

Fougeres 1 National

1st Open 1st Section A Paul Basham from Southampton With “Shazam”

The forecast on the Thursday and Friday didn't look too promising for the liberation on Saturday but after a heavy night of rain on Friday in Fougeres, at 7am on Saturday morning the sun was shining and there were clear blue skies. After speaking with Roger to find out the conditions in the channel and the UK, Nigel liberated just over 2,000 birds at 8.05am in to a North North West wind. Thank you to our merry band of volunteers at the marking stations for all your help.

All positions are provisional until the paperwork has been checked.



Paul Basham

Many congratulations to **Paul Basham from Southampton 1st Open 1st Section A**. To say I was surprised to hear Clare's voice on the end of the phone Saturday afternoon is an understatement. Initially, I thought there might be a problem with my verification!! To hear the words “You have won the BBC”

literally blew me away!

Our winning bird is a two year old blue widowhood cock named 'Shazam' by my son Jake. Shazam is bred down from Brian Long stock on the sire's side, the dam being a full sister to 'Mister B' who scored 1st Section, 2nd Open CSCFC Bergerac bred from birds my dad and I bought from Brian Bolton, who at that time had the best of the Planet Bros Van Loons.

Shazam was only raced inland as a young bird, then through the Southampton South Road Fed programme as a yearling and entered into the NFC Sigogne where he was my third arrival scoring 63rd Section B.

This was Shazam's third race of the 2019 season, his first being from Brighton where he was one of six arriving at the loft together to take the first six in the club, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Fed. His second race was Falaise with the BICC, then a week off and into the BBC to win 1st Open!

Our returns were good having 7 out of 10 on the day and two more first thing Sunday morning. Thanks to the organisers and congratulations to the Section Winners.



Shazam

2nd Open 2nd Section A is Mr & Mrs Mark Hancock from Winchester. Firstly, I would like to congratulate Paul Basham, Bish,Bosh,Bash !! Well done mate.

I would also like to thank Clare and all the BBC team, I had 100% return.

My first pigeon home was bred from double Grandson of the legendary Harry, bought at Epson show from JPS Lofts and dam Grandaughter Bart Grinx Gladiator bought at Blackpool show.

She wasn't raced as a youngster or trained, she is still carrying 3 nest flights, had 2 races to Kingsdown this year and it was the first time over the water on Saturday in the BBC.

I sent 6 to the race,all unpaired hens,flirting around the loft.

I started racing pigeons at the age of 14, raced North & South road over the years with moderate success. I took a break from racing 2004 - 2015 due to work commitments but I now have a bit more time to spend since restarting and have invested in some top quality pigeons which has paid off.

I believe in no fad racing, all pigeons kept together, old and young. I exercise them regularly, they are worked & raced hard, all pretty simple, no medicines.

Stock birds are housed at home away from the racing loft, I have 15 pairs of stock birds and these are the only pigeons that I breed from.



Mark Hancock and Grandchildren

3rd & 4th Open is Buddy Shipp from Portsmouth. The two blue hens I timed are 2 year old sisters, both Bosua from my good cock that won the BBC twice. One of the hen's won the pools in the Premier Club the week before and looks like she has won the single nom in the clock station. Well done to the winner.



Lily Shipp with Young Buddy

1st & 2nd Section D 5th & 6th Open is Mark Gilbert from Windsor. I had two birds drop together. The first on the clock was a cock bred by Nigel Langstaff from a son of Vandenabeele's "Loverboy" and the mother was from my Saintes National Winner "Champ" when paired to a daughter of "Harry". The second bird was a hen from a son Of "New Laureaat" 1st International Barcelona when paired to a daughter of "Starlight" 2nd International Tarbes.



Mark Gilbert

7th Open George Willett & Son from Portsmouth. First of all congratulations to Paul Basham for winning.

The hen of mine is a pure Vandenabeele hen bred by my good friend Steve Vaizey of Fareham, she is a previous winner of 3 club races in the Milton HS and she started pairing up with a young cock prior to this race.



George Willett

1st Section C 8th Open Martin Williams from Hereford. Firstly I would like to pass on my congratulations to Paul Basham and all the other Section Winners.

