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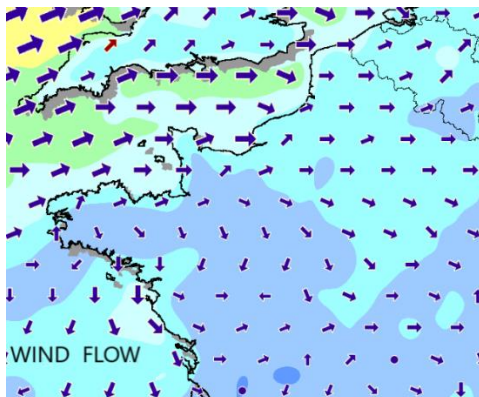
Guernsey National Young Bird Provisional Race Report

20th August 2022

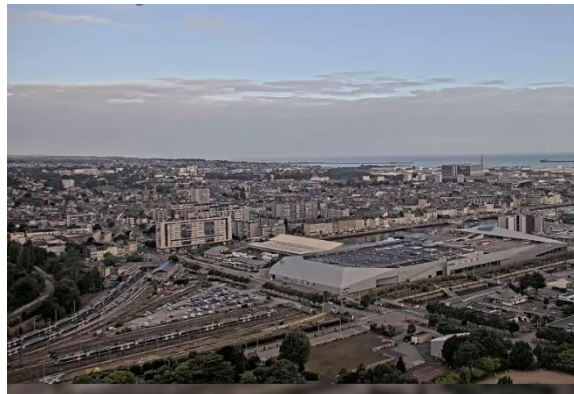
The BICC's first National young bird race was from Guernsey where 162 members sent 2,309 birds that were liberated at 11.20 am on Saturday 20th August. Members sent the following in each Section: in the South Centre, 84 members sent 1,204 birds, in the South East 60 sent 829 birds, in the South West, 7 sent 134 birds, North Centre 4 sent 69, North East 3 sent 30 and in the North West 4 members sent 43 birds.

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

On viewing the live weather satellite images at first light on Saturday morning, it was clear that heavy cloud had extended across the channel including Guernsey. The webcam located at Cherbourg-en-Cotentin looking out to sea from the peninsula shows the cloud over the sea. This cloud continued to move along the channel from west to east preventing a liberation. Eventually, the incoming images identified breaks in the cloud. This development was also reported by the convoyers on site. With the green light now on, liberation was affected at 11:20. The convoyers reporting the pigeons soon clearing the Island heading towards the channel. Winds were west southwest over the channel veering to a more south westerly direction over southern England. Visibility was exceptional at 15 miles in the channel. Our convoyers also reported they could clearly see in detail the Island of Alderney which is not normally possible. Early times published on the BICC website confirm the wind assistance, resulting in the high velocities recorded in the southeast of the country.



Wind flow map



View of Cherbourg

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

The Provisional Open winner, taking 1st South East Section were Mr & Mrs Hume of Rochford on 1915 over 202 miles. Rob and Paula told me this about their winning pigeon, 'The young bird winner was out of last year's winner, EL-TEL and a hen loaned to us by our good friends at Formula One Lofts, John Gladwin and John Cowlin. This is her first-year breeding, and she is out of Prince Rekkem x Dreamy. The winner was sent with his hen having just laid her first egg and it shocked me how keen he was on the return to the loft, he had a quick drink a tiny bit of Redband and then went straight onto the nest.'

2nd South East Section, 2nd Open was Darren Simmons of Mayland on 1897 over 209 miles. Darren races with his partner Kirstie from Love Shack Lofts. He said, 'First of all I would like to congratulate the winners of both races, the young bird and old bird, Robbie and Paula of Rochford and also Michael of Rochford who was a 2nd in the AA race. We all fly from the same club at Hullbridge, which

is a very competitive club and great to be a part of. I would also like to pay my respects to a friend who is no longer with us, Brian Foulis, who gave us the sire, which is a Stefan Lambrecht from the Artist, winner of 9 x 1st including 3x1st EDC. The dam is also a Stefan Lambrecht from Stormont Lofts, she is from the Lincia pigeons. And last, but by no means least, my partner Kirstie. Without having her by my side, none of this would've been possible. Thankyou.'

