

## Thames North and Eastern Counties FC: Gold Ring and Breeder/Buyer Results 2020:

Firstly, let me apologise for the delay in getting this write up completed. Since the season ended my spare time has been very short, a lot of my writing is done when I am on the train traveling. Working from home has meant I have missed this time. But better late than never.

The Gold ring race see a whopping £5,680 in the prize pot. We split the prizes between the open result and the sections in the BICC, so even if on the day the weather or wind does not suit your area you can still get a good draw in your section. Some of the smaller sections this is a great bet for example in 2020 the section winners won £208 and £128 for the runner up in the section. Some of these sections only 5 -10 rings were sold. So, as you can see it can be a very good bet for everyone.

The race is open to anyone who is a member of the BICC. However, you must buy the rings from the Thames North and Eastern counties. A maximum of 10 rings can be brought per loft number.

The birds were let go along with the BICC race at 8am in a North, North Easterly Wind. From Falaise, it was expected the lead pigeons in the BICC and the Gold ring would go through the middle or even out to the West side of the country with the East in the wind.

However, having an absolute field day in this race and a super race in the BICC as well was Lee Bastone, by putting 7 in the top 20 of the open in the BICC amazingly 4 of these 7 were Thames Gold ring pigeons, these 4 pigeons won 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> open BICC and took the first 4 positions in the Gold ring. Lee Gold ring winner, winning £2,000 and 4th open BICC national is a Frans Zwols x Peter fox pigeon. Being from a child of Formula 1 lofts Dream pair the Prince of Rekkem and Dreamy x Peter fox Golan x Sunday Girl. Runner up was also Lee Bastone this pigeon winning a very nice £1,000 in the open and £208 in the section. This pigeon was again a Frans Zwols cross this



time with a Gaby and again was a grandchild of Formula 1 lofts Dream Pair (Prince of Rekkem and Dreamy) which bred 1<sup>st</sup> open BICC in 2019. This pigeon also won 6<sup>th</sup> open BICC. Coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> spot in the Gold Ring race was again Lee Bastone this one, won £600 in the open and £128 in the section, this pigeon was also a Frans Zwols cross this one being from the Tip Top junior and Dream Maker lines again crossed with a Gaby. This pigeon was 2 minutes behind the first 2 but still won 12<sup>th</sup> open BICC in fourth spot and another 2 and half minutes further behind the 3<sup>rd</sup> pigeon was once again Lee Bastone, this one was winning another £400 and was a pure Frans Zwols from the lines of Amor, 083, Tip Top Devil and D'Artagain 749. This pigeon finished in 18<sup>th</sup> open in the BICC. The last 2 pigeons were also rated 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Ace young bird award that the BICC published for 2020. In total Lee won a very nice £4,236 in the Gold ring. Well done Lee brilliant flying against the odds on the day.

Winning the CS section in this Gold ring in a very tight finish was J&B Donovan & P.J McHugh whose winning pigeon won £208 and was also 45<sup>th</sup> open BICC national. In runner up spot and less than 0.5 of a yard per minute behind was



S. Buckle whose pigeon won a very nice £128 and was 46<sup>th</sup> open BICC National. Moving onto the NE section which see another good performance by Jeremy Nicholson who took both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> section winning both the £208 and £128 prizes in the process. In Jeremy words, the section winner is Blue Van Den Bulck Cock bred from one of our top stock cocks bred by Patrick Boeckx from the top hen Vaal Luna and a grandson of the Good Road, the dam of this hen is a home bred Van Den Bulck direct from my top pair Mealy Bob and the Quiet Girl sire and dam to 31 prize winner, this cock has raced in all the YB club races so far and has showed to be a consistent racer so far so finger crossed for next year for him.

2nd bird Ch w/f hen  $\frac{3}{4}$  Cooreman  
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Owen Jones called the broken legged cock Owen sent him to me as a YB due to hitting the wires and breaking his leg he is the sire to many prize winners and a real good looker;her dam is a Cooreman bred form the Belg cock direct louis and her dam is a G daughter Daro and Caro top Cooremans. Both birds were 1st and 2nd NE section in the BICC as well and 65<sup>th</sup> and 103<sup>rd</sup> open BICC.



In the NC section again, we have another very good team performance this time by the lofts of John Black. Again, winning both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> section in this Gold ring race. In John's words the bird I'm holding 20E09650 is first NC



Section gold ring it's a Chequer Pied cock bred by Johnny Chipperfield from Herne bay Kent, Sire is Joe, the winner of first Bicc International Pau, Dam is a Daughter of Lady Teresa second Pau and first BICC Perpignan.

The second bird is 20E09648 winning second gold ring in NC Section is a Chequer Pied cock also bred by Johnny Chipperfield, Sire is from a Grandson of New Laurent, Dam is a Daughter of Lady Teresa.

Top class bloodlines and these two birds won 90<sup>th</sup> and 227<sup>th</sup> open BICC.

