

British International Championship Club



St Vincent International Provisional Race Report

16th July 2023

The BICC's fourth International race was held at St Vincent, where 216 UK birds joined a liberation of 9,533 pigeons. Each country sent the following: Belgium 2,853, The Netherlands 2,534, France 3,313, Germany 585 and Luxembourg sent 32. They were liberated at 7.00am UK time on Sunday 16th July, after a one-day holdover. The final International race will be from Elne, which is the replacement race for Perpignan, and will take place on 4th August, basketing 31st July.

This report is based on the top three members who timed birds in each section. This is because some excellent performances were put in by members who took the top two or three positions in their section. The report is also based on member's first bird verifications and the final result may differ.

The Provisional Open winner, taking 1st South Centre Section, 1st Open was Paul Basham of Bursledon on 1345 over 501 miles. Paul also took 2nd Section, 2nd Open. The delighted winner said, 'To say I am over the moon with our performances this past weekend would be a huge understatement. It's been very tough season for most of us and this has been a great way to finish our old bird season. To be 1st, 2nd and 9th Open BICC St Vincent, 1st Open CSCFC Bordeaux and 3rd Open BBC Bordeaux is very special. I knew our birds were on form, but to win two Nationals in the same weekend is mind blowing. It's a weekend I will never forget.

We sent a team of 5 to St Vincent, clocking 3 on the day to record 1st, 2nd and 9th Open. By around midday the following day I had all 5 home. So, for a little on their preparation and breeding. All birds are treated the same and if fit, they go! We had one pre-season training toss at 18 miles and the team all started racing north with the Solent Fed, 2 short races then turned south with the BICC in to Guernsey, Alencon, St Philbert and then Pau International. Our winning hen, Miss Alcaraz, missed Pau because she was not in the right nest condition, so went to Fougères with the CSCFC to keep her ticking over. She was then rested for two weeks and was entered into St Vincent.

The sire of Miss Alcaraz is bred by Geoff and Catherine Cooper from a double grandson of George who was 1st Grand National Tarbes amongst other top prizes and won 2 x Ace RPRAs. The dam was an excellent racing hen from my old family, from two birds gifted to me by Tony Cowan. This hen was down from Nadira X a son of Brian Longs' Lucas and are responsible for many winners.

The sire and dam of my second pigeon were bred by David Coward Talbot, whilst my third bird has previous form, scoring 2nd UK Open Pau International a few weeks ago. Only two birds recorded on the day into the UK. This hen is outstanding and will now be put to stock. Her sire is a son of Jelle Jellema's Jill, whilst her dam is the result of co breeding between Mark Gilbert x Hugo Battenburg from Hugo x Dght Lloyd X Miss New Laureeate. To finish I would like to say a big thank you to Geoff Cooper who is a great friend, a massive influence and always at the end of the phone. Thank you, Geoff!



Miss Alcaraz



Paul Basham



2nd Open Pau Nat and 9th Open St Vincent



Miss Alcaraz



2nd Open, Pau Nat and 9th Open St Vincent



2nd Open, 2nd South Centre Section

The Provisional South Centre Section Winners

3rd South Centre Section, 7th Open were Mr & Mrs Fear of Hayes on 1123 over 545 miles. Simon timed a chequer hen. The parents of his 3-year-old hen were purchased from the House of Aarden in 2018/2019 from their long-distance stock. The pedigrees of the parents prove their long-distance credentials.

4th South Centre Section, 8th Open were F Hall & Dtrs of Worthing on 1173 over 498 miles. Freddie said, 'My first pigeon taking 4th Section, is a 5-year-old widowhood cock, who was also my first timing from BICC Pau this year, taking 28th Open. He has been a consistent pigeon for us taking 6th Section, 20th Open BBC St Philbert, 11th Section, 47th Open BBC Tarbes, 23rd Open BBC St Philbert, 181st Open BICC St Philbert, 3rd Section, 32nd Open NFC St Philbert and 11th Section, 195th Open NFC Tarbes. His sire is a Carteus cock x Syndicate lofts chequer pied hen. Our second pigeon taking 6th Section, 12th Open is again a 5-year-old widowhood cock, who is also a very consistent pigeon. He was our second timing from BICC Pau this year, taking 40th Open, and was previously 11th BICC Agen. His sire is from Nigel Langstaff being of Euro Diamond and Etienne Mierlan lines x G/daughter of Geeloger from S Wilcox.'

