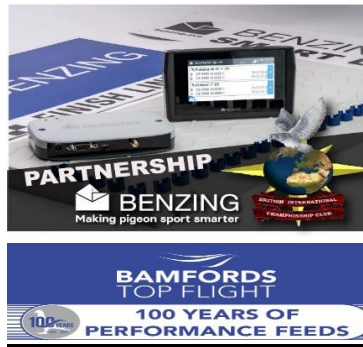


# British International Championship Club



## Perpignan (Tuchan) International Provisional Race Report

5<sup>th</sup> August 2024

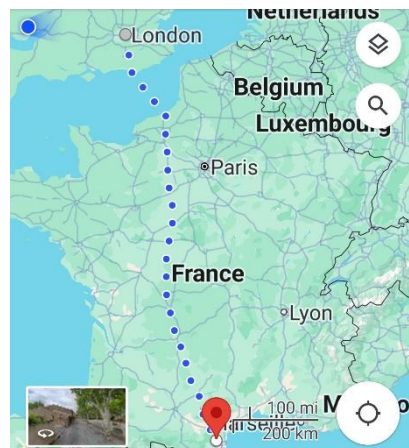
In 2023 the Perpignan race took place on 7<sup>th</sup> August, following a 3-day holdover and the birds were moved to Elné. The story was a similar one this year. The liberation point was changed to a place called Tuchan and the birds were again held over for 3 days. This year they were liberated on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00am.

A total of 14,148 birds were banded from the six countries competing. With France sending 4,041, Netherlands 4,363, Luxembourg 23, Germany 665, Belgium 4,848 and 210 pigeons from the UK, sent by the BICC.

Each Section sent the following: In the South Centre Section, 16 members sent 89 birds, South East 18 members sent 144, South West 2 sent 5 and in the North Centre 1 member sent 2 birds. In total 40 members sent the 210 birds to compete in the final International of the season.



The Perpignan marking team



The route from Tuchan to London

**The Provisional Open and 1<sup>st</sup> South Centre Section winner was Mark Gilbert of Winkfield, Windsor over 612 miles on 895. Mark was also 7<sup>th</sup> Open & 10<sup>th</sup> Open, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> South Centre Section on 806 & 760.** Perpignan (Tuchan) was the final old bird race of the season and as has been the way with all Channel racing this year, this was another tough race. Due to the weather conditions, we did not think that there would be day birds, but we did keep one eye on the loft Monday night just in case - as you never know with pigeons, they can surprise you.

There were no day pigeons, so it was a 5am start at the loft Tuesday morning. The weather started off nice in the morning and we even had blue sky and sunshine for a while, but that soon turned to full cloud cover and then rain for a lot of the day. We sent 12 pigeons which consisted of 3 pigeons that already went to the Pau/Tarbes this season and 9 that had been to Barcelona a month ago. We were confident in their ability but wondered what Barcelona would have taken out of them.

At 9.20am our blue hen, Two Nine One, came out of the east to provisionally win 1<sup>st</sup> National flying the 612-mile course with a velocity of 895yph. This hen was also 2<sup>nd</sup> Section, 4<sup>th</sup> National BICC Perpignan last year. She seems to like this race point. She was due to go to Barcelona, but we missed sending her and so she went to the Tarbes NFC instead, where she was our sixth pigeon, scoring 11<sup>th</sup> Section, 53<sup>rd</sup> National. Incidentally she had the Tarbes NFC last year before Perpignan and scored 14<sup>th</sup> Section, 46<sup>th</sup> National. Her father is, Kanibaal Barcelona, 1<sup>st</sup> Province 2500b, 4<sup>th</sup> International Barcelona 25,750b 2010 and 26<sup>th</sup> International Perpignan 16,921b 2012. Her mother is a double granddaughter of Golden Barcelona the 2014 Gold Wing winner from Barcelona and father of Southfield Hugo, Southfield Gold Lady and grandfather of Southfield Gold.

We clocked another 4 pigeons during the day at 11.33, 12.53, 19.13 and 20.22 and so the overall team performance stood at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Section and 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> National.

Our second on the clock is a special hen and she has pulled out all the stops this year. She returned at 11.33 to score 2<sup>nd</sup> Section, 7<sup>th</sup> National but she also won the Greater Distance Single Bird NFC as she was our nomination. This is not her only good performance this year, as last month she was 1<sup>st</sup> Section, 1<sup>st</sup> Open BBC Barcelona and 2<sup>nd</sup> Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> National BICC Barcelona, 698 miles. She is from a son of Kees Droog's Blue Champion x Rozalynn paired to a daughter of Jelle's Jack & Dafne.

