

PIGEON OUT FOR A DUCK



Fielding . . . Rudolph throws the ball in



Collision course . . . bird and ball circled

THESE pictures capture the moment a cricket star throws the ball — and kills an unfortunate pigeon in flight.

Jacques Rudolph fielded the ball just inside the boundary while playing in a Twenty20 game for Yorkshire against Lancashire.

He hurled it to his wicket keeper — just as the bird swooped 40ft over the pitch. To his amazement the ball smashed into the pigeon and sent it crashing to the ground.

Former South African international

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Rudolph, 28, retrieved the lifeless bird and dropped it over the boundary rope.

Then he returned to his fielding position, grinning sheepishly at the crowd.

A TV commentator at Yorkshire's ground in Headingley, Leeds, said: "The pigeon is no more. Jacques Rudolph is the man with blood on his hands." Yorkshire went on to lose by five wickets.



Coo . . . pigeon sees ball too late



Tail-spin . . . the pigeon is hit for six



Ashes to ashes . . .
Rudolph disposes
of the dead bird