Jos and Jan Loobuyck (Aalter): 1st Ace bird long distance KBDB and 1st national Montauban 2016. A superb year!

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It is always an enjoyable visit at the Loobuyck family in Aalter. Simplicity, positivism and good coffee! And this year there was cake just as it should be! What an amazing season did father Jos and son Jan had this year. Where you could hear a lot of clenching teeth other lofts, they had a wonderful season over here. Not that we didn't know that there was top quality on their loft. They've had too many strong results over the past years with national victories, provincial victories, championships in the different rankings and this preferably on the long distance and the extreme long distance races. And looking at father Jos it really doesn't show that he has lived so many springs, as frisky as a foal he rides his bike and runs around their garden and lofts.

But also in Aalter they weren't saved from many losses. They don't race a big basket and want to compete in all the long distance and extreme long distance races. This year they also lost some good and reliable pigeons in the precarious season of 2016.

A strong base full of 'good blood'

Coming from far out the West-Flanders, passing Otegem, Jos and his wife settled in Aalter, at the track of world group Bekaert, where Jos built his career. With the birds it also went from the short distance, middle distance to the long distance and extreme long distance. And in Aalter he found in his son Jan (and later also grandson Jens) the ideal partner. That they knew what they were doing shows from the top results they've set in the past with for example the 2nd National Bourges 1996, 1st National Périgueux 1998, 2nd National Marseille 2001, 3 National Montauban 2015, 1 Provincial Champion (1+2) 2014, 5th National Limoges 2014, 5th National Montauban 2014 and 1st National Montauban.

We can state that the old base has been built up on the blood of 'the Perigueux'. This double national winner wasn't sold and took care of many good offspring, especially in second and third degree! Later birds from the loft of Chirs Hebberechts were added. This pigeons became a true success in combination with their own strain. Also several offspring in first and second generation are part of the champions team.

A hen from Van Damme-Boddaert from 2004 is the founding mother. She carries on mothers' side the Aelbrecht-blood and on fathers' side the strain of top pigeon 'den 20' from this successful tandem. She is a half-sister of the Warrior from team De Jaeger (ace bird long distance KBDB 2015). Despite her age she still is fertile. At Hendrik Mortier in Bruges they got 2 excellent breeding hens namely a sister and daughter from his national Castres winner.





Also the pigeons from neighbour Marnick de Neve are doing extremely well on their loft (the 1st and 3rd Limoges 2016 locally where pigeons crossed in with his strain with a 7th an 21st national as result).

Beside these they recently crossed in their birds with birds from John Meurysse from Oeselgem. Three good year birds 2016 came out of his '001'-hen and are very promising for the future. John also has the 2^{nd} Ace bird long distance 2014 with 'Dieudonné'. This top bird came out of a hen from the Loobuyck loft namely 'Vaillant' which is a daughter from the 'Fantoom', 2^{nd} provincial ace bird long distance.

The father of 'De Jan', 'de Fonne' was bought at the total sale of late Alfons Hoste. He won amongst other the 1st local Narbonne in Eeklo (40th National)! He became a superb breeder, together with his granddaughter from the national winner from Perigueux. He is from the strain of Gaby Vandenabeele from a son Senna. She took care of an entire strain of superb pigeons and are fully integrated in their own strain and deliver national winners.

There are also co-breeding with Rik Bral,

Etienne Meirlaen, Frederik Leliaert, Luc Vermeerbergen, Sjaak and Sjaak Jr Van de Velde, but it is a bit too early to talk about concrete results.

The spirit of the Périgueux wanders around...

In almost every good pigeon on their loft you can find a bit of the national winner of Perigueux. This is how he is twice the great-grandfather from Spirit, who has the title of Ace bird Long distance 2016 KBDB (who is great-grandmother of the Panda hen from Chris Hebberecht).

He also is great-grandfather of the Montauban winner 'De Jan' by mothers' side. From the moral winner from Bordeaux 2011, the father of 'Spirit', he again is the grandfather (the control rubber was checked-in too late) which makes him an extra ordinary breeder. The half-brother of 'Spirit', 'Bunga Bordeaux' is also a great-grandson of the national winner of Perigueux. The 'Bunga Bordeaux' won 3 x within the top 100 national and has moved to the breeding loft now. On mothers' side this is a son of the 'old' breeding hen from Van Damme-Boddaert.

