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AFRIKAPRO

PREMIER ONE LOFT SERIES



"THE GRAND SLAM IN PIGEON RACING"

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Finally, after numerous short training tosses and 10 official short Training Races (1 to 10) up to 135km (84 miles). A total of 1,241 pigeons were originally entered and a total of 1,178 pigeons were basketed for Training Flight 1 with 1,087 pigeons being basketed for the Activation Race that was held on Wednesday 6th July 2022 from 170km (106 miles). As you can all see by the results on Benzing Live the training went exceptionally well with very few losses.

Now they were ready for the start of the AFRIKAPRO PREMIER ONE LOFT SERIES and after a few more short training tosses up to 75km (47 miles), they were ready for RACE 1 from 234km (146 miles) on Thursday 14th July 2022 and a total of 986 pigeons were officially basketed with 27 being held back in the recovery bay, either because of injury or returning late from previous trainers.

The convoy were liberated from Litchenburg at 09.00 in ideal weather conditions and it was estimated that the winning pigeons would achieve a velocity of 1500/1550mpm and bang of time at 11.34 three pigeons arrived at the lofts and trapped, with the winner doing 1516mpm, then about 8 minutes later a group of around 25 pigeons arrived and trapped. More small groups arrived shortly afterwards plus a few individual pigeons but it seemed something was not right because they were not returning like they had done from previous Training Flights.

By darkness only 369 pigeons had been clocked and a further 198 were then clocked on Friday, with 32 more pigeons returning on Saturday, making 599 in total.

CONGRATULATIONS and 1st Open for RACE 1 go to JESSE SEGUNA from Canada on a great performance, closely followed to take 2nd Open by TEAM BUFFALO from Philippines and then 3rd Open went to O & L DE VRIES from Canada. Unfortunately, quite a few pigeons failed to return to the race loft. All the official results can be seen by logging onto the Benzing Live Website www.oneloftrace.live

Taking 1st UK, 336th Open went to THREE MUSKETEERS UK, 2nd UK, 358th Open went to MURRAY & MILLS and 3rd UK, 392nd Open went to MILLYS LOFT.

The BLUE JACKET, BLACK JACKET, ACE PIGEON, COUNTRY PRIZE (FANCIER OF THE WEEK) positions and prizes follow below:-

RACE 1 RANKINGS



Black Jacket
Fancier of the Year (Race 1)

Rudi De Saer



Shortest combined flying time of first 2 pigeons:
5:28:52.860



Blue Jacket
Ace Pigeon of the Year (Race 1)

Jesse Seguna



Pigeon 1:
AU-21-ARPU-73935



Fancier of Week 1
Winner of US\$ 3 000.00

Fancier:
Rudi De Saer

Pigeon 1:
BE-21-3077476

Pigeon 2:
BE-21-3120607

Combined Velocity:
1423.008 m/min



First Pigeon of Race 1

Fancier:
Jesse Seguna

Pigeon 1:
AU-21-ARPU-73935

Velocity:
1516.048 m/min



Race 1 - 234km

Ace Pigeon "BLUE JACKET" Top 10

	Fancier	Velocity
	1. Jesse Seguna	1516.048
	2. Team Buffalo	1506.511
	3. O & L De Vries	1505.385
	4. Ken Easley & Son Racing	1427.016
	5. Ebraheem Mohamed	1424.091
	6. Thone Pigeons	1424.028
	7. Nils Gerdemann	1423.704
	8. Esser & Fuchs & Kruger	1423.511
	9. Rudi De Saer	1423.296
	10. Team Oscar	1422.991



Race 1 - 234km BLACK JACKET Top 10

	Fancier	Combined hours flown
	1. Rudi De Saer	5:28:52.860
	2. Knoetze Lofts	5:29:59.520
	3. Nils Gerdemann	5:31:55.100
	4. Esser & Fuchs & Kruger	5:33:36.180
	5. Bastogne-Henry	5:35:15.710
	6. Triple J Lofts	6:18:22.200
	7. Ebraheem Mohamed	6:18:23.720
	8. Diamond Pigeon Stud	6:18:43.600
	9. Balwin & Clicque	6:21:34.820
	10. Team Lion	6:24:00.440



Race 1 - 234km COUNTRY CUP Top 10

	1. Canada
	2. America
	3. Germany
	4. Belgium
	5. South Africa
	6. Netherlands
	7. Philippines
	8. Qatar
	9. Thailand
	10. United Kingdom



RACE 2 in the series took place on Thursday 21st August 2022 from a distance of 183km (114 miles) and the 629 pigeons were basketed and liberated at 08.00 in ideal conditions and the winning pigeons were expected to do around 1450mpm and bang on time at 10.06 a gang of about 30 pigeons came bang on line, closely followed by another big gang.