The last section to buy rings in 2020 was the NW section and again we see one fancier winning both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> section in the Gold ring this time it is D. Lanahan who was 101<sup>st</sup> and 242<sup>nd</sup> open BICC. Again winning £208 and £128.

As you can see the prize money goes around with the pigeon in 242<sup>nd</sup> open winning £128. Not a bad bet for a £10 ring.

The Thames also held its annual Breeder/Buyer race unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we only had 2 of the 4 auctions before the first lockdown hit and we had to cancel the last 2 sales. Of course this caused a big drop in the prize money but it was still a

very nice **£11,500** up for grabs. This turned into one of the hardest races of 2020, with many lofts struggling to time in on the day and very big gaps between pigeons. Yet even despite this there was once again some great performances put up by the Breeder/Buyer pigeons.

One loft having a very good day was P. Jackson & Son who not only won the Breeder/Buyer, but also finished up 8<sup>th</sup> open BICC with the same pigeon, which was also their first pigeon, so great picking right from the nest to enter this pigeon into the Breeder/Buyer. Lee Jackson told me the following about the winning pigeon, she is called "Isla" Winner of the Thames North & Eastern counties Futurity and a total of £4000 bred and raced by P. Jackson & Son she is named after my first Gran daughter she hit the shed in very poor conditions but was gleaming in condition she is bred down from



my National winning family both parents bred for stock her Sire bred down from our very famous Karel Schellen lines when paired to an half sister of my NFC Forgeres winner "THE OUTLAW COCK" on the Dam side she is a direct daughter from My NFC Forgeres winner "THE OUTLAW COCK" when paired to "SILENT LADY" 1st BICC Guernsey she a fantastic handling hen with a fantastic eye sign

She was 7th open BICC Countance 1 38th Open NFC Countance and was my 4th arrival from the BICC Countance 2 I think everyone will agree worthy of a perch and the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

Finishing in runner up spot we have Tony Buckfield as the racer and Patrick Newell was the breeder. Each winning a very nice £1,000 each This pigeon finished just 1 place behind P.Jackson & son pigeon in the BICC open as well by coming in 9<sup>th</sup> spot.

Quite amazingly and just goes to show what a hard race the BICC was on the day, the pigeon coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> spot in the Breeder/Buyer was also 10<sup>th</sup> open BICC meaning the first 3 pigeons in the Breeder/Buyer took 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> open BICC. When I tell you there was 12



minutes and 50 seconds between these 3 pigeons it gives you an idea how hard of a race it was. Also the fact fanciers put their very best into these races to do so well.

Taken that 3<sup>rd</sup> spot was our race winner P. Jackson & son again. This one was also entered and brought back by Lee and won him another £1,400. Lee said the following "My second arrival " MISS PETITE GB 20N37988 winning 3rd Thames north & Eastern counties futurity was 10th Open BICC Countance was a small blue Hen again down through the similar line to "ISLA" This time both parents again bred for Stock the Sire being bred from THE OUTLAW COCK 1st open NFC Forgeres when paired to SILENT LADY 1st Open BICC Guernsey.

The Dam being bred down from my old Jan Huybrgts x Van Loon lines these lines keep producing good honest pigeons for us"

Coming in 4<sup>th</sup> spot in the Breeder Buyer and winning 15<sup>th</sup> open BICC along with the £900 prize money in the Breeder/Buyer was S. Philpott.

Taking 5<sup>th</sup> spot we have Racheal Bacon as the Racer and E Streatfield as the breeder. I am sure everyone will agree it is great to see our hard working sec have a nice pick up. With Both winning a nice £300 each. This pigeon also won 19<sup>th</sup> open BICC.

6<sup>th</sup> spot see Mullen & Son as the racer and F. White as the breeder with each loft winning a nice £250 each and 24<sup>th</sup> open BICC.

7<sup>th</sup> position see the loft of Foster & Finan winning 29<sup>th</sup> open BICC and a very nice £400 in prize money.

8<sup>th</sup> spot was won by N. Emberson & Firat who was both breeder and buyer and picked up a handy £350 in prize money. Along with 38<sup>th</sup> open BICC.



9<sup>th</sup> spot see Tony Buckfield having another good pigeon, this one was bred and put up by Mr Hartog himself, John Gerrard. Both lofts picking up a nice £150 each. Also finished 51<sup>st</sup> open BICC.

Coming in 10<sup>th</sup> spot and 79<sup>th</sup> open BICC, we have Topp & Mann both as Breeder and Buyer and picking up a cool £200 in prize money.

In total the first 15 pigeons won prize money. with the pigeon in 15th still winning £150.

The members of the Thames would like to thank all people that put up and brought pigeons and rings in both races. Also, a big thank you to everyone who helped at the 2 auctions we did manage to have. It really is appreciated.



Finally, both events are on again in 2021 and information can be found on the Thames Website. [www.thamesnec.co.uk](http://www.thamesnec.co.uk) You can order Gold Rings directly on the website. And you can book in for the online auctions we are holding

on [www.thepigeonsuperstore.com](http://www.thepigeonsuperstore.com) all pigeons need to be booked in to be uploaded on to the auction site.

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