3rd South East Section, 3rd Open were T Sparks & P Dallas of Gravesend 1890 over 184 miles. Tommy and Pauline timed in both the young bird and AA race. They said that their young bird, 22D24597, is a youngster of the hen they timed in the AA race and she is a Frans Zwols cross.



Rob & Paula Hume



Darren Simmonds & Kirsty



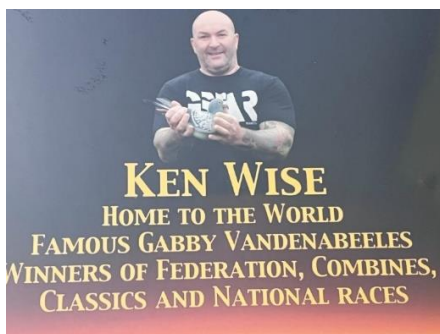
T Sparks & Pauline Dallas

The Provisional South Centre Section Winners

1st South Centre Section, 8th Open was Ken Wise of Iseworth on 1861 over 166 miles. Ken said, 'My first bird from the young bird National Guernsey that is 1st South Centre Section and provisionally 8th Open, is bred from a pair of Peter Fox Syndicate Lofts, De 104 GB22N 00104. The chequer cock's sire is DE104, and is a son of Propere Rik x Pixie. The dam of DE104 is a daughter of Propere 10 x Jean Genies. My second pigeon, I believe will be 2nd South Centre Section, provisionally 9th Open, is DE252. GB22N-00252 a pencil cock DE252 is bred direct from Mark Evans, formally known as M&D Evans, Myrtle Lofts from the Gaby Vandenabeele. The sire of DE252 is Lord Shadow x Davina and the dam is a Strong, from Bob de bat x Lady Lucas.'

2nd South Centre Section, 12th Open were Malik & Khan of Tolworth on 1838 over 162 miles. The partnership said, 'Firstly we would like to congratulate the winner Mr & Mrs Hume on a super performance. We had 3 arrive together, our first bird was from Young Buck bred by Buck & Martin De Kruijf from there PIPA pair, when he was paired to a daughter of our 2 National winners Ruby x National Ace. Our second arrival was from Peterson, a Hooymans bred from Peter x Zarella a Co bred Rik Hermans from Tipsey. And our third arrival was from Sébastien a Verkerk x Ruby 1st National Alencon, on the day we were 10 short of 25 sent.'

3rd South Centre Section, 14th Open was J May & Son of Gravesend on 1890 over 184 miles. The partnership couldn't provide any more information at the time of the report.



Ken Wise



Malik & Khan

The Provisional South West Section Winners

1st South West Section, 92nd Open were Lanaghan and Gerard of Poole on 1548 over 91 miles. Their first pigeon was a blue cock bred from John's 388 hen, paired to a cock bird bred for John by Tony Barrett.

2nd South West Section, 126th Open was Micrea Cioc of Shaftesbury on 1286 over 105 miles. Micrea said, 'I would like to congratulate all the winners. For us in our section it has been a testing day with the west wind. I have started to keep pigeons last year after building my loft myself with help from a friend. My loft is 15ft by 5f divided in 3 sections. One for widowhood cocks, one for young birds and one for 6 pairs of stock pigeons. Attached to the loft I got 5ft by 3ft section for the hens which are for the widowhood cocks.