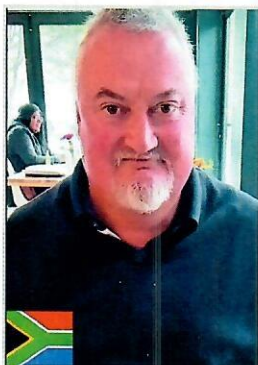
CONGRATULATIONS today and 1st Open went to HI-CAL-TBW CONNECTION from United States of America, closely followed to take 2nd Open was the same syndicate of HI-CAL-TBW CONNECTION from United States of America, then 3rd Open went to UMMBIRKA LOFT from Qatar. A great race with only a few losses. All the official results can be seen by logging onto the Benzing Live Website www.oneloftrace.live

Taking 1st UK, 13th Open went to MURRAY & MILLS, 2nd UK, 144th Open went to MURRAY & MILLS and 3rd UK, 146th Open went to MURRAY & MILLS, which rounded off a great day for this partnership.

The **BLUE JACKET, BLACK JACKET, ACE PIGEON, COUNTRY PRIZE (FANCIER OF THE WEEK)** positions and prizes follow below:-

More short training tosses will take place before Race 3.

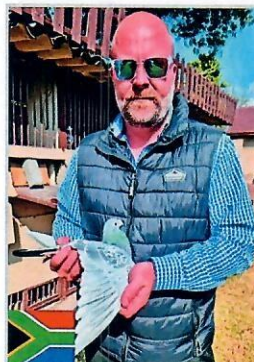
RACE 2 RANKINGS



**Black Jacket
Fancier of the Year
(Race 2)**

Len Knoetze
- Knoetze Lofts

Shortest combined flying time of
first 2 pigeons:
9:51:48.870



**Blue Jacket
Ace Pigeon of the Year
(Race 2)**

Silonque

Pigeon:
ZA-21-TRPF-650

Shortest combined flying times:
4:52:16.100



**Fancier of Week 2
Winner of US\$ 3 000.00**

Fancier:
HI-CAL-TBW Connection

Pigeon 1:
AU-21-TBW-21080
Pigeon 2:
AU-21-TBW-21096

Combined Velocity:
1446.633 m/min



First Pigeon of Race 2

Fancier:
HI-CAL-TBW Connection

Pigeon:
AU-21-TBW-21080

Velocity:
1446.707 m/min

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Race 2

Congratulations to the Top 10

	1. HI-CAL-TBW Connection	AU-21-TBW-21080
	2. HI-CAL-TBW Connection	AU-21-TBW-21096
	3. UMMBIRKA LOFT	QAT-21-QATAR-1061
	4. Thone Pigeons	ZA-21-41588
	5. Euro Syndicate	BE-21-4202025
	6. The A Team	DV-21-076-977
	7. All-J Loft	ZA-21-PWDU-3537
	8. Jesse Seguna	AU-21-ARPU-73923
	9. Triple J Lofts	ZA-21-PWDU-2645
	10. Olive Lofts - Lubomir Kubacek	CZ-21-0234-3039



Ace Pigeon "BLUE JACKET" Top 10

Race 2 - 183km

Fancier	Pigeon	Velocity
 1. Silonque	ZA-21-TRPF-650	1426.778
 2. Thone Pigeons	BE-21-5035964	1413.182
 3. Triple J Lofts	"Jarice"	1412.139
 4. Diamond Pigeon Stud	"Grace"	1411.054
 5. Knoetze Lofts	"Champ"	1409.058
 6. Anton Schonken	"African Heat"	1405.108
 7. Rudi De Saer	BE-21-3120607	1395.545
 8. RMG Racing	"Just a second"	1394.273
 9. Ebraheem Mohamed	"Karayel"	1392.998
 10. Anton Schonken	"African Beast"	1390.524



