Perpignan – some going for a yearling. He is 75% Bernd Morsnowski blood and 25% Jack Jones/Wiggins line. His sire was also a great performance pigeon for us, GB17D10251, being a grandson to, De Blauwe 212, 1st National Olympiade Marathon 2013 for Bernd Morsnowski. More details, pictures and pedigrees can be found on our website www.Internationalseapigeons.com. Well done to the winner Paul Basham on a great result on a tough race and a thank you to the BICC for providing us with International racing this year.'



Jubilee Barcelona

6th South East Section, 8th Open were J Nicholson & Son of Rochester on 749. They were also 7th Section on 747, 10th on 684, 19th on 523, 20th on 517, 38th on 329. Spencer and Sarah's first bird on the clock was a 2-year-old blue hen. This hen was also 8th Open Agen earlier in the season, arriving at nearly 10pm on the day. She was a gift pigeon from Calum Edmiston, Surrey's finest exponent of

International Racing. She is bred from Calum's good blue hen, who herself was 7th St Vincent and 9th Pau. Their second pigeon, for 9th Open, was a 2-year-old blue chequer hen, clocked 5 minutes later. She was at Bordeaux earlier in the season, arriving the next day but was not clocked. She contains all the old Nicholson bloodlines. The 3rd pigeon, at 13th Open, also a hen, is a real old professional, a 7-year-old which has now flown 11 international races and secures an Award of Merit for 3 top 15 places. Her mother being a daughter of Plum & Kate. They clocked a further 3 pigeons from their 7 bird entry, and all birds are now home. Feed this year has been Variamax with the usual build up of fats leading up the Internationals and their special long distance cake. No birds received any Channel racing prior to going to the Internationals, being raced regularly from the West. Spencer would like to thank Allan & Molly Cecil for doing the clocks, it's much appreciated.



Spencer Nicholson

9th South East Section, 12th Open were R. Pearmain & Son of Wickford on 694, over 633 miles.

13th South East Section, 17th Open was John Chipperfield of Herne Bay on 664. He was also 15th on 626, 21st on 517.

18th South East Section, 23rd Open were F. Knowles & Son of Wingham on 527. Simon was also 25th on 476, 27th on 444, 30th on 442, 31st on 436, 36th on 403, 36th on 436, 37th on 335, 39th on 314.

22nd Sout East Section 26th Open were L & K Buddle of Dover on 507 over 593 miles. Lee and Kevin said, 'Our timer from Perpignan International was a 3-year-old hen we call Macmillan Hen. Bred for us to race by Andrew Macmillan from up near Stoke. She is superbly bred with her sire being a double grandson of H & Dr HP Brockamps super breeder, George (sire of Euro Diamond, Mistral etc). The dam of our MacMillian Hen is also super lines bred by Bob Besant & Son being a granddaughter of their, Noble Dream 1st International Agen 2015, with again some H & Dr HP Brockamp, George and Euro Diamond in the pedigree along with Matt Rakes, Indy 1st NFC Tarbes lines. This hen was home later on the second day from BICC Bordeaux International earlier in the season and had a couple of 60 miles races and a 132 mile inland race on the Saturday before the Monday race marking. She has been flown all season long on our chaos widowhood type of system.'



John Chipperfield



F Knowles & Son



L & K Buddle

24th South East Section, 29th Open was Mr F J Cornwell of Southend-on-sea on 487 over 626 miles. Fred said, 'Our cock flew Bordeaux earlier in season, taking 59th Open and also scored in 2019 from Cholet, 165th Open and Sigogne, 9th Sec, 289th Open 2,531 birds in the NFC over 403 miles. He is a grandson of 8th National, 8th International Barcelona and grandson of 1st National, 4th International Barcelona. His dam was purchased as a baby from A P Overwater and she is dam and granddam of a number of birds that have scored over the water for me, including 33rd NFC Tarbes and this year 5th Sec, 11th BICC Tarbes.'

