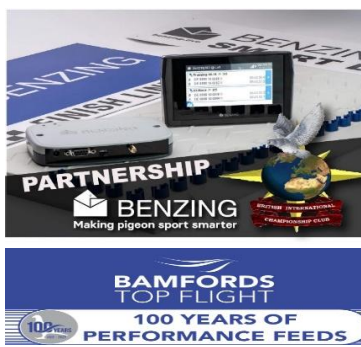


British International Championship Club



Nort-sur-Erdre Provisional Race Report

25th May 2025

Provisional Open Winner

1st South East Section

D Wilton & Son of Chadwell St Mary

Nort-sur-Erdre is about 17 miles north west of Nantes, making it a slightly shorter race than the old Nantes race point. It was the destination of the second BICC National of the season, which saw the convoy of 3,784 birds sent by 325 members being liberated at 10.15am on Sunday 25th May after a one-day holdover.

Each Section sent the following: South Centre, 154 members sent 1,756 birds, South East 81 members sent 1,179, South West 42 sent 406, North Centre 18 sent 241, North East 19 sent 136 and in the North West 10 members sent 66 birds.

Thanks go to Terry Peart for providing photographs and to Mircea Cioc for his sponsored photograph of the winning bird. This is much appreciated.

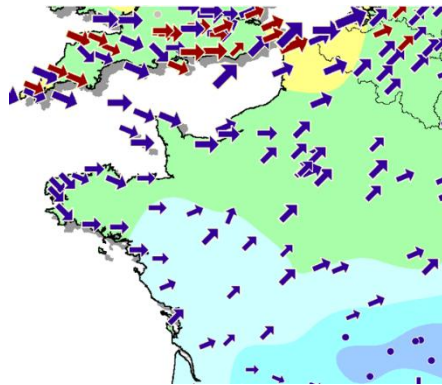
This report is based on member's first bird verifications and the final result may differ.

The weather/race report

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

After a one day hold on Saturday the weather for Sunday was also problematic. A weather front positioned over northern France prevented an early liberation. This front was forecast to move away south eastwards which proved to be the case as at 10: 15 the BICC convoy was liberated under clear blue skies. The convoyers reported that the winds on site were fresh from the west. Despite the conditions the birds cleared immediately. A clear flight path with a few isolated showers that consisted

of mainly broken cloud and sunny intervals. The westerly winds overall were quite strong especially over the Channel where blustery gusts exceeded 20 mph. Some great performances were achieved fighting the windy conditions.



Wind Flow Map

The Provisional Open winner, taking 1st South East Section were D Wilton & Son of Chadwell St Mary over 291 miles on 1459.919. Robbie and Andrew Wilton took the provisional 1st National with a yearling cock. He is a great grandson of van Ouwerkerk Dekkers' Poco Barcelona, and he was bred by Duncan Goodchild before he left the sport last year. Duncan bred us a kit of youngsters to race and we only trained him last year and started racing him this year. The plan was to give him some education to get him through to next year, to hopefully be able to send him to one of the longer races as a two-year-old. So, we were surprised when he turned up out in front and are delighted to win the National. Can we thank Duncan for breeding the kit of youngsters and to the BICC and convoyers for looking after the birds at this race.



National winner for Robbie and Andrew Wilton

The Provisional South East Section Winners

2nd South East Section, 3rd Open were D & K Simmons of Mayland over 310 miles on 1456.286. It was a tough race for them all. Our winner was a little red hen GB24 N26208 called Love shack's Red Dream, said Darren and Kristie. We bred her out of 2 Lambrechts that we got from Stormont Lofts. Her nest mate brother was our third pigeon back. She has done nothing this season, but somehow, she was fantastic in this race. Could we also say well done to team Wilton and Andrew Hitchcock for their fantastic performances.

3rd South East Section, 4th Open was Bob Wija of Colchester over 323 miles on 1449.842. Bob bred his widowhood cock, who has proved very consistent. His sire was a winner from the stock of Leo Heremans and came from Premier Stud in 2012. Since getting these birds, I have never looked back, and I am building a very strong consistent family. I race in the Colchester Invitation Club that is very strong and competitive. I only race 30 widowhood cocks and feed Vanrobaeys.



Darren and Kristie Simmons



Bob Wija

The Provisional South Centre Section Winners

1st South Centre Section, 2nd Open was A Hitchcock of Old Windsor over 281 miles on 1459.444.

