



Welsh South Road National Flying Club SAINTES



The Welsh South Road National from Saintes turned out to be a very good race with many fanciers reporting excellent returns for this approx 435 miles race. Liberated at 0630hrs into a south-westerly wind with the N.F.C, early arrivals were being recorded into the principality from 1600hrs onwards. The winners, for their second National win saw the excellent partnership of G Treharne & Son at Nantyglo in the centre east section who timed their first arrival at 1646hrs take not just the top spot but also 2nd Open as well. The winner is yearling cheq cock that was bred for them by Terry Marshall of Up North Combine fame which they acquired thanks to the contact with their good friend Alan Robinson and a big thank you goes to Alan for his help. This cock has a very good past record having taken 2nd Open National from Carentan as a young bird in 2011 and was beaten by a loftmate. This year he has won 14th Open

Welsh South Road National from Falaise and 46th Open National from Tours, 93rd Open Le Man in this National Flying Club as well as 12th Open Bedhampton against 3.468 birds and when again beaten by a loftmate which brought him in when he wouldn't trap for some time. They didn't send any yearlings to Carentan so he didn't go to that one. Their 2nd Open winner is a 4y pigeon that has also scored well for them previously topping the Ssection in the Welsh North Road Fed and taking 7th Open over 3.000 birds plus other good Fed and National positions. She is bred down from the Eijerkamp lines, bred out of a double granddaughter of Silver Shadow and a grandson of Glamour Boy and Wonder Boy 06, being a van Loon and Janssen cross. They race the conventional roundabout system but with conditions wet and cold they were struggling to get condition on the pigeons so they paired them up the day of basketing for Tours. The cock was sent sitting two days and the hen was sitting for 7 days and both arrived home pretty fresh and recovered quickly. They sent six pigeons to this Saintes race and had them all home with four on the night and the last one by 1030hrs next morning. Taking probable 3rd Open is Kevin Smith of Pontypool. Kevin having previously been mentioned in dispatches for his other principal Open positions recently and he clocked a 4y blue hen, gifted to him by O G Elliot which is a pure van Rijn x Janssen who has bred multiple winners for Kevin. As a 2y she flew the programme and took cards at Club level in all overseas races with the Welsh North Road Federation. Also she was 17th Fed the week previously to this Saintes race with the Welsh South Road Fed. Taking 4th Open is Durham & George of Abertillery. Granville and Mike clocked a 2y pure Jan Aarden cock. They race natural and he was sent to this Saintes race feeding a 12 day old squeaker. This cock would have won a lot more prizes in its racing career but is a notoriously bad trapper but on this occasion shot through the trap not hanging about at all. His bloodlines come down from the Louella bloodlines of Invincible Spirit x De Smaragh lines. Taking 1st in the West Section is Dave Bradshaw & Family. They time a 2y cheq white flight cock. This cock was purchased in the late Ken Jones of Pontadawe bereavement clearance sale when Ken sadly passed away last winter. This bird is named after Ken called K J. This cock is flown on natural and as a yearling had no racing at all as Ken was ill. This season he has had the following races and results. In Carentan with the BICC 30th April 166th Open, Falaise 12 May 122 Open BICC. Fougères 262 Open NFC ON 19th May. Alencon 263rd Open BICC. Cholet 2nd June he won 63rd Open NFC very bad trap winning over £600 prize and pool money. Falaise WSRNFC on 9th June 263rd Open. Fougères 8th July BBC



Gareth & Stuart Treharne holding their 1st and 2nd Open Saintes Welsh National winners.



The blue cock, winner of the Welsh NFC Saintes.



Cheq hen, 2nd Open Saintes Welsh NFC.



Kevin Smith holding his 3rd Open Saintes winner.