Last year being my first year I had around 25 young birds which I raced in the local club. This year I started with 9 yearling widowhood cocks which I raced twice with the BICC. After 2 races with the BICC I end up with 7 cocks which I stopped for next year racing. They raced well in the BICC, winning 19th Section, 52nd and 110th Open. Due to the fact that the club I am member of decided to go north I couldn't race my yearling cocks and young birds this year, with them. The yearling cocks had 2 races with the BICC and the young birds have been trained and straight in the BICC. My pigeons are from my good friend Cosmin Talas from Oxford and one pair from Chris Gibson. I own children of Cosmin's best pigeons. I sent 7 grandchildren of Cosmin's double section winner, Sparky, in the combination with his good racer and breeder, Dinan, and all are home in the very testing day for us. My first pigeon and 2nd Section winner is from 2 pigeons bred by Cosmin Talas. Father is a son of Johnny, 1st Section, 5th Open National Saintes and the mother is a half-sister to Remy and Dark Gem, another 2 very good pigeons for Cosmin. The pigeons came in good condition, especially for me, as this is the first time for them in the race. I would like to thank John Halstead for all his support and help, also to Cosmin for his advice and pigeons. My focus is only on National races, as I want to fly against the best. With the right tools and advice, I managed to win 2nd Section in my first year of racing in the National. I work shifts and have a young family, so looking after the pigeons is not always easy.'

3rd South West Section, 138th Open was Leigh Sheppard of Bath on 974 over 132 miles. Leigh told me this, 'I timed a hen from Guernsey at weekend in what was a very tough race for our section, as expected. The chequer pied hen had won the club from Littlehampton the week before. On the sire's side is a granddaughter of Jos Thone Crow lines and Fyther, 1st National Agen Belgium 2013, Gaby V. On the dam's side is a double granddaughter of Chris Debacker's, of Belgium, top stock cock Nick, a great grandchild of Gaby v Bliksem. I sent 18 birds and only clocked 4 on the day and I'm very happy that 11 worked back in from the east the following day. They have all earned themselves a perch for next year now.'



Lanaghan and Gerard



Micrea Cioc and family

The Provisional North Centre Section Winners

1st North Centre Section, 57th Open was David Paine of St Neots on 1683 over 212 miles. Dave said, 'The bird I timed to win the section is also one of the 5 bird nom candidates, so will also win that. This hen has had one club race this year being second to the loft, taking 6th position in the club.'

She's joint bred from a cock bird owned by Ray Roberts which is a syndicate loft pigeon. The breeding is Little Big Man x Ariel with Foxy Lady bloodlines (sire). The dam is what I purchased this year from James Parker of Reading. She's a Stefaan Lambrecht with her bloodlines containing Saturn and Den05.'

2nd North Centre Section, 81st Open was John Black of Hitchen on 1597 over 200 miles. John said, 'Mike the bird I timed first from Guernsey is a chequer, J&K Jellema, hen showing out to a young cock, having her third race of the season. She is the same way bred as the bird that was 3rd Ace Young Bird North Sections in the BICC last year, I'd just like to thank J&K training for getting my birds fit and ready to race with 18 home from 20 on the day. Well done to all the section winners and the BICC for the condition of the birds when they came home.'

3rd North Centre Section, 84th Open was Kevin & Lauren Grace of Kneesworth on 1594 over 208 miles. Kevin told me, 'I would like to congratulate all the winners. We had another good little pigeon, bred out of the J and K Jelly Jellema. She is really coming into form this year and J and K training from 100 miles twice a week is absolutely fantastic. Thank you very much.'



David Paine



John Black



Kevin & Lauren Grace

The Provisional North East Section Winners

1st North East Section, 38th Open was David Fisher of Ipswich on 1741 over 240 miles. David Fisher said this, 'Well done to the winners and thanks to Jacqui and Terry and others at Ipswich and District Flying Club, for marking the birds, even though they have now switched north. I sent 6 young birds and timed them all in 26 minutes, so I was very pleased. My first bird was a blue chequer pied hen. Her sire was bred by Justin Rogers, a grandson of Eisenhower and the dam a granddaughter of Harry, purchased from Michael Symons and bred by Darren Ede, all are darkness young birds.'

