

## Barcelona—July 2005—Total 25.835 pigeons

If you want to be well-known in the European pigeon world then all you have to do is win this race. Your picture of your bird and yourself will be in all the pigeon papers in Europe. Rich men will flock to your address to buy the winning bird and these men carry fat wallets. It is enough to make your wife smile from ear to ear and all of a sudden she just loves pigeons!!

**Belgium** shipped 13.066 birds

**Holland** shipped 7.489 birds

And there were lots of birds from **Germany France England and Hungary.**

The **winner** was a **FRANCE** pigeon flying 942 km—1127.03m/m

2 <sup>nd</sup>	A <b>Dutch</b> bird	Distance	1208 km	1052.50	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	A <b>Dutch</b> bird		1231 km	1044.56	
4 <sup>th</sup>	A <b>Belgium</b> bird		1109km	1041.53	
5 <sup>th</sup>	A <b>Belgium</b> bird		1136 km	1034.43	
14 <sup>th</sup>	A <b>German</b> bird		1128 km	1016.68	Raymund Hermes

A fancier from Hungary his bird homed from **1504 km** and won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Hungary. He Homed Monday at 10.20 AM.

One Dutch fancier shipped to Barcelona **26 birds** and he clocked **all 26 birds** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. Starting with prize 134<sup>th</sup> out of **7.489 birds**. His 26<sup>th</sup> prize was 1860<sup>th</sup>. **Really outstanding.** His name: Kurver-De Weerd.

I am really impressed with the International Federation **who do not delete birds after a fancier clocks 5 birds.!!**

I know our races from **Long Lac and Nakina** seem rather short in comparison to Barcelona.

I would like to mention one fancier In the U.N.C., his name is **Tom Brouwer.** He shipped 20 birds each to Long Lac and Nakina. distances to his loft **869.260** and **910.846** km resp.

From Nakina he had **9 day birds** and from Long Lac he clocked **12 day birds**.  
From Nakina his first five birds **were in the first 30 in the Combine 474 Birds**  
From L.Lac his first five birds **were in the first 21 in the Combine. 584 Birds**

Nobody in the Combine had better overall results on **these two races**. What is his reward?

Due to this “dumb” five bird rule they **deleted 11 of his day birds**. Thanks very much. His well known “**Daddy Long Lac**” homed before 7.00 PM on the day. What is his reward? **He was thrown out. No mention of his number anywhere in the combine. This is after five years of outstanding races by this particular pigeon.**

Nobody can tell me why we continue to distort the prize list (especially on long distance races) by hanging on this 5 bird clocking rule.

Quite often our Champion birds are not the real champion birds. Basically Champion lofts mean nothing. Lofts clocking 10 out of 20 birds in the prizes are beaten by the lofts who only got 5 birds home on the day.

If you set a 20 bird limit then let the prize winners (1:4) count. If you do not like to see somebody's name on the prize list too often, then change your shipping limit.

One fancier said: “You will lose all your new members if you do away with the 5 bird limit.”

Like Dr. Phil says: “How is it working for you !!”. Our Combine still have approx. 100 members because other clubs joined us. Not because this 5 bird rule kept new members in the game.

**New members are most of the time too intelligent not to look through this scam. If you explain the rules they are normally disgusted by the silliness of it all.**

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