My report on my first bird carries on from the similar report of the first bird I had in CSCFC race last week. Another 2 year old Roundabout hen, this was also a spare hen who was shut up last year. She raced a full programme as a young bird. Her breeding is my Jan Huybregts x Les Green Merlin line. With similar wind to last week, my club birds doing 46 mph from Kingsdown in the morning, I thought I would get a bird doing 43 mph, but the wind got stronger later. She dropped in on a slightly South East direction, and trapped well to her waiting cock bird. Is this possibly a lesson not to work yearlings too hard? Many thanks to the convoyer, having 7 out of 8 birds on the day and the eighth on Sunday.



Martin Williams



Dennis Baker

9th Open 3rd Section D is Dennis Baker from Maidenhead. The bird is a 2 year old cock flown on the roundabout system on his first time over channel from Harry/Delight blood from Roger Lowe. As a yearling this bird smashed itself up and has a scar down its neck so through injury it never got to go over the water. A yearling brother of his won the Club on same day from Carentan so a very promising line of birds getting 25/26 on the day.

10th Open Ted & Brenda Woodhouse from Stofold. Our first pigeon is a Hereman Ceuster blue hen down from John Dixon of Spalding. She flies on the widowhood system and has been very consistent in the Club races and has a few good results.



Ted Woodhouse

2nd Section C Chris & Jane Howse from Devizes. We were pleased to time our yearling widowhood cock, on his fifth race of the season and its first channel race.

His Sire is a brother to our NFC Merit Winner always kept for stock and already a sire of 29th Open NFC. The dam is a grand daughter of Brian Shepherd's 2nd Open Dax International and Crowley and Greens Brimstone also 2nd Open Dax International also first CSCFC Bergerac.

We would like to congratulate the winner and all other winners, also the convoyers as all birds returned in great condition! We have 17/19 of our entries home.



Chris & Jane Howse cock bird

1st Section B Nick & Christine Smith from Salisbury. First I would like to congratulate the winner P Basham.

Our Section Winner is a 3 year old widowhood cock. The parents were bought direct from Mark Gilbert. The sire is a grandson of Golden Gaby and the dam is a full sister to his 2011 Saintes National winner. We enjoyed a good race with 10 birds sent and ten birds home.



Nick Smith

2nd Section B Tony Cottrell of Cottrell, Richmond & Son from Wimborne. GB16R33813 “LUCKY 13” Pencil Blue Bar White Flight.

His sire GB10N19597 off Mel & Sue King’s Vandenabeeles stock. His dam GB05N54155 bred by Dave Vowles of Street, Somerset off his R & M Venners. She flew Pau/ Tarbes 5 times in the first 100 twice a great racer for me and Ollie.

He was sent sitting a two day old baby I slipped under him. His hen deserted on Wednesday night. I noticed he was sitting late 3 days 7 to 8 o clock in the evening but when he came off the eggs she would not sit them so I quickly slipped the baby under him. Within ten minute she wanted to sit it too. I let her sit it that night and just after 6am Thursday morning I took her away. He sat the baby immediately. I came back from work and basketed him for the race

After the start of this year having to put down “22 Squadron”, Ollie and my CSCFC Bergerac winner with a tumour like growth in the roof of his mouth and 5 of my race team taken above my loft in 7 weeks by peregrine falcons I have been a bit despondent so this result has lifted my spirits.

To the winner of the race and section winners I send my congratulations.

On a tough but fair race good pigeons came through and showed their resolve as we must do as pigeon fanciers in these difficult times.



Tony Cottrell



John Hughes

1st Section E John Hughes from Market Drayton. John has been racing pigeons for over 50 years. Pigeon racing runs through John's family with his brother Mick and his nephew Danny also competing. In 2018 John achieved 7 x 1st positions and so far in 2019 he has totted up 4 x 1st. The bird timed is a 2 year old chequer cock and was bred by John's good friend Mike Smout from Whitchurch and is a Hereman Ceuster x Soontjen. His performances to date are 2 x 1st as a young bird, 2 x 2nd as a yearling, 1 x 3rd this season plus yesterdays result.

2nd Section E John & Ben Oakley from Whitchurch. Our good red 2 year old cock has been a consistent performer for us in the last 3 weeks winning 2nd Club 4th Fed Frome, 2nd Club 12th Fed Wincanton and now 2nd Section 33rd Open Fougères. Last year he was also 5th Section 31st Open Fougères as a yearling.