2nd North East Section, 46th Open, was Jeremy Nicholson on 1717 over 237 miles. 'Well done to Dave Fisher who pipped me at the post in this close race in the NE section and thank you to Jacqui and Terry for running the marking station in Ipswich and all the others who helped mark on the day.' He continued, 'My first bird is a second-round youngster, so not in the darkened team, but she should have been. I entered her into the Thames and Eastern counties breeder buyer sale and when I bought her back, I forgot to put her in the with my darkies. But nevertheless, she was 7th provisionally in this race picking up £500.00! So, another thank you for the hard work that Rachael Bacon puts in, has the club secretary of the Thames. The details on my bird are: the sire of the hen is a Stickers Donkers x Patrick Beocx, GG-son to Sagan and her dam is a daughter from my top stock Van den Bulck's, Alert Red and Exceptional Miss. This pair are the sire and dam to most of my best racers. I only sent 4 and had 3 within the hour.'

3rd North East Section, 83rd Open, was Dennis & Elaine Ball of Eyke, Woodbridge on 1594 over 249 miles. Dennis said, 'We timed a, blue Vandenebelle cock, bred from JWP Macaloney stock. Well done to Dave Fisher on his 2nd Section win this season! I would like to thank Fred Cornwell and the team at Basildon Marking Station. A very proficient set up and excellent service, which is easily

accessible for NE Section flyers so hopefully we will see it re-established for all National and International races next season.'



David Fisher



Jeremy Nicholson



Dennis Ball

The Provisional North West Section Winners

1st North West Section, 131nd Open were Dave & Kyle Harris of Newport on 1231 over 225 miles. Dave told me this, 'I'm holding our North West Section winner in our picture and it is off some new additions to the loft. The father was purchased from Anthony Evans bereavement sale and is a Lambrecht via Brian Dearn bloodlines, the mother is on loan from Mick Lovelock of Shrewsbury, she is also of Lambrecht bloodlines via Owenson Brothers of Midlothian. Her sister was our fourth bird and we have three from the pair. They have all fled consistently through to one hundred and fifty miles, in the Bell (Tong) Flying Club in the Gloucester Federation. The brother will be sent to a later channel race. Our second, being held by Kyle, has the bloodlines of Ian and Dave Maddison of Hartlepool crossed into our own Evans and Walker based Soontjen family. This outcross seems to be working extremely well and we have several birds that have come well over this season from the Channel. This cock had only had two races up to one hundred and nine miles and was sitting at the time of the race, he was in really good feather and had only dropped two flights. All the young birds are trained hard up to ninety miles before the young bird racing season starts and then have one sixty mile toss each week. They have also been exercising well at home morning and night. All the young hens will be flown over the Channel and due to having a high percentage of cocks this year we have sent more of these than we would normally.'

2nd North West Section, 140th Open, was Tex Talbot on 959 over 225 miles. In his first season back Tex said, 'It's my first season back in the sport since I was 15, I'm now 30 years old. I've had birds from fanciers all over, but I had some birds that had to be rehomed from a fancier that passed away in Birmingham. I give them a chance and bred of them. One cock I took notice of, turned out to be a Van den Bulk and I paired it to a hen that also caught my eye, a Rudi De Saar. One of them is my section bird, GB22V70436, a blue w/f hen.'

3rd North West Section, 147th Open was Sebastian Szul on 331 over 221 miles. Sebastain couldn't provide any more information at the time of the report.



Tex Talbot



Dave & Kyle Harris

The Provisional Top Ten Open Positions:

1st Mr & Mrs R Hume of Rochford on 1915, 2nd Darren Simmons of Mayland on 1897, 3rd T Sparks & P Dallas of Gravesend on 1890, 4th M & D Allen of Hockley on 1890, 5th Lee Bastone of Burnham on 1887, 6th Freddie Hadley & Family of Leigh on Sea on 1871, 7th A Annis & Son of Wingham on 1866, 8th K Wise of Isleworth on 1861, 9th Tim Pierpoint of Sheerness on 1858, 10th Dave Bastone of Althorne on 1847.

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