422nd Open and Saintes this past weekend, provisionally 1st West Section Welsh South Road NFC. His bloodlines come down from his old Steel family and these are known as hard and long distance bloodlines. Dave was telling me his Grandson Lewis is a really keen fancier and no doubt he will continue with the pigeons in the family as he grows older with them. Of his two entries they had their other on early next morning. The following are the leading Open times I have to date as supplied by sec Charlie Silver. Mr G Treharne & Son, Nantyglo 1237. Kevein Smith, Pontypool 1189. Durham & George, Abertillery 1185. Frampton & Price 1181. Mr D Evans, Gelligaer 1166. I & A Evans, 1120. J Courts & Son Ogmere Vale, 1119. Dennis Ford Blaenavon 1111. Williams Jeffries & Son, Maesteg 1109. R Nicholas Son & Grandson, 1103. Scammel & Peplow Garndiffaith, 1101. Morris & Pugh, Maerdy 1099. Mark Sparey Abertillery, 1082. Mr D Millard Blaenavon, 1075. Preece Bros & Son Abertillery, 1068. Owens & Evans & Son, Maerdy 1067. Gregory & Davies 1059. Mr Haydon Radford & Son Rhymney, 1056. David Tippings Beafort 1052. Ireland & Hyman New Tredegar, 1016. D & G Bruton Tredegar, 1007. T J Gunter Cwmtillery, 998. This was a very steady race with many fanciers reporting excellent returns.

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Blue hen, 3rd Open Welsh NFC Saintes for Kevin Smith.



Dave Bradshaw with his two grandsons, with young Lewis holding the blue white flight cock, winner of 1st Welsh Section Welsh SRNFC Saintes.

PORTSMOUTH NOTES

Flying from Fougères on 30th June, the birds were liberated at 0845hrs into fine conditions and light west-south-westerly wind. This strengthened en route with the leading birds recording velocities high in the 1600s. Congratulations to Wearn Bros Loft 1 on winning 1st and 2nd, also 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th at Purbrook Park. The winning bird is a 2y blue pied Staf van Reet cock, followed by a 2y pied Vandenabeele hen, then two blue Vandenabeeles. **Parade** (10/144): Tony Barrett topped the sheet and 5th Fed with a 3y blue bar hen that had just been paired up, also won Club noms; 2nd and 4th Richard Thomas with a 2y blue cheq hen that was 1st Club, 1st Fed Fougères 2011 and a yearling Soontjens cheq cock, a previous winner as a young bird; 3rd Club Malcolm 'Buddy' Shipp with a 2y light cheq Syndicate Lofts cock. **Leigh Park** (6/47): 1st, 2nd and 4th Jason Bowen with a 2y blue cock, a yearling hen and a 4y blue cheq cock (no other details); 3rd Derek Paton with a yearling blue bar cock. **Milton HS** (9/83): Mick Johnson won here with a 2y dark cheq Alf Baker x widowhood cock. Also won all pools and snowball, total of £123; 2nd Jim Willett with a yearling cheq

Soontjen cock of Kev Locker & Kev Breckon of Cleveland bloodlines; 3rd and 4th Albie Webb & Son with two yearling cocks, both previous card winners. **Elm Tree** (6/46): 1st, 3rd and 4th to Graham Matthews, the winner a previous Section winner, a 3y blue bar cock from Foxwood Lofts' Lindelauf family. Next a 2y cheq Delbar cock and a yearling Jos Thone cheq cock having its first race, all flown natural. In 2nd Club Tony Solen with a 2y slaty Hartog hen. On the north from Stratford, liberated at 0930hrs into a fresh south-westerly wind and a report from **Milton HS** (8/72): 1st and 2nd to John Good with a 3y blue cock, a previous card winner and a 2y dark cheq cock, both Scheelens x Verkman widowhood cocks; 3rd Mick Fuller with a yearling cheq natural cock from his own family; 4th Bomber Mellis with a yearling blue pied Berger widowhood hen. Mick Johnson won £70 noms with his first arrival. **Portsmouth NRFC** (3/35): 1st Alfie Wheatcroft with a 3y blue hen on roundabout; 2nd and 3rd to Trevor Terry with two cheq natural hens. **Leigh Park** (3/25): 1st and 2nd to George Johnson & Son, the winner a 2y black hen bred by Alan King & Johnson; next a yearling

blue cheq Busschaert hen; 3rd and 4th Phil Summers with two 3y Bruton blue hens, both sent sitting.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

UPPER RHONDDA BREEDER/BUYER

Will all who bought birds at the above sale please make sure their numbers are submitted to the Secretary, in writing, before the second young bird race. Thank you.

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Secretary