

Racing Pigeon Post

One view of Barcelona 2013

The Barcelona International of 2013 turned out to be a very hard race which did not close for several days. Flyers in the UK frequently find themselves way behind the competition in this race and quite often our very best do not even get into the International Result at all as happened in 2011. In 2012, in a very fast race, the UK managed to gain 13 International positions but in 2013 we managed to do better still. In one of the hardest races for many years and with a smaller entry the top 38 UK pigeons all gained International positions.

It is not just the race itself that makes it difficult for UK pigeons because when the race is slow, below 800mpm there are other factors that weigh heavy against us. When the velocity drops below 800mpm a different system is brought in to calculate the pigeon's position. In simple terms this is established by adding or subtracting one minute from the recorded time for each 800m difference between the loft distance and a set point, which in these races is the Town Hall in Brussels. It is not difficult to see that this adds more time the further you are away from that set point. Just how it affects the result can be seen below where the UK pigeons are set out in their International Result order but if you look at the right hand column you will see the position they would have obtained on a velocity basis and some, those highlighted, have changed.

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BARCELONA 05-07-13 25,294 Pigeons Liberated : 09.30										
UK	Int	Name	Town	S	N	Distance	Ring	Time	Velocity	V. Pos
1	58	MANNOR LOFTS	E-SOUTH	1	1	1095851	GB09N97925	12.254	878.99	1
2	1133	LANE NIGEL	E-ROMFO	2	2	1142595	GB09J31666	17.001	15.2308,4	2
3	1714	MITCHELL M.G.	E-WHITF	3	2	1086810	GB08N20656	17.214	16.5424,2	3
4	1811	HALES DAVID	E-HOCKL	3	1	1141619	GB07N96752	18.475	17.1203,6	4
5	2329	GILBERT MARK	E-WINKF	18	3	1138047	GB10N1473	20.135	18.4227,5	5
6	2490	GILBERT MARK	E-WINKF	18	1	2	GB10N1459	20.414	19.1018,5	6
7	2615	COOPER G & C	E-PEASE	2	1	1157580	GB06N00489	21.343	19.3847,5	7
8	2729	SHEPHERD A.E.	E-WOODM	8	1	1078205	GB07N15256	20.231	20.0639,6	8
9	3252	STADDON J & D	E-EVERG	3	2	1142110	GB08N43820	6.5811	05.2147,7	9
10	3373	STONE PAUL	E-WEST	4	1	1140775	GB09N07688	7.3031	05.5547,9	11
11	3533	PADFIELD Family	E-ABERT	4	4	1219849	GB06N28324	9.4557	06.3223,3	10
12	3778	BUDDLE L & K	E-DOVER	3	1	1083310	GB07N15642	7.4319	07.2025,7	13
13	3847	GOSLING & JARVIS	E-MOUNT	3	3	1148304	GB09N92055	9.1714	07.3306,2	12
14	3949	STEPHENS A C	E-POOLE	1	1	1087418	GB09N73959	8.2212	07.5410,6	14
15	4089	DOVE R	E-KINGS	5	4	1085130	GB09K42065	8.5435	08.2925,2	15
16	4456	EASTWOOD JOE	E-SLADE	3	1	1129660	GB08V39722	11.063	09.4537,5	16
17	4486	NICHOLSON J. & Sn	E-ROCHE	5	2	1116023	GB09N73553	10.551	09.5122,3	17
18	4594	MITCHELL M.G.	E-WHITF	3	1	2	GB05X58693	10.385	10.1136,2	19
19	4774	CASTLEDINE W.	E-FARNH	1	1	1115294	GB10N70771	11.523	10.4934,9	20
20	4789	HALES DAVID	E-HOCKL	3	2	2	GB09N99407	12.294	10.5352,6	18
21	4871	DEACON A & T	E-WATER	5	3	1084076	GB07P20372	11.384	11.1445,3	21
22	4895	DEACON A & T	E-WATER	5	2	2	GB07C81693	11.455	11.2203,3	22
23	5243	DOVE R	E-KINGS	5	2	2	GB06A01612	13.404	13.1533,2	25
24	5273	HARVEY NICHOLAS	E-TAUNT	7	3	1143942	GB10T20071	15.043	13.2547,3	23
25	5437	PREECE G M & SON	E-DOVER	3	2	1086971	GB10D17159	14.554	14.2807,2	28
26	5445	STONE PAUL	E-WEST	4	4	2	GB10N7530	16.072	14.3240,9	26
27	5466	HARRIS J & Dtr	E-DAGEN	2	2	1139309	GB10H20363	16.152	14.4227,8	27
28	5497	LUDLAM JOHN	E-NELSO	4	1	1213947	GB09P05032	18.052	14.5913,0	24
29	5511	PREECE G M & SON	E-DOVER	3	3	2	GB10D17156	15.352	15.0753,2	29
30	5659	HAYWARD J	E-HORNC	2	2	1141676	GB07H12837	18.024	16.2650,3	30
31	5742	GILBERT MARK	E-WINKF	18	11	3	GB08N74538	18.454	17.1421,5	31
32	5811	EVELEIGH JON	E-BOSHA	1	1	1074398	GB07N84950	18.141	18.0222,1	32
33	5865	RHODES S	E-AYLES	6	1	1094664	GB08N36662	19.184	18.4139,2	34
34	5883	BUDDLE L & K	E-DOVER	3	3	2	GB09N17234	19.273	19.0434,7	36
35	5912	STONE PAUL	E-WEST	4	2	3	GB09N07689	21.035	19.2906,9	33
36	5952	CROWLEY & GREEN	E-CALNE	8	3	1161241	GB07C42453	22.205	20.2030,9	35
37	6003	REED W.D.	E-MONMO	6	5	1213738	GB08N2945	7.1726	21.5830,6	37
38	6306	CORNWELL F J.	E-SOUTH	2	1	1133841	GB09L30307	12.193	10.5324,9	38