BLACK JACKET Top 10

Race 2 - 183km

Fancier	Combined hours flown
 1. Knoetze Lofts	09:51:48.870
 2. Nils Gerdemann	09:53:44.570
 3. Rudi De Saer	09:54:53.800
 4. Esser & Fuchs & Kruger	10:14:26.120
 5. Bastogne-Henry	10:15:31.890
 6. Triple J Lofts	10:35:53.720
 7. Diamond Pigeon Stud	10:37:12.730
 8. Ebraheem Mohamed	10:40:15.390
 9. Balwin & Clicque	10:40:31.000
 10. Thone Pigeons	10:41:53.140



RACE 3 in the series took place on Wednesday 27th August 2022 from Koppies a distance of 280km (174 miles) and the 633 pigeons were officially basketed (31 pigeons were left in the Recovery Bay) and liberated at 07.30 in ideal conditions and the winning pigeons were expected to do around 1450mpm and bang on time at 10.42 a gang of about 100 pigeons came bang on line, closely followed by another big gang.

CONGRATULATIONS today and 1st Open went to KOOPMAN, closely followed to take 2nd Open was PEGASUS LOFT from United States of America, then 3rd Open went to MIHA SOVIC from Slovenia. A great race with only 32 pigeons missing by darkness. All the official results can be seen by logging onto the Benzing Live Website www.oneloftrace.live

Taking 1st UK, 315th Open went to MURRAY & MILLS, 2nd UK, 338th Open went to MURRAY & MILLS and 3rd UK, 409th Open went to the THREE MUSKETEERS UK.

The BLUE JACKET, BLACK JACKET, ACE PIGEON, COUNTRY PRIZE (FANCIER OF THE WEEK) positions and prizes follow below:-

More short training tosses will take place before Race 4.

RACE 3 RANKINGS



Black Jacket Fancier of the Year (Race 3)

Nils Gerdemann

Shortest combined flying time of
first 2 pigeons:
16:20:45.320



Blue Jacket Ace Pigeon of the Year (Race 3)

Silonque

Pigeon:
ZA-21-TRPF-650

Shortest combined flying times:
08:05:26.380



Fancier of Week 3 Winner of US\$ 3 000.00

Fancier:
Diamond Pigeon Stud

Pigeon 1:
ZA-21-DIAMOND-PIGEON-STUD-0279

Pigeon 2:
ZA-21-DIAMOND-PIGEON-STUD-0143

Combined Velocity:
1451.454 m/min



First Pigeon of Race 3

Fancier:
Koopman

Pigeon:
NL-21-1504836

Velocity:
1453.432 m/min



Race 3 Congratulations to the Top 10

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|  | 1. Koopman | "Yaro" |
|  | 2. Pegasus Loft | "Golden thread" |
|  | 3. Miha Sovic | "Kornant S" |
|  | 4. Team Majestic 10 | "ISIVININI" |
|  | 5. Diamond Pigeon Stud | "Grace" |
|  | 6. Team Oberholster | "Northern Sky 2" |
|  | 7. TNT Lofts | "Laffite" |
|  | 8. Diamond Pigeon Stud | "Drum Beat" |
|  | 9. Comb van Wanrooij | NL-21-2137428 |
|  | 10. Jellema Pigeons | "Super Jade 2" |



Ace Pigeon "BLUE JACKET" Top 10 Race 3 - 280km

Fancier	Pigeon	Velocity
 1. Silonque	ZA-21-TRPF-650	1435.812
 2. Diamond Pigeon Stud	"Grace"	1427.170
 3. Knoetze Lofts	"Champ"	1416.419
 4. RMG Racing	"Just a second"	1414.995
 5. Ebraheem Mohamed	"Karayel"	1414.141
 6. A-Team Syndicate	"King Of Compton"	1411.532
 7. Koekemoer & Gomes	"Romeo"	1408.172
 8. Triple J Lofts	"Jarice"	1407.114
 9. Rudi De Saer	BE-21-3120607	1406.099
 10. Nils Gerdemann	DV-21-0169-404	1404.833



BLACK JACKET Top 10 Race 3 - 280km

Fancier	Combined hours flown
 1. Nils Gerdemann	16:20:45.320
 2. Rudi De Saer	16:24:06.690
 3. Knoetze Lofts	16:28:19.050
 4. Bastogne-Henry	16:58:10.710
 5. Diamond Pigeon Stud	17:03:01.930
 6. Ebraheem Mohamed	17:07:01.600
 7. Triple J Lofts	17:07:54.750
 8. Balwin & Clicque	17:19:56.780
 9. Thone Pigeons	17:20:09.630
 10. Team Buffalo	17:20:35.980





NEWSLETTER 1 AUGUST 2022

We trust you are doing well and enjoying the racing season.
Congratulations to all the following fanciers for their outstanding results in race 3.

