



CPL Sprint Race Fires the Opening Shot as Voelklub Sindikaat Claims Victory

CPL Sprint Race 1 from Gariep Dam 165km to Bloemfontein sees Voelklub Sindikaat claim the opening race of the season. SRKJ earns the Velocity News Fanciers of the Day with three pigeons in the top 5% of 966 basketed including a 4th place finish.



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The Race



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The Central Provincial One Loft Race opened its 2026 season with Sprint Race 1 on 16 June, liberating 966 pigeons from Gariep Dam on the Free State and Northern Cape border over 165 kilometres to Bloemfontein. With 423 fanciers represented in the field this was a serious opening race and the result delivered exactly the kind of competitive finish the CPL is known for.

Liberation and Conditions

Liberation took place at 09:15 SAST into clean mid-winter air with temperatures between 11°C and 13°C and a westerly to north-north-westerly wind at 11 to 13km/h. Visibility was clear with hazy sunshine across the Free State interior under a stable high pressure system. By arrival in Bloemfontein conditions were fine and sunny at 15°C to 17°C with the wind shifting to east-north-easterly to northerly at 9 to 22km/h. A quartering wind at liberation settling into a northerly at arrival produced genuine racing conditions and a fast competitive result.

The Top 10 Arrivals

Voelklub Sindikaat took the victory in CPL Sprint Race 1 with **CPL 757 2026** clocking 1254.97mpm to claim the opening race of the season. Willie Munnik pushed hard to second with **ZA 224 2025** at 1254.82mpm and Ronnie Huebsch completed the podium with **GPU 3672 2025** at 1254.69mpm — just 1.74 seconds off the winning time.

SRKJ placed **MPV 144 2025** in 4th at 1254.56mpm signalling serious early season intent. Piet Schoeman brought 'Golden Moment' home in 5th at 1254.40mpm. Pigeon Power Lofts 6th with **KUYS 60 2025**, ACR Sindikaat 7th with 'Fine Brandy', Marius and Herman 8th with **OERF 10226 2025**. Werner Waldow from Germany produced the standout international performance of the race taking 9th with 'WW2' — the only international entry in the top 10. Team Oberholster rounded out the top 10 with 'Pick Me'.





CENTRAL PROVINCIAL LOFT BLOEMFONTEIN SPRINT RESULTS

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Ranking	Pigeon / Fancier	Arrival	Average Speed	Difference
1	VOELKLUB SINDIKAAT CPL 757 2026	16.06.2026 11:26:28.630	1254.9708 m/min	
2	MUNNIK, WILLIE ZA 224 2025 · 3347/5330	16.06.2026 11:26:29.600	1254.8165 m/min	+00:00:00.970
3	HUEBSCH, RONNIE GPU 3672 2025	16.06.2026 11:26:30.370	1254.6940 m/min	+00:00:01.740
4	SRKJ MPV 144 2025	16.06.2026 11:26:31.240	1254.5557 m/min	+00:00:02.610
5	SCHOEMAN, PIET GWHS 2201 2025 · GOLDEN MOMENT	16.06.2026 11:26:32.220	1254.3999 m/min	+00:00:03.590
6	PIGEON POWER LOFTS KUY5 60 2025	16.06.2026 11:26:32.390	1254.3729 m/min	+00:00:03.760
7	ACR SINDIKAAT KHS 1968 2025 · FINE BRANDY	16.06.2026 11:26:34.220	1254.0821 m/min	+00:00:05.590
8	MARIUS & HERMAN OERF 10226 2025	16.06.2026 11:26:34.880	1253.9773 m/min	+00:00:06.250
9	WALDOW, WERNER DV-04858-25-454 · WW2	16.06.2026 11:26:36.080	1253.7867 m/min	+00:00:07.450
10	TEAM OBERHOLSTER PPK 1338 2025 · PICK ME	16.06.2026 11:26:39.570	1253.2328 m/min	+00:00:10.940

Sprint 1 Gariepdam 165km 16 June 2026

The Stats. Velocity News Fanciers of the Day.

423 fanciers competed in CPL Sprint Race 1. Here is how the top performers stacked up across the full top 100.

Fanciers With Multiple Pigeons in the Top 100

1st SRKJ (ZA) 3 pigeons 4th, 19th, 43rd

2nd Britstown Smartt Hokke (ZA) 3 pigeons 13th, 65th, 81st

3rd Ninja Lofts (ZA) 3 pigeons 27th, 54th, 99th

4th Voelklub Sindikaat (ZA) 2 pigeons 1st, 37th

5th Team Judels (ZA) 2 pigeons 15th, 30th

6th Schoeman Piet (ZA) 2 pigeons 5th, 62nd

7th Akasha Lofts John and Marietjie (ZA) 2 pigeons 18th, 59th

8th De Villiers and Fouche (ZA) 2 pigeons 16th, 83rd



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- 9th Mollie's Hokke (ZA) 2 pigeons 17th, 88th
- 10th Team Oberholster (ZA) 2 pigeons 10th, 80th
- 11th Diamond Pigeon Stud (ZA) 2 pigeons 42nd, 64th
- 12th Fanie and Sunday (ZA) 2 pigeons 47th, 71st
- 13th Heerden Lofts (ZA) 2 pigeons 39th, 74th
- 14th JVR Hokke (ZA) 2 pigeons 55th, 78th
- 15th Grobbelaar James (ZA) 2 pigeons 32nd, 77th
- 16th JJJ Van Der Linde (ZA) 2 pigeons 46th, 87th
- 17th Tsunami and Dr Piet Van Wyk (ZA) 2 pigeons 49th, 76th
- 18th Top Pigeon and Beneke Lofts (ZA) 2 pigeons 51st, 69th

Top 5% Concentration — Who Dominated the Sharp End

The top 5% of 966 basketed pigeons covers the first 48 positions. SRKJ placed three pigeons inside the top 5% bracket at 4th, 19th and 43rd — the strongest top 5% concentration of any loft in Sprint Race 1. Voelklub Sindikaat placed two pigeons in the top 5% including the race winner at 1st. Team Judels placed two pigeons in the top 5% at 15th and 30th. No other fancier placed more than one pigeon inside the top 48.

Velocity News Fanciers of the Day — SRKJ

Three pigeons in the top 5% of 966 basketed. 4th. 19th. 43rd. SRKJ delivers the standout team performance of CPL Sprint Race 1 on volume, front end quality and consistency across the top bracket. Voelklub Sindikaat pushed hard with two pigeons in the top 5% including the race winner but on depth and concentration across the sharp end of the field SRKJ stood alone. CPL Sprint Race 1 Velocity News Fanciers of the Day belongs to SRKJ.

Looking Ahead

Voelklub Sindikaat leads after Sprint Race 1. SRKJ has shown both front end quality and team depth from the opening gun. Werner Waldow from Germany has announced an international presence in the top 10 from race one. The CPL 2026 season has started at pace and Sprint Race 2 will tell us exactly who the real contenders are.



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