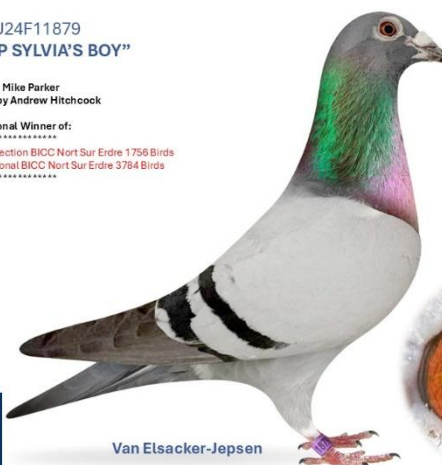
Andrew Hitchcock secured the provisional 1st South Centre Section and 2nd Open BICC National over the challenging distance of 281 miles with a speed of 1459.444. He timed a yearling Van Elsacker cock bird, bred by Mike Parker of Maesteg. Mike has been a great friend and mentor, always offering invaluable advice and support. The sire of the winning pigeon is Dynamo, a distinguished breeder with an impressive breeding record, including 1st club, 1st section Newbury, 1st Club, 21st Fed Epsom, 1st Maesteg and Dist 2 bird Maidstone, 1st Club Epsom, 1st Club Epsom, 1st Club, 5th Fed Swindon, 3rd Club Ramsgate, 2nd Club, 9th Fed Epsom, 3rd Club, 12th Fed Newbury and numerous other club and federation positions.

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"HRP SYLVIA'S BOY"

Bred by Mike Parker
Raced by Andrew Hitchcock

Provisional Winner of:

1st CS Section BICC Nort Sur Endre 1756 Birds
2nd National BICC Nort Sur Endre 3784 Birds



Van Elsacker-Jepsen

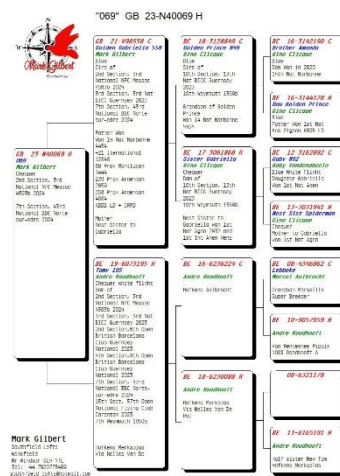


Dynamo hails from the esteemed lines of, Ribery, Bamsike, Rudy Son, Valerie, Phantom and Trien. The dam, Hatty's Girl, also boasts an impressive lineage, including Speedy's Son, Fideel Hatrick 111, Speedy Gonzales, Late Naymer, Fideel 384 and Hatrick 306.

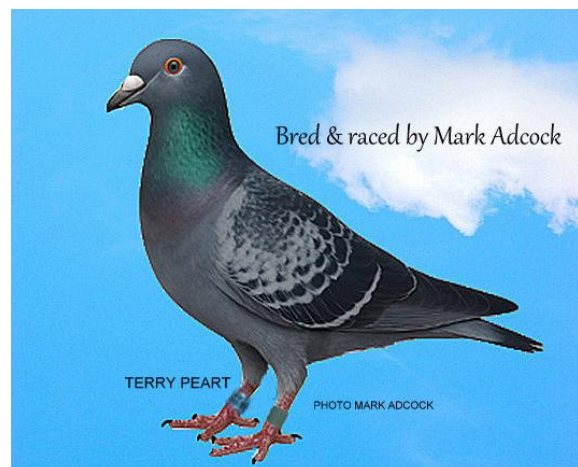
The small old bird team, consisting of 16 birds, is flown on widowhood for the early part of the season and then paired for the longer races. The race team was fed a combination of Beyers Feed and Supplements as well as Naturaline, and Orego Stim. Congratulations to D Wilton & Son on winning 1st National BICC Nort Sur Erdre.

2nd South Centre Section, 6th Open was Mark Gilbert of Winkfield over 279 miles on 1434.116. Mark's timer has previously won 2nd Section, 3rd National NFC Messac 4,563b 2024, 7th Section, 43rd National BICC Nort-sur-Erdre 2024 and 2nd Federation Weymouth 1866b 2024, beaten by a loft mate. This 2-year-old blue chequer hen is from a Gino Clicque x Andre Roodhoft pairing. The sire is from a grandson of Golden Prince, 1st Nat Ace KBDB LD 2014 who won 14th National 4454b, 21st International Narbonne 12,848b and he was paired to a nest sister of Gabriella who won 1st National 2932b, 9th International Agen 9,043b, 1st International Hens 2011b Agen. The dam is Tomy 195 an Andre Roodhoft hen, that won 5 prizes in 6 Nationals, with the highest being 28th National Bourges 22,502b 2020. She has bred us some good birds so far which include 3rd, 3rd, 6th, and 8th National and now another 6th National to add to her tally.