He's raced on total widowhood. He's a grandson of our two principle hens "Skyfall" and "Yazs Girl" that we've been breeding around for the last couple of seasons as these were top performers in the Nationals and Specialist races from across the channel that we are targeting.

1st Section G Khan Brothers from New Malden. Firstly, congratulations to the Winner and all the Section winners, our 1st pigeon was a yearling cock sent on the widowhood system and was bred by Ace Lofts direct from their champion stock, the father of the pigeon was bred from a direct son of Harry of Jan Hoymans when he was paired to Ruby 1st National Alencon. We would also like to thank everyone involved from the marking station to the Convoyers, all the best for the rest of the season.

2nd Section G John May & Son from Chichester. This 2 year old cock is previous winner of: 1st Solent Federation 1,763b 2018, 7th Solent Federation 1,521b 2018, 9th Solent Federation 1,278b 2018, 14th Solent Federation 643b 2018.

His sire is "Iron Man" direct son of our supersire "Spiderman" (Son of "Rossi" x "Spinneke", Leo Heremans) He is already sire to: 2nd Section G BBC Coutances 2018, 4th Section G BBC Coutances 2018 and 2nd South Coast Federation 2019.

His Dam is a Great Granddaughter of "Pitbull" bred by Yves De Wit. She is already dam to: 4th South Coast Federation 927b 2017 and 4th South Coast Amal 1,783b 2017.



John & Ben Oakleys cock bird



Khan Brothers



John May

1st Section J Mark Bulled from Harlow. My Section Winner is a yearling widowhood hen from my Red Bull family, a granddaughter of Eastbourne 1st BBC Fougères.

I think I will have the first 3 in the Section, my second timer a yearling hen from Rocky 1st BBC 2nd NFC and my 3rd another yearling direct from Legacy 1st NFC Tarbes, paired to another hen and sitting eggs.

It was a tough fly, and as I write this Sunday Lunchtime I have 16 from 19.

Congratulations to the Winner and all section Winners.



Mark Bulled

Next in Section J Bruce McAllister from Furneaux Pelham. This 3 year old hen is a roundabout hen Leo Van Rijn from Lee Fribbens. She has had 3 inland races and is a consistent pigeon.



Bruce McAllister

Convoyers Report

Firstly I would like to start my report by congratulating our winner Paul Basham and all the section winners on what we knew would be a very stiff race with the forecasted NNW winds.

Thursday 9th May

With all the birds marked we made our way to the docks and all the birds were fed and rewatered by 18.00.

Friday 10th May

The journey to Fougères was cloudy but bright, arriving 10.30 the birds were watered before being fed at 3 o'clock. As the day progressed the cloud thickened and started to rain by 9.

Saturday 11th May

It rained all night finally stopping at 07.00 and by 07.30 we had clear blue skies overhead and to the North.

After a lot of frantic calls to the UK and with things looking good all the way and into England I made the decision to liberate at 08.05 into a moderate NNW wind, the convoy cleared the site without exception to the North in less than a minute.

The journey to the docks was sunny and clear with near perfect visibility but a brisk NNW wind and the sea state was calm.

Nigel Rigliani.

Telephone & Website verifications only which may be subject to change.

