

# NFC Overall Ace 2yrs 2023-2024

So, we already established the winner in the 2024 NFC Ace Pigeon competition, Mark Gilbert, the next logical task was to identify the winners in the 2yr NFC Ace Pigeon Award 2023-24. Apologies for the delay in calculating this result, but the results of 2023 & 2024 we produced in two different systems so it's just taken a bit more work to generate this result.

Qualifying pigeons are those that were timed in 3 or more NFC races in both 2023 and 2024, with (if more than three flights) only the best three performances being considered, and according to my analysis just 10 pigeons met this criteria, perhaps reflecting the tough racing endured in 2024. Congratulations to all 10 members listed below, headed by **GB21B01224**, owned and raced by **Dave and John Staddon**.

Member	Ring	Town	Section	Region	Co-efficient
D & J Staddon	GB21B01224	Shepton Mallet	G	South	20.300
K Rhodes	GB19N78350	Telford	J	North	26.107
G.M.Smart	GB22N02056	Wolverhampton	J	North	27.535
J & P Parker & D Ward	GB21N90518	Reading	F	South	33.071
R & B Smith	GB21N19838	Warrington	L	North	34.482
Booth & Roper	GB21N36021	Tewkesbury	J	South	34.947
George Bowyer	GB20N47012	Congleton	L	North	50.210
K Heeley	GB22N56916	Chesterfield	K	North	53.213
Brian Holland	GB18P07634	Keighley	K	North	87.698
A Holland	GB19N66523	Shipley	K	North	100.804



Dave Staddon kindly tells me that this cock, which was 4<sup>th</sup> Ace in 2023, is now named "National Ace" and he also took two other top positions in 2024, flying with the BICC, being 5<sup>th</sup> Open St Philbert and 8<sup>th</sup> Open Alencon. He has a great record in big birdage and is a very consistent pigeon. His father "Senna" was bred by Zwols Pigeons (John Gladwin & John Cowlin) and is a top breeder for us. His mother "Miss Comet" is a full sister to our "Miracle Bros" being from "The Real Miracle" X "Comet", our best middle-distance pigeons. "National Ace" won us over £1000 in pools in 2024, and he'll race on in 2025 with his main goals being NFC Sigogne and BICC Bordeaux.

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### All Clockings for GB21B01224 raced by D & J Staddon of Shepton Mallet (Section G)

Race	Date	Open Pos	Section Pos	Loft Pos	Distance	Flying Time	Velocity
2024 Sigogne	20/07/2024	81 of 1646	5 of 91	3 of 17	388m 36y	11:00:20	1034.204
2024 Nort-sur-Erdre	15/06/2024	105 of 2163	8 of 126	3 of 16	258m 1571y	05:25:59	1397.782
2024 Messac	02/06/2024	155 of 4563	28 of 345	7 of 38	230m 676y	07:05:57	951.937
2024 Fougeres	19/05/2024	372 of 5801	41 of 338	14 of 40	202m 200y	05:15:41	1126.834
2023 Sigogne	25/07/2023	19 of 2493	4 of 151	2 of 9	388m 36y	10:46:17	1056.687
2023 Messac	03/06/2023	227 of 4511	30 of 426	5 of 32	230m 676y	06:39:25	1015.178
2023 Fougeres	20/05/2023	75 of 5684	15 of 478	2 of 19	202m 200y	05:21:44	1105.643
2022 St Philbert	02/07/2022	477 of 3355	23 of 257	5 of 22	281m 323y	06:06:41	1349.620

This pigeon has been clocked 8 times with the NFC flying 2181.1 miles recording an average velocity of 1108.811yphm

See above the full NFC form card of "National Ace", and note that whilst he's never been their first timer he's always in early, and extremely consistent from 202-388 miles!

On to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ace, and 1<sup>st</sup> North region, and we find GB19N78350, owned and raced by Keith Rhodes, which was 2<sup>nd</sup> NFC Ace in 2023, "This Pencil Blue cock is bred down from pigeons purchased from the Crammond and Langstaff total clearance sale a few years back. He was always a very consistent pigeon as a young bird, he was also 2<sup>nd</sup> in my local club breeder-buyer from Carentan after I purchased him back on the night of the sale. He never raced much as a yearling or 2yo due to the covid pandemic and as 3yo he sustained a knock, which curtailed his season early. But over the last 2 seasons he came really well from the channel with the NFC. In 2023 he had 5 inland prep races then just went to the NFC races, no more club racing was done by him after his first National race. He was my 1st bird to the loft on the 3 NFC races he was entered, the highlight being when he was 4<sup>th</sup> section 21<sup>st</sup> Open Sigogne, winning over £1000 in the 3 races, his lowest position was 79th open. He also won 3 \* RPR Western Region



awards for his performances in 2023. This year he had the same preparation, and was very consistent again especially considering how challenging that channel proved to be for everyone. Actually, his own son beat him home twice this year so we are looking forward to racing his son next year in the Nationals. Our 2yr Ace is now retired to stock as he will be 6yo next year and I feel he will do more good at stock now as I only bred one off him this year and the hen he bred won 2 \* 1<sup>st</sup> and was also 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 4 races she had." See below his full form card with the NFC, and note that Keith doesn't send big numbers, clearly demonstrating that good Open positions and Ace awards aren't the reserve of bigger lofts, so, get yourself involved next year!

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### All Clockings for GB19N78350 raced by K Rhodes of Telford (Section J)

Race	Date	Open Pos	Section Pos	Loft Pos	Distance	Flying Time	Velocity
2024 Sigogne	20/07/2024	171 of 1646	12 of 160	1 of 3	491m 44y	19:41:47	731.276
2024 Nort-sur-Erdre	15/06/2024	487 of 2163	81 of 296	3 of 3	364m 939y	10:02:06	1065.569
2024 Messac	02/06/2024	214 of 4563	35 of 419	2 of 4	336m 1085y	10:50:49	910.313
2024 Fougères	19/05/2024	347 of 5801	44 of 608	2 of 7	305m 848y	07:54:30	1133.086
2023 Sigogne	25/07/2023	21 of 2493	4 of 328	1 of 5	491m 44y	13:39:57	1053.971
2023 Nort-sur-Erdre	17/06/2023	79 of 3013	14 of 275	1 of 11	364m 939y	08:28:60	1260.478
2023 Messac	03/06/2023	71 of 4511	18 of 453	1 of 6	336m 1085y	08:50:30	1116.770
2022 St Philbert	02/07/2022	810 of 3355	126 of 491	5 of 8	380m 1408y	09:12:18	1213.491
2022 Guernsey (3)	18/06/2022	620 of 3627	102 of 399	5 of 8	219m 393y	06:52:16	935.891

This pigeon has been clocked 9 times with the NFC flying 3289.9 miles recording an average velocity of 1009.933yppm

Interesting, when comparing these two pigeons' form cards that they were 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Open Sigogne respectively in 2023, less than 3yppm apart, a terrific head-to-head comparison in that particular race.

Recognising that top pigeons race across multiple National clubs, like "National Ace", this leads me nicely into a call to the other UK National Clubs (incl. BICC and BBC) to work with me to identify the overall National Ace Pigeons, by sharing their results with me in a set format that would permit data amalgamation. Food for thought, perhaps ...

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