

National Flying Club

Ace Pigeon 2026

Booth & Roper (Trevor and John) – 1st NFC Ace 2026 (1st South)

“Winning the 2026 NFC Ace Pigeon Award, following winning 2yr NFC Ace Pigeon Award for 2024-2025 with a different pigeon, has made us very proud once more. This hen is bred from a pair of Jelle Jellema birds imported by John Gerard. When we were at Radstock marking station one day, Trevor saw a basket of squeakers in the back of John’s car that came from Karel Pierik, a close neighbour of Jelle Jellema, in Holland. He made enquiries and found out that John had just brought them in and agreed to sell Trevor and John a pair. They raced the pair after they had bred two youngsters, but sadly both the parents were eventually lost. This hen, now known as **Sportsview Supreme Girl**, won this year in the NFC 36th Open, 6th Section Nort-sur-Erdre and 5th Open 1st Section Tarbes. We to keep her in the racing loft next year for another campaign at the distance ... we have won 1st Section J



with three different hens from Tarbes, perhaps she could be the fourth?” *These guys have been one of the top lofts in the NFC in recent years ... beat them on the day and you’ve done well!*

Performances

- GB23N35910: 2026 Isigny-sur-Mer OB ---> 252nd Open 4708 birds; 53rd Section J 784 birds
- GB23N35910: 2026 Nort-sur-Erdre OB ---> 36th Open 2922 birds; 6th Section J 626 birds
- GB23N35910: 2026 Tarbes OB ---> 5th Open 934 birds; 1st Section J 119 birds

Joe Lewis – 4th NFC Ace 2026 (1st North)



“Hello, was a nice surprise to see this. This hen is bred down from my Grandad’s (Micky Locke) long distance birds. Grandad is sadly suffering with dementia and will not be racing again, as he’s now in a nursing home, and I’ve now got all his birds. Grandad won 1st Open Tarbes in 2016, flying 711 miles, he also won 1st Section L 14th Open from Tarbes in 2023, and was a brilliant long-distance man. My Ace hen is easily my best bird and has won me well over £600 in prize money up till now, with club wins, 2nd Chester 2-bird club, plus of course some good NFC positions. Her 2yo full sister also has had good results including 2nd Section MNFC Messac.” *Joe’s a 37yo self-employed exterior cleaner, and has 4 kids with his longstanding Partner of 20yrs. His NFC results improved greatly this*

year, and he could very well be one to watch in the upcoming years ahead.

Performances

- GB24N32079: 2026 Isigny-sur-Mer OB ---> 328th Open 4708 birds; 26th Section L 1019 birds
- GB24N32079: 2026 Messac OB ---> 56th Open 1532 birds; 11th Section L 352 birds
- GB24N32079: 2026 Nort-sur-Erdre OB ---> 39th Open 2922 birds; 12th Section L 551 birds

Two smart-looking Hens here, I'm sure you'd agree, both of which performed consistently well at the highest level with the NFC. I've said it before, but it's always worth repeating I think, that Pigeon Racing isn't all about 1st Open or 1st Section pigeons, however brilliantly they've flown on a selected day. It's pigeons like these Aces that fill our hearts with joy time and again throughout a season or even multiple seasons, yet they rarely get the write-ups and credit they truly deserve.

Top 10 in the 2026 NFC Ace:-

	Ring Number	Member Name	Town	Section	North/South	Co-Eff Open
1	GB23N35910	Booth & Roper	Tewkesbury	J	South	7.1200
2	GB24N40997	L Brewer	Worcester	J	South	8.5773
3	GB25V84447	T & J Davies	Birtsmorton	J	South	11.5015
4	GB24N32079	Joe Lewis	Wirral	L	North	11.9569
5	GB23N34841	Derek R Nicholls	Barry	W	South	14.5135
6	GB24D53942	Neil Greatwich	Cleobury Mortimer	J	South	17.5191
7	GB25X22611	Kenny & Armstrong	Wantage	F	South	18.2460
8	GB23N06356	Kenny & Armstrong	Wantage	F	South	18.5163
9	GB23N09965	C & J Howse	Devizes	G	South	20.0164
10	GB24N33927	J R Sutton	Congleton	L	North	20.7074

Congratulations to all of the above members, four in Section J, and one member getting two in the top 10.

Next, I'll look at calculating the 2yr Ace Pigeons of 2025/26.

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