3rd South Centre Section, 7th Open was M Adcock of Croydon over 280 miles on 1432.994. Mark reported that GB 21 N44312, his good cock bird, has won at club level plus 4th Fed, 20th Combine Penzance 2312 birds, 8th, 9th, 14th, 16th Fed plus 45th BICC Guernsey from 695 birds.



Pedigree of Mark's bird



Mark Adcock's cock bird

The Provisional South West Section Winners

1st South West Section, 100th Open were C & J Howse of Devizes over 269 miles on 1294.145. We are really pleased to be provisional first west section. Our first bird a blue hen was bred by our good friends the Kenny Family. Her breeding is their Vandabeele family when paired to a daughter of the great distance hen Izzy. She was sent to this race in preparation for Pau, we hope! We also had our good five-year-old cock ten minutes later which looks like taking second section. Last year he won two sections including one from the BICC. All the birds returned in excellent condition, we had three on the day and the other two early next morning. All birds are raced on the chaos system and fed on Versa Laga corn with Staddon's Chaos Mix added. Congratulations to all the winners.

2nd South West Section, 158th Open were G Treharne & Son of Nantyglo over 309 miles on 1214.931. Our bird is a three-year-old blue cock bird, which is raced on the roundabout system. He is bred from a son of Alan's Lad, the Saintes National winner, when paired to our BICC Poitiers winner. The dam is an Eijerkamp van Loon Jansen bred from our son of Abel, when he was paired to Lady Kain our Messac National winner. Prior to this race he had 4 inland races and Alencon with the BICC. He arrived in

excellent condition as did the rest of our arrivals. Many congratulations to the Open and Section winners.

3rd South West Section, 165th open were Preece Bros & Lovell of Abertillery over 306 miles on 1208.026. First, we would like to congratulate the winner of the race and all the Section winners. Our timer in this race was a 2-year-old blue roundabout cock having his second Channel race of the season. He is a cross of our old Lefabre/Dhaenen Channel family with Clayton Bros & Lovell's. His sire, Nemisis, is also a sire to 1st WSR National Potiers. Nemisis is the son of two of our best ever Bergerac pigeons, Mottle and Classy Lady. His dam is Champion Llandi, a double Welsh National winner for Clayton Bros & Lovell. We sent a strong team and had 36 out of 47 by early next morning. Considering the strong blustery west wind we were pleased with our returns.



Chris Howse



Stuart Treharne's blue cock
bird



Preece Bros & Lovell's blue
cock bird

The Provisional North Centre Section Winners

1st North Centre Section, 85th Open was Mircea Liviu Dehelean of Wellingborough over 337 miles on 1303.080. The mother is 100% Magirescu & Ojog & Dorneanu, a well-known champion of Romania. Winner of 1st World Best Pigeon in 2021, in the super marathon category. She was also timed every year at the top of the Romanian National podium. The father is bred by my good friend Dan Nitoiu and is a cross between Marc Pollin and Jan Polder. The cock was raced on the widowhood/roundabout system. I want to thank my wife and my daughter who have made this possible. They train and feed the birds all week when I am away. Also, thank you to the BICC convoyer, because the birds came back in very good condition.

2nd North Centre Section, 87th Open was L A Smith of Wellingborough over 340 miles on 1302.460. The pigeon I timed in to take 2nd Section is one of my trusted Stephen Van Breeman x Matt Rakes strains reported Andy. I would like to congratulate Mircea, my club mate, on his 1st Section win.

3rd North Centre Section, 89th Open was John Black of Hitchin over 321 miles on 1298.996. My first bird is a yearling roundabout blue cock, having his second Channel race of the season. His sire is a grandson of Favorit, on one side, and Cleopatra, on the other. Both are Nouwen Passen from Guy Reed. The dam is Maggie, a granddaughter of New Laureaut, on one side, and a grandson of Euro Diamond on other, from Guy Reed Isle of Wight. A big thank you to Guy. Returns where not too bad, with eleven from the twelve sent. Well done to Robbie Wilton and son and all the section winners.