The team and the approach

The racing team exist of 30 old cocks and 30 year birds. They were all cured against the known diseases before the season. Also against paratyphus (by injection). Vet Ruben Lanckriet is their medical adviser, but during the season medication is given only when truly necessary. They do make use of yellow drops and action is taken when necessary. This is how the entire team was being purified before the season with the means of a trichomonas cure and a 'head-cure'. During the season nothing was given except for the yellow drops. At a check-up, when the most important races were getting closer, a pill against coccidiosis was given an a 3 day cure with Lincospectin. The entire medical follow up was limited by these interferences.

The youngsters team exist of about 100 pigeons which are being trained very well without putting a focus on them. The majority of this team did in 2016 2x Arras and 4x Clermont as a postage pigeon. They don't get a chip ring and grow up in an open aviary. They are only being selected by model and pedigree. A bit more than 20 youngsters can stay to show themselves as year birds.

Only 8 cocks from the 1st round had a national race. The focus is obviously on the game with the old birds.

The racing team (about 60 pigeons) and youngsters (about 100) reside at Jos, the breeders (12 base couples and some spare couples) + the youngster for breeding reside at Jan. They help each other where necessary. Also grandson Jens is present in the weekends to help out. He still didn't lose his pigeon love but it is difficult to combine the sport with his job as a pilot. It is a very cosy family gathering where everybody is happy with!

The racing pigeons don't breed before the season. Beginning of February they are being coupled and may breed for 10 days. Beginning of April they are being put together for a few more days to train. The hens aren't allowed to lay eggs then. The true game starts from the first long distance race from Limoges which doesn't mean they don't get any victories on Arras, Clermont and Fontenay.

The condition is mostly there in July as most of the pigeons live on brick lofts. They warm up a bit slower but do definitely take care of the right shape when the most important classics come by. From the moment it becomes less cold in the morning the widow cocks train twice a day. In April bean straw comes onto the lofts to make it cosier. After a fire in 2010, where all hens and youngsters were lost, they don't make any use of heating plates anymore.

Nutrition

The old birds and year birds are being raced every 2 or 3 weeks. When they get home on Saturday they can find 'Energy' in their (individual) eating pot and electrolytes in the drinking water. On Sunday it stays 'Energy' and 'yellow drops' are given. After that they change to 'Fond Plus' (sporting mixture) and this until a few days before basketing. The widow cocks are being nurtured by Jos individually by spoon. After this they get 'Energy' again. Also the cocks get a daily treat with some peanuts. And daily fresh grit is being mixed with some candy.

Other panaceas are Naturaline and apple vinegar a few days a week.

The youngsters get 'Junior Mixture' from home coming until basketing and get weekly brewers 'yeast with garlic oil added.

Their hen or their territory?

Discussing this item, Jos and Jan are really clear. The territory is for a pigeon more motivating than the partner, at least this is their experience throughout the years. They are strongly convinced that a strong motivator is when a good pigeon can expand his territory.

They won the 1 national Périgueux in 1998 as he got shortly before the race a second spot to guard namely an extra chapel to sit on.

Also this year a bird was taken from the loft of 'Spirit' as he didn't perform well. The box of this bird was closed but they forgot to take away a shelf in front of the box. Shortly after this, beginning of July, 'Spirit' crowned himself as king of the shelf. Now he could defend his box on the second row and the shelf at the top row.

Before the basketing of Tulle, a week after Brive, the box was being opened as well. 'Spirit' got home from Brive only 4 days before. The coincidence makes that just before basketing another pigeons got into the newly opened box...and now the box was literally too small. The way he got home from a very hard Tulle didn't leave anything for imagination. As a bullet he got onto the loft, as proof that his territory made him achieve this top result. It is not the habit of Jan and Jos to basket a pigeon this short after a race but 'Spirit' got home from Brive very fresh and motivated and trained as a mad man the day after and showed off his excellent shape. As he already got some nice coefficients it became a calculated risk to basket him again...and with the known result!