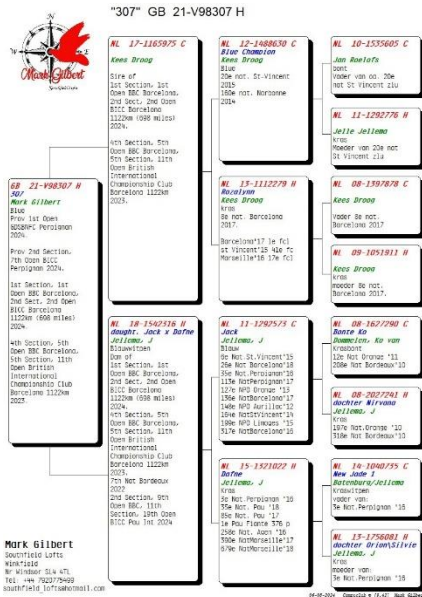
The rest were as follows: Third - 4<sup>th</sup> section, 10<sup>th</sup> National, from a son of New Laureaat, 1<sup>st</sup> International Barcelona and a daughter of Golden Barcelona. Last month scored 8<sup>th</sup> Section, 13<sup>th</sup> Open BBC Barcelona, 14<sup>th</sup> Section, 22<sup>nd</sup> National BICC Barcelona. Fourth - 7<sup>th</sup> section, 21<sup>st</sup> National. A grandchild of Southfield Iron Man, 1<sup>st</sup> National BICC Perpignan 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> National BICC Marseille 2018, 7<sup>th</sup> National BICC Palamos 2018 x Southfield Dark Star, 1<sup>st</sup> National BICC St Vincent and also a grandchild of Golden Barcelona. Last month scored 4<sup>th</sup> section, 6<sup>th</sup> Open BBC Barcelona and 5<sup>th</sup> section, 9<sup>th</sup> National BICC Barcelona. Fifth - 8<sup>th</sup> section, 23<sup>rd</sup> National. Father is Southfield King, 1<sup>st</sup> Grand National NFC Pau 2020 paired to a daughter of Lloyd, 1<sup>st</sup> International Barcelona 2018. Last month scored 5<sup>th</sup> section, 7<sup>th</sup> Open BBC Barcelona and 7<sup>th</sup> section, 12<sup>th</sup> National BICC Barcelona. We timed two more arrivals and had 7 from 12 home.



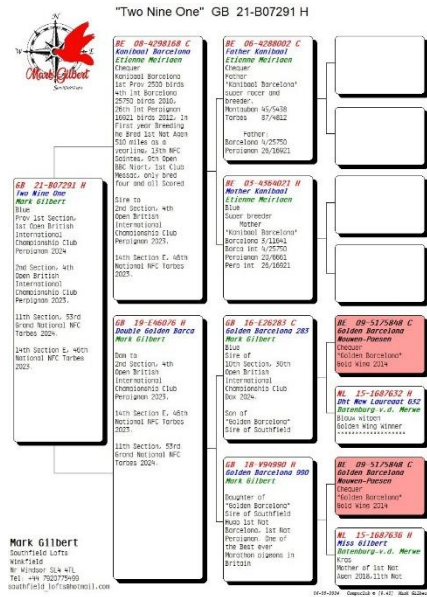
Mark Gilbert



The National winning hen



Pedigree of their special hen the year



Pedigree of Two-Nine-One

**2<sup>nd</sup> Open, 3<sup>rd</sup> Open & 4<sup>th</sup> Open, 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> South East Section, were G M Preece & Son of Dover over 576 miles on 892, 877 & 867. The partnership was also 8<sup>th</sup> Open and timed a fantastic 17 birds in race time.**

The details of their first 3 birds are:  
 2<sup>nd</sup> National - GB 21 D 04157 widowhood cock,  
 5<sup>th</sup> National St. Vincent 2023(on the day) 8<sup>th</sup> National Barcelona 2024. 100% Raymund Hermes bloodline, inbred to Barcelona 05 (270) on the father's side. Barcelona 05 (270) on the mother's side as well. Jubilar on both sides of the pedigree. Very similar breeding to our Jubilee Barcelona, 1<sup>st</sup> National Barcelona 2022.