Mircea Liviu Dehelean's bird



Andy Smith



John Black

The Provisional North East Section Winners

1st North East Section, 41st Open was Dave Downing of Newmarket over 342 miles on 1363.589. Dave once again just topped the NE section in a very tight finish just pipping Dennis Ball from Ipswich. In what was a surprisingly hard race in the strong west wind Dave timed a 3-year-old Kruger x Hooymans cock flown on traditional widowhood. This cock was making his 5th Channel crossing and although not scoring previously, had been consistent and went to the race as one of Dave's fancied entries. His sire is Dave's best ever Hardy Kruger racing cock. Now retired to the stock loft, he scored seven firsts and multiple positions including 1st Anglian Classic Club and has won over £1,000 in prize and pool monies. The dam is a Kruger x Hooymans bred from a grandson of Jan Hoylmans Harry, when paired to a granddaughter of Hardy Kruger's, Black Power.

2nd North East Section, 42nd Open, was Dennis Ball of Eyke, Woodbridge over 348 miles on 1362.951. Firstly, congratulations to the Wilton family for their well-deserved win and to Dave Downing again winning our Section. And indeed, to all the prize winners. My pigeon was a yearling cock bred down from Vandenabeeles, obtained a few years back from Jimmy Jackson of Viking Lofts. His first time over and flying 348 miles to hatching babes. Thank you to all my helpers at the Colchester marking station, you are doing a superb job.

3rd North East Section, 48th Open was Kelvin Sharman of Syleham over 361 miles on 1356.601. Kelvin timed GB212B09592 at 18:3:54 to take third section.



Dave Downing's cheq cock bird



Dennis Ball

The Provisional North West Section Winners

1st North West Section, 189th Open was Martin Williams of Hereford over 321 miles on 1168.684. Firstly, congratulations to D Wilton & Son on their win. My hen is off my old family x Sablon, which has been an excellent line for me. She was 2nd Section from Alencon this year, only to be beaten by her full sister. Last year she was 3rd Section from St Philbert, again with the BICC. Another full sister to my best National pigeon, winning numerous Section wins. She was raced on the roundabout system.

A special mention must go to the convoy, as the birds were in excellent condition on their return and I had 10 out of 14 on the day.

2nd North West Section, 197th Open, were Booth & Roper of Tewkesbury over 317 miles on 1153.634.

Trevor and John took provisionally 2nd Section, clocking a blue chequer widowhood cock. This pigeon has plenty of miles on his clock but has not been in the forefront of their minds and almost gone unnoticed in the loft until recently. He was hawked last year but has obviously made a good recovery and become an honest bird. The aim is to target him in the upcoming longer races this season. He is bred from their family based on Jan Aarden lines, very closely related to Sportsview Amy, 5th Open Tarbes among her achievements. This was a tough race for the birds with the strong winds, but they clocked 3 of the 4 entrants in 19 minutes. They would like to congratulate the open winner and Martin Williams for winning the section. They would also like to thank the marking station at Steventon for their sterling work and dedication.

3rd North West Section, 208th Open was John Rodway of Rushwick over 329 miles on 1140.140.

My bird was a blue chequer two-year-old cock, sent unpaired as his hen was lost recently to a bird of prey. He has been a steady performer and was my third bird BICC Alecon a fortnight earlier. The race turned in to a hard fly for the NW section members with a very strong WNW wind. My returns on the day were four out of nine. Many thanks to Mick Howard and Richard Pugh for taking my birds to Steventon marking station.



Martin Williams



Booth & Roper



John Rodway

The Provisional Top Ten Open Positions:

1st D Wilton & Son of Chadwell St Mary on 1459.919, 2nd A Hitchcock of Old Windsor on 1459.444, 3rd D & K Simmons of Mayland on 1456.286, 4th Bob Wija of Colchester on 1449.842, 5th Mark Bulled of Harlow on 1439.525, 6th M Gilbert of Winkfield on 1434.116, 7th M Adcock of Croydon on 1432.994, 8th Traian F Ferentz of Romford on 1427.786, 9th M Chaplin of Woking on 1419.200, 10th A & D Steer of Westerham on 1416.859.

Next Race

The next race from St Philbert, is a joint race between the BICC, BBC and CSCFC. Marking will take place on Thursday 5th June for a Saturday 7th liberation. Members of any two or three clubs can cross nominate for £1.50 per bird on top of the £4.50 race entry fee.

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