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Dam's pedigree of Mr & Mrs Fear's bird

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Sire's pedigree of Mr & Mrs Fear's bird



Simon Fear



Freddie Hall & Dtrs, 5-year-old widowhood cock

The Provisional South East Section Winners

1st South East Section, 3rd Open was G M Preece & Son of Dover on 1296 over 533 miles. They also took 2nd and 3rd Section. Clayton said, 'In this race, we had two celibate cocks in front of our widowhood hens and cocks. Here's the breeding of our three days birds. Our first arrival: Jack Jones' grandson 50% Bernd Morsnowski 05.596/05.814/08.945 lines. Our second arrival: Raymund Hermes inbred Barcelona 05 (270) on the father's side and line bred to 270 on the mother's side. Jubilar on both sides of the pedigree. And our third: Father Bernd Morsnowski 05.814/08.945 lines. Mother Raymund Hermes hen linebred to 270. Can I say once again a thank you to the BICC team for all their hard work.'

4th South East Section, 20th Open were L & K Buddle of Dover on 897 over 530 miles. Lee reported, 'Our 4th Section bird is a 4-year-old cock flown on our widowhood chaos system. In preparation for St Vincent, he had 4 x inland races out to 130 miles, BICC Alencon 194 miles and 3 x more inland races before his final preparation race from BBC Messac at 267 miles. He has been fed all season on 2 different Vanrobaeys corns, Racing Exclusive 39 and Premium Power Non Stop 193. With a pinch of Sneaky Mix 27, after each feed. By 13:50 on day 2 we were lucky enough to time 5 of our 7 entries at a distance of 531 miles.

Our first bird is a full brother to Apollo, who won 1st Nat BICC, 34th INTERNATIONAL 15,530 birds from Pau/Bordeaux in 2022. He is a son of one of our top pigeon's Tom, himself a winner of 5th BICC St Vincent 531 miles in 2013, 6th BICC Perpignan 598 miles in 2016, 10th BICC Pau 545 miles in 2016, 15th BICC Pau 545 miles in 2014, 22nd BICC St Vincent 531 miles in 2014, 27th BICC St Vincent 531 miles in 2015, 30th BICC Pau 545 miles in 2013 and a BICC Certificate of Merit Award winner. Tom has also been a great breeder for us and others and is the G-sire of H&P Archibald's, The Proof, 1st Section, 2nd NFC Tarbes 2018 and 1st Section, 3rd NFC Tarbes 2017. The dam of Apollo is, The Cooper Hen, bred by G & C Cooper for stock purposes and carrying all the best lines of Farmer George, Pipa (Brockamp) etc. Can we say, a big well done to Paul Basham on his 1st and 2nd Open in this race, two great pigeons.'

5th South East Section, 21st Open were H & P Archibald of Dover on 894 over 530 miles. Now let's hear from H & P Archibald themselves, 'Hi Mike, can I start by congratulating Paul Basham on a

fantastic performance. My dark hen was my single entry, and she was 56th Open Pau International a few weeks ago. She is a full sister of The Proof, 2nd and 3rd Open Tarbes NFC and Mrs Jones, 6th, 8th, and 9th Open BICC, St Vincent. She had been raced unpaired this year and was paired up a few days before she was sent to St Vincent.'



G M Preece & Son



L & K Buddle



H & P Archibald

The Provisional South West Section Winners

1st South West Section, 4th Open were D & J Staddon of Ditcheat on 1273 over 520 miles. They also took 2nd Section. Dave reported, 'Mike, we have enjoyed another fantastic season with the BICC again in 2023 so far. 1st & 2nd Section Alencon, 2nd, 4th, 5th & 10th Section, 2nd, 5th, 7th & 12th Open St Philbert, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th Section, 3rd, 4th, 12th & 13th St Maixent Ecole, 1st Section, 26th Open Pau (sending 1). 1st Section, 56th Open Barcelona (sending 2) 1st & 2nd Section, 4th & 6th Open St Vincent. We have had a fantastic race from St Vincent International, despite possibly the worst liberation I have ever seen. I am sure the powers that be will make sure this doesn't happen again. We were absolutely over the moon to time 3 birds on the day at 520 miles and another 2 before 6am the next morning. Unfortunately, we went to have the clock read after timing the first two of our day birds, and after a genuine mistake on the reading of our Benzing clock a full race evaluation was taken rather than a temporary evaluation. This meant that although our later birds were recorded back at the loft, the race had effectively been closed and a print out of our 3rd, 4th and 5th pigeons could not be taken, only for our first two birds. It's just one of those things and an easy mistake to make when using a new system. At least our first two-timers still count. Timing pigeons on the day is what long-distance racing is all about and we are thrilled with our team performance, especially given the strength of the WSW in the later parts of the race. Well done to Paul Basham on his fantastic performance from St Vincent and Bordeaux and to all section winners from St Vincent and thank you to everyone who has contacted us with congratulations, it means a lot to both of us. Our section winner is a truly remarkable red cock called BRB. He is bred from a son of G & C Coopers Farm Boy when paired to a daughter of Mark Gilbert's Southfield Pau, 1st BICC Pau. This means he is 100% of the old Deweerdt lines. In 2022 he won 3rd Section G, 51st Open NFC Tarbes Grand National from 560 miles and 8 days later he was basketed for the BICC Perpignan International from 627 miles, where he won 1st West Section, 16th Open, winning the section by 3 clear days! In 2023, he was our single entry for the BICC Pau International 547 miles where he again won 3rd Section & 26th Open before being prepared for the St Vincent International, where he wins 1st West Section and 4th Open flying 520 miles in just under 12 hours on the day. Our second section winner is a yearling cock timed 5 minutes later, he is bred from our own race team the sire is a son of Champion Unbreakable and the dam was 3rd Sec G, 92nd Open Tarbes NFC and is from Little Gem & Legacy Lines. Our next three birds were all yearling cocks.'