3<sup>rd</sup> National - GB 22 D 25135 lesbian hen sitting 7-day old eggs, this year she was sent to Pau arriving in 79<sup>th</sup> position and then flown off the loft until Perpignan. Her sire was a good solid performance cock for us, himself being a grandson of Bernd Morsnowski's, De Blauwe 212. Her mother is inbred to our 168 breeding hen (Wiggins half-sister) 22.135 is also a granddaughter to our first arrival from Perpignan 2021 (06:30am day 2).

4<sup>th</sup> National - GB 21 D 04122 raced to his box all year not allowing any pigeons near (even the females) this year he has already been 27<sup>th</sup> National Barcelona 2024 and was full of himself after arriving from both races this year. His father is a direct Detlef Devers pigeon 50% Bernd Morsnowski blood. The mother is a direct Raymund Hermes, great-granddaughter to the 270 Golden Barcelona.



Geoff & Clayton Preece





Pedigree of 2<sup>nd</sup> National



Pedigree of 3<sup>rd</sup> National

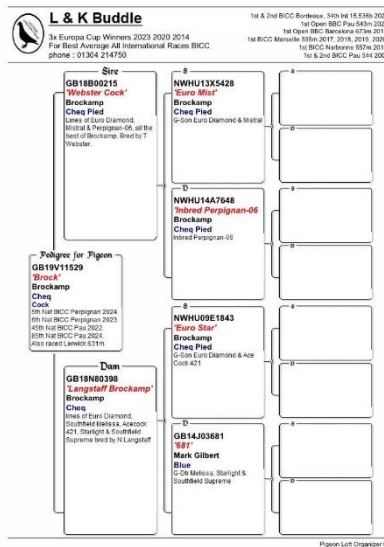


Pedigree of 4<sup>th</sup> National

**5<sup>th</sup> Open, 4<sup>th</sup> South East Section, L & K Buddle of Dover over 563 miles on 853.** The partnership timed a 5-year-old cock, now called, Brock. He has been flown on our Widowhood Chaos System all season long. He has had the following races this year: 3 x inland to 130 miles, BICC Alencon 194 miles, BICC St Philbert 267 miles and the BICC Pau International 545 miles where he was also within the prize result. 3 x 65-mile trainers were given in the last 2 weeks before BICC Perpignan marking. He is from the best Brockamp bloodlines like Euro Diamond & Perpignan-06 with the sire coming from Tim Webster with the dam from Nigel Langstaff.



Lee & Kevin Buddle



Pedigree of 5<sup>th</sup> National bird

**6<sup>th</sup> Open, 5<sup>th</sup> South East Section was Spencer & Sarah Nicholson racing as J Nicholson & Son of Rochester over 571 miles on 831.** They clocked their 5-year-old red hen, sent feeding a small youngster. She was 22<sup>nd</sup> Open Pau earlier in the season and has flown 6 international races in the last 3 seasons. She is a half-sister to their second bird in this race and contains all the old Nicholson bloodlines. Their second bird was an 8-year-old hen, who is provisionally 31<sup>st</sup> Open Perpignan, was also 21<sup>st</sup> Open Pau earlier in the season and has been a previous section winner from Pau.



The lofts' 8-year-old hen



The 5-year-old red hen

**9<sup>th</sup> Open, 3<sup>rd</sup> South Centre Section was Mannor Lofts of Southampton over 589 miles on 783.**

Firstly, we would like to congratulate Mark Gilbert on winning a difficult race, especially as he wasn't in the most favourable position. Our provisional 9<sup>th</sup> Open, 3<sup>rd</sup> CS Section bird from Perpignan is a 3-year-old hen who was on her first babies of the year, being sent on 2-day old youngsters. She was also our first bird from BICC Pau as well, being 57<sup>th</sup> Open.

Her breeding is just what you need for these kinds of races. Her sire was bred by Mark Gilbert and is a grandson of New Laureaat and Zwart Goud, Silvie is also very prominent in her sire's side. The dam was bred by Roger Philips from Guernsey and is inbred to New Laureaat and Kleine Jade.

As a young bird this hen had one race on the North Road from Ilkeston 150 miles and took 10 days to return home. As a yearling on her first trip across the Channel from Guernsey she was missing for 19 days with no more racing that season. As a two-year-old, she became much more reliable arriving on the second day from BICC St Vincent 504 miles. Unfortunately, we had the clock struck off at lunchtime, so her arrival wasn't registered. We have had a difficult year, so this has given us a nice lift.



The Mannor Lofts' hen

And that concludes the International races, but with two young bird and old bird races from Guernsey and Fourgeres, and of course the Breeder/Buyer to come, it's still to play for. Until then, good luck, good flying and may the line of flight be with you.

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