

# SOUTH AFRICA FLYING THE FLAG HIGH AT THE VICTORIA FALLS WORLD CHALLENGE PIGEON RACE.

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The final for the VFWCPR took place on Friday 14th August 2020. The liberation point was Tamba - Beitbridge Road with a distance of 544 km from the loft in Victoria Falls, South East of Zimbabwe. The liberation was at 7h00am. A number of 859 pigeons were basketed on Thursday, 13th of August. The weather conditions were very strong east/cross winds at 25 km/hr in the beginning with an increase in daytime temperatures as the day progressed. About half way through the flight, the birds passed over about 200km of a very dry region with little opportunity of finding water. The final 200km had numerous watering points with high temperatures of up to 32 °C.

South Africa was well represented in the number of 77 birds that arrived today. Results were as follows:

1. MC Daniel took the 6th position, arriving at 14:23:13 at a speed of 1227.3676 m/min.
2. Michel Debecker claimed the 15th and 33rd position.
3. A bird bred by PH Lerm claimed the 24th position arriving at 15:06:56 at a speed of 1117.188 m/min.
4. Josh and Dean claimed the 31st position with the bird arriving at 15:41:59 at a speed of 1042.1619 m/min.
5. Oberholser Loft won the 44th position, with the bird arriving at 16:48:50 at a speed of 923.8435 m/min as well as the 57<sup>th</sup> position with the pigeon arriving at 17:33:56.

6. A bird bred by Samuel Lofts won the 45th position arriving at 16:55:39 at a speed of 913.2877 m/min.
7. The 46th position was claimed by a pigeon bred by Gys Louw arriving at 16:56:10 at a speed of 811.6086 m/min as well as the 67<sup>th</sup> and 76<sup>th</sup> position.
8. A bird bred by Nelspruit Pro Club won the 50th position arriving at 17:17:42 at a speed of 880.6691 m/min.
9. The 58<sup>th</sup> position was claimed by Team Heerman-Holland-Klingbiel-Gilbert arriving at 14:17:38 at a speed of 852.5893.
10. Boet Syndicate won the 61<sup>st</sup> position with the bird arriving at 17:41:28 at a speed of 848.0453 m/min.
11. A bird bred by Poggenpoel Lofts won the 64<sup>th</sup> position arriving at 17:59:12 at a speed of 825.2237 m/min.
12. The 65<sup>th</sup> position was claimed by Flying Ladies Syndicate arriving at 17:59:19 at a speed of 825.084 m/min.
13. AJ Nel won the 73<sup>rd</sup> position with the bird arriving at 18:21:34 at a speed of 798.1511 m/min.

This was a very difficult race as the weather conditions were unbearable. Congratulations to all South African Fanciers whose pigeons returned by dark today.