

## Thames N&EC FC – Write Up by T. Meader

### Race 1

The Thames started its 2024 race programme from Eastbourne. Weather has been very poor for training and affected the amount of birds on the transporter.

With a favourable forecast 27 members sent 512 birds the officials liberated them into a moderate SSE wind at 9.15. A fast race was expected if the birds didn't fly past!! In first place velocity 2431 ypm was a fantastic 3 year old Leo Heremans belonging to Bob Wija flying on widowhood this bird left the pack well behind and won the race by 192 ypm. The sire of this bird also won the Thames.

In second and third place was Gladwin Jarvis and family flying 21 miles shorter clocking 2 birds in 7 seconds with velocities of 2239 & 2233. Both birds bred in the purple from their famous Franz Zwols family.

John's first pigeon is direct from tip top Tora 1st National Agen. The second of his birds over the pad a yearling consistent as a young bird and grandson of the famous D'tagian.

In 4th Thames flying 78 miles with a velocity of 2214 ypm was J&I Fuller

Their Leon Boer is from stock obtained from Tumley Lofts and the only family kept Lee told me that this bird is related to Fullers fancy that was returned to Tumley Lofts and has carried on breeding the goods

Lee Fullers Leon Boer 4th Thames. 5th Thames goes to George Bishop flying 62 miles with a velocity of 2214 ypm but a decimal point behind Lee Fuller in 4th.

Georges bird is first hen in result and a Frans Zwols hen of Prince Rekken bloodlines both parents was supplied by John Gladwin. 6th Thames goes to D Thursting on 2205 ypm unable to obtain birds details.

In 7th place on 2125 ypm was Davis and son in 8th place J P & J Gladwin on 2114 ypm with another Frans Zwols this bird has already achieved 2nd Thames a gift from son John and John Cowlin. This bird flies unpaired to his box.

In 9th position flying 106 miles with a velocity of 2096 ypm was the new CO IC of the BICC marking station at Colchester Dennis Ball. His 4 year old cock from Macaloney blood lines was flown natural on 10 day eggs. And achieved 2096 ypm This was his start of the preparation for the BICC nationals having already topped the Fed as a young bird.

Dennis holding his immaculate bird. In 10th D Thursting on 2092 ypm.

The Thames goes to Holmsley next week hopefully with a lot more birds.

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