- Mr Gerard Koopman clocked the first pigeon on Race 3 with a winning velocity of 1453.432 meters/min. A well-respected fancier in the world of pigeon racing.
- Mr Nils Gerdemann is our Black Jacket leader for Race 3, leading by 4 minutes. He has never been outside the top three positions of the Black Jacket competition.
- Mr Derick Streak from Diamond Pigeon Stud is our Fancier of the Week with his first pigeon in the 5th position (2nd ACE) and his second pigeon Drumbeat in the 8th. Position. Interestingly, Drumbeat is from a grandson of the well-known Drum (Koopman origin, via Syndicate Loft) in crossing with Houben bloodlines.
- Mr Justin Le Roux from Silonque was crowned our Blue Jacket leader for the second consecutive week, with his pigeon "Mirari Pink" placing 23rd in Race 1, 23rd in Race 2, and 20th in Race 3. He is currently leading the ACE pigeon competition with 2'56". "Die Painters" bred "Mirari Pink" out of their famous "Purple Prince", who is sire and grandsire to several winners, including Union and Combine Winners. The mother is "Always Top 5", a multiple Union Winner and bred directly out of their famous "17 X Winner".

We are looking forward to an exciting race scheduled for this coming Friday, 5 August 2022.
Race 4 will take place from a distance of 330km.
The weather forecast for Friday looks like a perfect day for pigeon racing. Not much wind and clouds are predicted on Friday.

We had two 60km training flights over the weekend and can confidently say that the pigeons have recovered fully and are ready for the challenge ahead.

The basketing process for Race 4 will take place early Thursday morning, and the basketing list of all pigeons and their statuses will be shared soon after.

As the distances increase so does the anticipation for what the next race will bring in terms of the various leaderboard standings.
This is of course one of the main goals of the AfrikaPro concept - to keep every participant engaged and nailed to their screens on race day!

Thank you for all the compliments and well-wishes we received from so many of you over the last week.

Best regards,
AFRIKAPRO TEAM

The rest of the AFRIKAPRO Race Programme is as follows (dates may have to be altered depending on the weather conditions):- Race 4:- 360km (224 miles) on Friday 5th August 2022, Race 5:- 400km (249 miles) on Friday 12th July 2022, Race 6:- 400km (249 miles) on Friday 19th August 2022, Race 7:- 280km (174 miles) on Friday 26th July, Race 8:- 480km (298 miles) on Friday 2nd September 2022, Race 9:- 240km (149 miles) on Friday 9th September 2022 and then onto Race 10 (FINAL RACE):- 600km (373 miles) on Saturday 17th September 2022.

AFRIKAPRO reserves the right to adjust the distance and dates to suit the conditions of the pigeons and also the weather.

GUARANTEED PRIZE MONEY will be US\$2.003 Million American Dollars (approx. £1,483 Million Pounds Sterling). A total of 144 different Cash Prizes will be on offer throughout the 10-week race series.

(See www.afrikapro.com for full list of all the Prizes & Awards).

The “TEAM” at AFRIKAPRO PREMIER ONE LOFT SERIES have already published quite a few numerous informative short videos on Facebook and other social media channels and will continue to do so right through the race series and all are available to view on YouTube for all to see, plus all the competing fanciers/entrants that are on WhatsApp get regular training and race updates regarding what is happening at the AFRIKAPRO Race Loft.

I will be compiling and writing my International Press Release and these will be published to the world’s pigeon publications and pigeon related websites on a regular basis. If you would like to receive a regular copy, then please just email at reglofts@aol.com and I will add you to my email database.

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Best regards, keep safe and I hope you decide to join us all and have some Fun in The Sun in South Africa in September 2022.

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