And the winners are:

• De Jan BE14-4198064: 1st national Montauban old birds

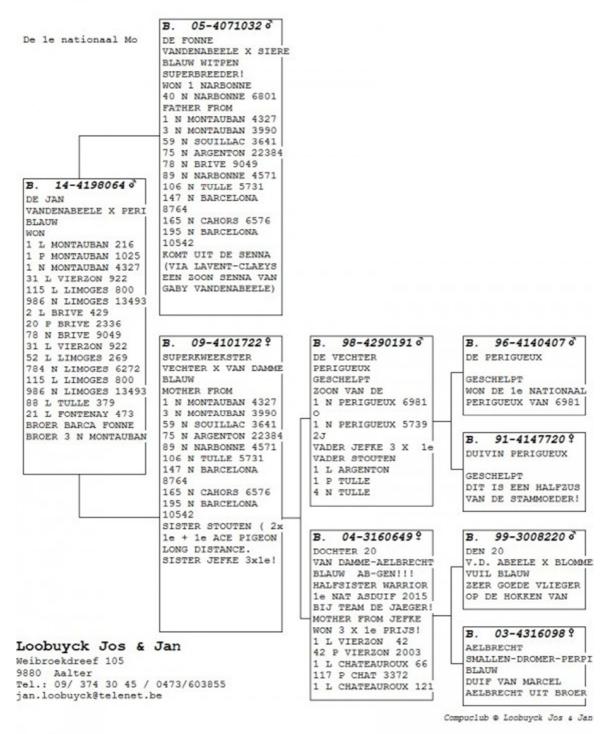
A nice blue cock from 'de Fonne' (strain Vandenabeele x Sierens) coupled to super breeding hen out of the blood strains Perigeux x Aelbrecht and Van Damme – Bodaert.

He already raced top on Vierzon, 78^{th} national Brive and top on Limoges. He is also a pure brother of the 3^{rd} national Montauban 2015. He didn't get it from a stranger...



Pédigree Pigeon: B. 14-4198064 M

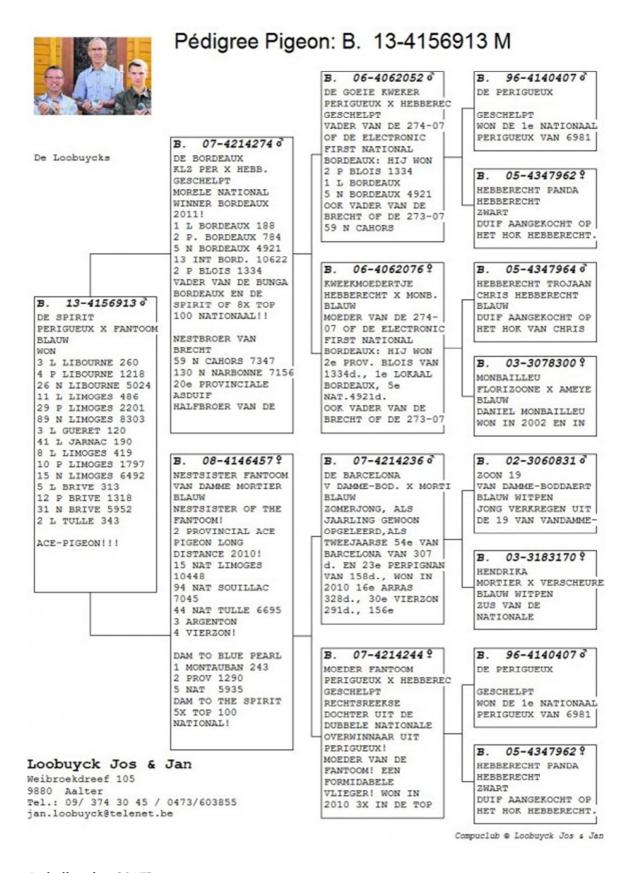




De Spirit BE13-4156913 : 1st Ace bird Long Distance KBDB 2016

Also a blue cock as a son of De Bordeaux (top racer and breeder out the strain of the Périgueux) coupled to a nest sister of the Fantoom (Van Damme-Bodaert x Mortier). On his photo you can check out his marvellous palmaris.





A challenging 2017?

After a season like this the bar is set high! 'Spirit' and de 'Jan' were sold and a few top birds moved to the breeding loft. Also a few good birds were lost during the season. 'It is going to be difficult', but this is their simplicity and modesty talking. There is more than enough quality left on the loft to get some nice results again and what has been won can't be taken away anymore.

A wonderful season 2016 which has to be enjoyed thoroughly, what the future holds nobody can tell!

A big well-done from the Herbots-team!





Pédigree Pigeon: B. 12-4153467 M

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