26th South East Section, 32nd Open were Lyden Bros. of Sandwich on 465. They were also 29th on 444 over 603 miles. Lyden Brothers clocked two hens on the Monday morning, likely 32nd and 35th in the result. They are half-sisters with a common dam, a hen obtained from Mick Sheehy of Harrietsham of Chris Gordon bloodlines. They told me, 'They were both sent sitting eggs, and their only preparation was two Channel races with the East England Continental Club, namely Fontenay, 200 miles and Nevers, 300 miles a week later. The first one clocked has won prizes in two previous BICC International races in 2019 and 2020 but with the long break in Channel racing you never know whether that past experience still counts, but in this case it obviously did. The second one was participating in its first international race; in fact, it has only had 3 previous Channel races in total in its life. We knew that the international races would be tough this year, not just because of the hot weather, but because many of the birds competing just didn't have the level of experience or preparation that is normally required for these extreme tests. However, we are delighted to be back participating and look forward to 2023.'

34th South East Section, 40th Open were A Annis & Son of Wingham on 417 over 604 miles.



Lyden Bros

The Provisional South West Section Winners

1st South West Section, 16th Open was D & J Staddon of Ditcheat on 669. 1st South West Section and 16th National Perpignan are once again Dave and John Staddon of Ditcheat who cap a wonderful old bird season with this section win from Perpignan. Dave had this to say, 'Hi Mike, we are over the moon to time our single entry to win the section and 16th Nat from Perpignan. This is our 9th x 1st section win of the 2022 old bird season flying in the BICC, NFC, CSCFC and BBC and only flying south road, it can't get much better after the delayed start to the season the birds have done us proud and danced virtually every dance. We would like to offer our congratulations to Paul Basham on his fantastic win and our good pal Duncan Goodchild on a great team performance and but for one excellent pigeon, he would have won this race yet again. Well done to everyone who timed in a tough race in hot conditions. Our section winner is called BRB and is a 4-year-old red cock. He has raced four inland races, a couple of Guernsey's, St Philbert, St Philbert, Ramsgate, Tarbes NFC and Perpignan. Remarkably he was our third bird in the clock for from Tarbes NFC/CSCFC/BBC winning 3rd Section 51st Open NFC, 3rd Sec, 8th Open CSCFC & 3rd Sec, 9th Open BBC. There were only 8 days between the return from Tarbes at 560 miles and basketing in Sunbury for the Perpignan race at 643 miles. I honestly tried my best not to send him, but the Tarbes race appeared to take nothing out of

him, and he was bouncing around the place the very next morning. I swear he was asking me to send him and, in the end, after a chat with Dad we decided to let him take his chance and strike while the iron was hot so to speak. This performance has really made Dad super happy, and we are both very proud of our pigeon and of course his powers of recovery. He has once again returned from Perpignan with very little taken from the tank and if there was another international race, he could easily take that in too. Fortunately for BRB, it's the end of the season. We may consider him for the Barcelona team of 2023. Interestingly, he raced on our Chaos Widowhood system, but we lost his hen in the BICC Pau/Bordeaux race. He hasn't taken a new hen and raced both Tarbes and Perpignan without a hen, proving to us that in the long-distance races, it's much more about fitness, health and a love of his home. He is bred from our old Deweerdt bloodlines, sire from Farm Boy and his mother, Shapway Ruby was from Southfield Pau.'

2nd South West Section, 50th Open were Brooks Bros & Wilcox High Littleton on 265 over 655 miles.

3rd South West Section, 54th Open were Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales of Writhlington on 245 over 651 miles.

4th South West Section, 58th Open was A Rakes of Paulton on 218 over 653 miles.



D & J Staddon



Brooks Bros & Wilcox



Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales

The Provisional North Centre Section Winners

1st North Centre Section, 46th Open was John Black of Hitchin on 321 over 667 miles. John said, 'The bird I clocked, is a 3-year-old chequer Southwell widowhood cock. He was 2nd Section, 34th Open earlier in the year from Pau/Bordeaux, clocked at 21.47pm on the day. He's a proper little warrior. He was badly hawked on his return from Perpignan and how he got home I don't know. I've decided to call him, Little Warrior as I think he deserves that title.'

2nd North Centre Section, 51st Open were Kevin & Lauren Grace of Kneesworth on 290 over 668 miles. The partnership said, 'Congratulations to all the winners. This pigeon is bred out of our three times Barcelona Pigeon. He was a late-bred and as a yearling he was 95th Open in the National. He was just out of the time, twice at Barcelona and on the third time he took 2nd Section Barcelona in the BICC. He was paired to a granddaughter of Klein Jade and he is one to look for at next year's Barcelona race. I would like to say a big thank you to the J and K training, as it would not have been possible without you, so a big thank you to you.'



John Black



John Black's Little Warrior



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