<i>Open</i>	<i>Mem No</i>	<i>Flying Name</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Ring Number</i>	<i>A-A-T</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Velocity</i>
1	A662	P Basham	Southampton	GB17N86674	12 15 46	1	1242.701
2	A241	Mr & Mrs Hancock	Winchester	GB18N59194	12 40 48	1	1237.161
3	A395	M Shipp	Portsmouth	GB17N54699	12 8 14	1	1236.841
4	A395	M Shipp	Portsmouth	GB17N54700	12 8 26	1	1235.825
5	D1102	M Gilbert	Windsor	GB17N01534	13 14 36	1	1228.847
6	D1102	M Gilbert	Windsor	GB16N02140	13 15 9	1	1226.668
7	A332	G Willett & Son	Portsmouth	GB17V29177	12 13 24	1	1218.680
8	C610	M Williams	Hereford	GB17V80408	14 29 14	1	1207.610
9	D438	Dennis Baker	Maidenhead	GB17R27641	13 29 5	1	1204.104
10	D853	T & B Woodhouse	Stofold	GB16V00480	14 22 55	1	1199.304
11	A303	E Booth	Gosport	GB17F31187	12 14 19	1	1198.664
12	C1140	C & J Howse	Devizes	GB18C02990	13 14 30	1	1191.616
13	A201	J Attrill & Sons	Southampton	GB17N24857	12 31 28	1	1189.879
14	A473	R S Harbour	Brading	GB18N75874	12 3 45	1	1188.540
15	A33	F Bartlett & R Jones	Southampton	GB17N31780	12 32 45	1	1185.565
16	A593	J Ross	Portsmouth	GB17N24531	12 22 41	1	1185.071
17	A593	J Ross	Portsmouth	GB17N07065	12 23 9	1	1182.929
18	A663	J Derbyshire	Whitchurch	GB17N82264	13 3 41	1	1182.356
19	B685	Mr & Mrs N Smith	Salisbury	GB16N23552	12 50 38	1	1181.686
20	B729	Cottrell Richmond & Son	Wimborne	GB16R33813	12 25 47	1	1180.451
21	E116	J Hughes	Market	GB17Z077277	16 5 21	1	1176.153
22	D410	D Crick & Son	Luton	GB18L40860	14 18 52	1	1172.595
23	A314	Freddy Smith	Havant	GB17N25230	12 27 35	1	1172.432
24	B345	J Clapcott	Poole	GB17F15857	12 19 43	1	1171.612
25	A82	Berry & Matthews	New Milton	GB15N18196	12 19 47	1	1169.476
26	C429	D Baker & M Webb	Swindon	SU17AN458	13 45 42	1	1167.649
27	C109	Janet Wilcox	Radstock	GB16N29097	13 24 12	1	1167.271
28	D435	P J Wells	Dunstable	GB16N00118	14 16 56	1	1167.268
29	D23	Mr & Mrs K Hine	Hayes	GB18N11272	13 42 51	1	1166.148
30	A122	Wearn Brothers 1 &	Ramsdean	NL16-1069772	12 43 9	1	1163.739
31	A149	M Collins	Southampton	GB16N40902	12 36 31	1	1162.912
32	B85	Mr & Mrs M Gower	Fordingbridge	GB15N04714	12 42 3	1	1162.740
33	E366	J & B Oakley	Whitchurch	GB17N67838	16 23 19	1	1160.523

