

Stuart Wilcox 1st Open NFC Fougères

Saturday 20th May saw the first race of the 2023 programme for The National Flying Club. The convoy of 5400 birds were liberated at 7.00 in to a NE wind that remained brisk over the route home. The winner of the race was the Bristol loft of Stuart Wilcox, assisted each day by fellow fancier and friend Jeff Wells. I asked a shell shocked Stuart to put together a few words about the win. This is what he had to say.

‘After a number of near misses over the past few seasons we were delighted secure our first national win with our hen, now called Turbo Lizzy. She arrived from due south at 12.21, shortly followed by another hen called Turbo Natalia at 12.22. Both hens are raced on Widowhood, a system we learnt from Albert Derwa and both are 3 years old and have been very consistent racers. They are actually ½ sisters being bred from Magic Turbo a son of Koen Minderhouds Late Turbo 608. We named Lizzy after Koens granddaughter and we named Natalia after Dirk Van Dycks daughter, Dirk bred the mother of our second pigeon. Both hens are small to medium in the hand. Myself and Jeff Wells decided to join forces and it’s been a great start to the season winning the West of England SR Combine and now the National. We would like to thank Beyers and Countrywide for all of the help and assistance they have given us and our hard working Secretaries in the NFC along with Martin Yandell, Nigel Templar and Mike Moore from our local clubs, without these volunteers the sport would not survive.’

A full race report will follow highlighting the top ten from the provisional result and top two in each section.



Stu holding Turbo Lizzy and Jeff holding Turbo Natalia