3rd South West Section were G G Cooper & C.J Cooper of Peasedown St John on 1027 over 520 miles. 'First of all, congratulations to Paul Basham on winning 1st and 2nd in this race.' said Catherine. 'We were pleased to time a yearling hen, now called Lady Grafter, a daughter of Farm Grafter, a multiple national prize winner when he was paired to a sister to Lady of the Night. Lady Grafter arrived in the night to be 4th Section, 13th Open. Geoff was late getting up and didn't get her in until 04:42, but we could see on the security cameras that she was there when it was completely dark. She started the season racing widowhood and was sent to the race on a one-day old baby. Prior to this, she had flown the BICC National programme. This was a good way to end a very sad season...we had a much smaller team of birds to race this year as we had to use a lot of our race birds as breeders, to replace the ones stolen back in November. This has meant, we haven't been able to compete at our normal level. One of the best racers that we stopped racing and bred from was Farm Grafter, the sire of this hen. He scored from north and south, winning top national prizes, he will now stay in the breeding loft.'

4th South West Section were Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales of Writhlington on 916 over 531 miles. The two-year-old cock bird arrived at Treetops Loft, just before half past six the morning after the winning day and Clive & Jill were pleased and relieved to see him. The day before the weather had not been good with really heavy showers of rain and the odd rumble of thunder, certainly not conducive to good returns! The sire of this chequer cock was bred from a son of Southfield Hugo and the dam was a double grandchild of Orion, a very good and consistent race bird for Jelle Jellema. Prior to the BICC St Vincent race this pigeon had two inland races with the WOESRC, CSCFC Guernsey, BICC Alencon, St Philbert and BICC Pau. Where he was 8th Section, 73rd Open. So, he had plenty of miles under his belt prior to being sent! Fortunately, he was also their Greater Distance Single Bird Nomination and the first one to be timed in from the 13 entrants. Clive & Jill would like to congratulate Paul Basham on his fantastic race and say well done to Dave & John Staddon. Both lofts showed the way to do it in real style!



D & J Staddon



G G Cooper & C.J Cooper's yearling



Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales

The Provisional Top Twenty Open Positions:

1st Mr Paul Basham of Bursledon on 1345.630, 2nd Mr Paul Basham of Bursledon 1310.414, 3rd G M Preece & Son of Dover on 1296.424, 4th D & J Staddon of Ditcheat on 1273.971, 5th G M Preece & Son of Dover on 1268.650, 6th D & J Staddon of Ditcheat on 1264.212, 7th Mr & Mrs S Fear of Hayes on 1223.859, 8th F Hall & Dtrs. of Worthing on 1173.241, 9th Mr Paul Basham of Bursledon on 1118.997, 10th G M Preece & Son of Dover on 1112.758, 11th D & J Staddon on 1099.245, 12th F Hall & Dtrs of Worthing on 1095.548, 13th G G Cooper & C.J Cooper of Peasedown St John on 1027.544, 14th Alin Morosanu of Kingsbury on 994.892, 15th Toto Buzi of Harefield on 952.168, 16th M Adochita of Queensbury on 950.181, 17th D & J Staddon on 938.953, 18th D & J Staddon 926.808, 19th Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Writhlington on 916.624, 20th L & K Buddle of Dover on 897.727.

This is the provisional list; it includes all D&J Staddon's birds.

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