34	E349	D Harris	Newport	GB17Z41582	15	56	59	1	1160.079
35	A3	S Vaizey	Fareham	GB18V24601	12	28	24	1	1157.620
36	G237	Khan Brothers	New Malden	GB18N78629	13	32	2	1	1156.368
37	A496	B Smith	Winchester	GB18N56372	12	54	14	1	1155.430
38	B96	Mr & Mrs L Cowley	Dorchester	GB16N30765	12	34	51	1	1154.942
39	A34	B & M Wiggins	Portsmouth	NWHU17S1960	12	30	10	1	1154.753
40	B47	M White & Son	Bournemouth	GB16V00183	12	27	1	1	1153.614
41	D52	J K Edwards & Son	Luton	GB17N02114	14	20	38	1	1149.589
42	J58	M Bulled	Harlow	GB18B00528	14	17	24	1	1147.505
43	D375	M/M P Kenny & Family	Wantage	GB18N60149	13	51	19	1	1147.083
44	B228	Mr & Mrs Crutcher	Poole	GB16N68156	12	25	43	1	1144.841
45	C425	S Hughes	Swindon	GB15N35898	13	53	20	1	1142.503
46	G411	J May & Son	Chichester	GB17N30722	12	34	21	1	1139.658
47	C318	R Beaconsfield	Marlborough	GB17R03127	13	37	7	1	1139.148
48	A1085	G C Kingswood-Cox	Southampton	GB18N85145	12	37	0	1	1138.044
49	C38	D & J Staddon	Shepton Mallet	GB17N28210	13	17	50	1	1137.091
50	D210	M/M E Corkett & Sons	Leighton	GB17A37390	14	31	5	1	1134.882
51	B471	Mr & Mrs T Anderson	Poole	GB16N08443	12	28	20	1	1133.142
52	A263	K & S Francis	Southampton	GB16V17738	12	38	47	1	1132.030
53	C586	J Garvey	Walsall	GB17R33251	15	50	28	1	1129.928
54	G400	M/M May & Son	West Ashling	GB18N28628	12	37	21	1	1128.416
55	E640	M Hope	Telford	GB16N59896	16	6	32	1	1126.553
56	D196	G Bentley	Leighton	GB17Z94734	14	33	12	1	1126.412
57	A893	B D Basham	Southampton	GB18N60896	12	51	11	1	1125.887
58	D379	M/M M Dickinson & Sons	Hemel	GB16N41815	14	17	21	1	1122.621
59	A760	Mr & Mrs S Harris & Dtr	Portchester	GB18N28962	12	37	40	1	1121.314
60	C855	G Hancock	Devizes	GB15N63349	13	37	45	1	1120.352
61	D492	Baron Bros	Redbourn	GB17N71918	14	25	23	1	1120.131
62	C144	P Weems	Chippenham	GB18N41154	13	49	46	1	1119.546
63	E60	Mr & Mrs A Horton	Telford	GB15Z12608	16	9	31	1	1119.221
64	D168	Sherman & Wells	Oxford	DV17-0674607	14	13	40	1	1118.213
65	E101	Mr & Mrs A Shore	Crewe	GB16D44750	16	41	15	1	1117.373
66	A125	M/M Moody	Portsmouth	GB16N90116	12	38	58	1	1117.373
67	A894	Mr & Mrs B Wall	Bedhampton	GB16N63516	12	39	33	1	1117.297
68	B689	R Hooper	Poole	GB17E21545	12	32	17	1	1116.242
69	A979	M Wiggins & Sons	Portsmouth	GB17N52583	12	39	14	1	1116.148
70	D1211	J & P Parker	Reading	GB18N13787	13	40	27	1	1116.142
71	A811	Mr & Mrs T & S Green	Ashurst	GB16F21484	12	45	22	1	1115.368
72	B181	A Stephens	Poole	GB16B10994	12	34	33	1	1114.454
73	B259	B & D Young	Bournemouth	GB16E21958	12	33	47	1	1114.366
74	B11	A Harp	Poole	GB16E21971	12	33	21	1	1114.265
75	C214	P Quainton	Chippenham	GB17C03091	13	57	59	1	1112.112
76	D489	R Eccles & Son	Baldock	GB17N034915	14	52	7	1	1107.926
77	G37	Mr & Mrs T Welch	Chichester	GB17N056134	12	41	44	1	1106.159
78	E178	T Howarth	Nr Northwich	GB18N57094	17	19	34	1	1105.757
79	C454	G Clift	Tirley	GB17C08945	14	50	57	1	1104.269
80	C826	S Thorpe	Swindon	WHU12K02950	14	4	46	1	1104.221
81	D602	P Butts	Bedford	GB16S23976	14	55	5	1	1100.471
82	C211	Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil	Writhlington	GB18B04531	13	44	26	1	1098.160
83	G676	J M Armitage	Ash	GB18N33733	13	30	39	1	1095.053
84	D224	T Haley	Nr Watford	GB18Z60649	14	22	22	1	1094.871
85	B1072	J Fulford	Salisbury	GB15N54052	13	15	58	1	1094.143
86	B503	B Tucker	Poole	GB15E22147	12	38	18	1	1092.561
87	J253	B McAllister	Nr Buntingford	GB16Z71377	14	55	37	1	1092.537
88	C896	M F T Bird	Andover	GB16A31214	13	27	31	1	1092.505
89	A422	K Davison	Southampton	GB18N46512	12	43	28	1	1092.271

90	D671	W N Smullen	Dunstable	GB17N068229	14	44	25	1	1091.727
91	D671	W N Smullen	Dunstable	GB16N92657	14	44	29	1	1091.545
92	G322	A Mark	South Croydon	GB17A33820	13	48	11	1	1089.747
93	E347	M Hughes	Market	GB17Z043187	16	43	56	1	1087.770
94	A486	J J Schoeman	Andover	NWHU18L5052	13	26	44	1	1086.897
95	D269	B Clarke	Hitchin	GB18N47480	15	3	2	1	1086.086
96	A218	Mr & Mrs T Leggatt	Havant	GB16E14369	12	48	3	1	1084.964
97	B355	J P Halstead	Gillingham	GB15V34777	13	15	33	1	1084.379
98	A1255	M/M B Norman	Southampton	GB15A24215	12	57	1	1	1084.363
99	C148	A O Brooks	Paulton	GB15N28240	13	51	52	1	1084.062
100	C619	D E Fox	Stroud	GB17R13600	14	35	27	1	1083.586

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