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# **GASTON VAN DE WOUWER**





# GASTON VAN DE WOUWER: AN ANTWERP BASED PHENOMENON

Gaston Van De Wouwer's name will always be associated with Kaasboer, the magnificent breeding cock whose descendants are internationally known for making a difference in the most important races. But Gaston is more than just a top class pigeon breeder. He was among the first fanciers to compete in races using only a small group of pigeons. He also made good money by betting on his pigeons, and he has a keen eye for talent. His Kaasboer has been a leading figure in the middle distance and shorter middle distance competition in Belgium, but it was Gaston Van De Wouwer who was the number one champion.

aston was born nine months before the end of the Second World War on 16th June 1944, and he was the oldest son of the Van De Wouwer family. Apparently, Gaston understood right away that he was born on holy ground, as he would never live more than 100 metres away from his place of birth in Berlaar, the town of diamonds. His current home and the adjacent lofts were built on a former farmyard. The lofts of the most famous pigeon fancier in Berlaar are located on a stretch of land which his ancestors used as farmland a few decades ago.

#### **DIFFERENT IDEAS**

His father Edward combined his job as an experienced plasterer with fatherhood, but he was first of all a pigeon fancier. Pigeon fancying was not just a hobby for him; it was an integral part of his life. Edward was not the only fancier in the neighbourhood; nearly every family in Berlaar was keeping pigeons at the time, either in a pigeon loft or in a garden shed. His wife Irma was looking after the family, and she devoted her time to raising their son Gaston and his seven year younger brother Willy.

Edward showed his son Gaston around his pigeon loft when he was five years old, and that is when Gaston got fascinated by his father's pigeon collection. However, he would only start keeping pigeons on his own as a teenager.

Pigeon racing was fairly rudimentary back in the 1950s and '60s, but that did not make it any less appealing. Medicines were not yet in use and so pigeons were usually not in such good health.

Racing from the nest was the method of choice for most fanciers, who were usually not very inventive in the racing loft. This means pigeons were not particularly motivated either. Pigeon racing was a traditional sport, in which fanciers from all levels of society competed against each other with more or less the same means. This is when a young Gaston was introduced to the animal that would later become a lifelong passion. A passionate fancier himself, Edward was really pleased to see his oldest son gain an interest in his pigeon collection, although he would only get actively involved in the sport at a later age.

Instead, Gaston would spend hours trying to catch small birds together with his friends,



before his attention was drawn to his father's loft again at the age of twelve, when he started helping his father in the loft. He assisted basketing the pigeons and he brought the clocks back to the club after the races. "From day one, my father and I had different ideas about how to keep pigeons. For instance, I would always pair an old cock to a young hen and vice versa, so that the partner would always stay at home. Apparently, hardly any fancier was adopting this approach at the time. Our difference in opinion explains why we never kept pigeons together. I only got the chance to keep my own collection at the age of 16."

#### **CAREFUL AND CONSIDERATE**

Anyone born in the Belgian province of Antwerp in the 1950s or '60s was bound to be employed in the diamond industry sooner or later, and Gaston was no exception. Higher education was not an option, and everybody was destined to be trained as a diamond worker after finishing school. "I was a decent diamond cutter but no more than that. I was appreciated for being a careful and considerate worker." Gaston worked as a diamond cutter for almost 35 years, after which he had a job at the local government for a few years as well.

One of the positives of working in the diamond industry was the flexible working policy. "If you were in need of money, you could work hard for a few months and earn a lot of money. You could then decide to take a step back for a while before having another few very busy

way of working allowed the most motivated fanciers to spend some additional time in the loft to prepare for their favourite races. "I had my first pigeon collection when I started working as a diamond cutter. shortly after finishing school. I was 16 years old. The sprint was the number one competition at the time. particularly the races from Quievrain and

months." This

Noyon, and I mostly raced young birds. I was not yet a dedicated player, but I did spend some time in the loft every morning and evening. I learned a lot by doing."

Gaston considered his first years as a pigeon fancier to be a learning period. Until the age of 27, keeping pigeons was nothing more than a hobby. Until then, he liked to go out every weekend to enjoy life with his friends. He did not get much sleep, also because he was the loftmanager of his brother Willy, a talented cyclist, and so he had to get up early every

weekend to join his brother to the races. In the 1960s Gaston spent his time working, going out, acting as his brother's loftmanager, and keeping pigeons. Things changed quickly when Gaston got to know Maria, the girl that won his heart. They got married in 1971 and the newlyweds moved to the farm of his parents. Their first son Kurt was born in 1973 and Gaston turned into a family man. This was an opportunity for him to make a fresh start as a pigeon fancier, and he wanted to take things seriously this time!

#### NATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS 2004-2014

1st National Champion Long Distance Youngsters KBDB 2007

1st National Acepigeon Cureghem Center 2009

1st National Champion Youngsters Cureghem Center 2013

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1st National Gueret Youngsters 14.700 p. 2009

1st National Bourges 39.614 p. 2010

1st National Zone Argenton 2011

1st National Zone Poitiers 2.538 p. 2013

1st Semi National Vierzon 15.359 p. 2014

2nd National Champion Youngsters Middle Distance Duivenkrant 2005

3rd National Bourges Youngsters 37.900 p. 2009

4th National Champion Long Distance Youngsters KBDB 2011

5th National Limoges 14.211 p. 2010

6th National Champion Long Distance Youngsters KBDB 2004

6th National Argenton Old Birds 9.900 p. 2009

8th National Champion Youngsters Long Distance KBDB 2013



#### A MEANINGFUL ROLE

His pigeon collection was initially based on pigeons from his father, and given his background as a diamond cutter, Gaston was very careful and considerate in selecting pigeons to increase the quality of his breed. He received a few excellent youngsters from Emanuel Lambrechts (the brother of the renowned Cyriel Lambrechts), who had an outstanding pigeon collection. Gaston's neighbour Stan Gooyvaerts was quite successful at the time as well, and his "Grijze Kanonnen" proved an excellent combination with Gaston's existing breed: Lambrechts x Gooyvaerts was a perfect match. Gaston will always remember such talented pigeons as 'Oude Grijze van 72', a cock that won the race from Quievrain with a five minute lead. "I eventually gave Oude Grijze to Edwin Verstappen, a colleague who achieved great success thanks to this pigeon." A number of pigeons from Quievrain specialist Louis Mollen were introduced in the sprint family of Van De Wouwer as well, and they proved another invaluable addition.

Gaston would sometimes purchase bons from successful fanciers, but he has never paid money for a pigeon. "That did not prevent me from having a collection of great pigeons", Gaston explains. This has much to do with his eye for talented pigeons. "I can tell right away whether or not I am interested in obtaining a pigeon. A good quality racing pigeon should not be particularly heavy or big, and its head should be full of life. I am looking for a solid

looking pigeon, not just a ball of feathers. Most Quievrain fanciers did not have such pigeons, mainly because winning a prize in these sprint races was mostly a matter of motivation and racing from the nest. Fanciers started to pay a lot more attention to the intrinsic values of their pigeons with the introduction of the widowhood approach,

which also added to the popularity of the middle distance competition."

The level of quality of his pigeon collection allowed Gaston to earn a place among the most successful pigeon fanciers at the time. "I never basketed a lot of pigeons, but I was always looking for pigeons I had great confidence in", Gaston remembers. I used to put good money on my racing birds as well. This was quite common, and I enjoyed making a bet from time to time." Gaston abandoned the nest game for good in 1982, instead pairing a group of 12 to 16 young widowers to a few old hens. It proved a great success: "I earned quite a lot of money thanks to my pigeons. For instance, I competed in the annual autumn

races in September and October, for which many fanciers prepared a dedicated team of pigeons. I once earned 120,000 Belgian Francs in just two weeks' time thanks to a first and second prize, which was exceptional those days."

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#### KAASBOER

Throughout the 1980s and 1990s Gaston continued to race with a small basket, and this approach allowed him to win an impressive number of prizes. He turned from a hobbyist fancier in his early days into a short distance champion. "I was successful, but I did not consider myself to be the number one champion in the Campine region in Belgium. I had told Maria shortly after our wedding that it was my goal to make my pigeon loft a self financing project, which was possible thanks to the money I made from betting. If that was not enough, I always had the possibility of selling a few young birds of my best pigeons on the market in Lier, which attracted fanciers from The Netherlands, Great Britain and Germany. After all, the province of Antwerp had a reputation as the Mecca of pigeon racing. I noticed that an increasing number of German fanciers were particularly interested in pigeons from my loft, because they had achieved great success with my pigeons. I was happy to see

other fanciers achieve great results thanks to my pigeon breed."

At the turn of the century Gaston told the other members of the club about his plans to leave the sprint competition behind and to focus on the middle distance instead. Fanciers told him he was mad to leave the competition he had been so successful in, and many advised him against such a move, arguing that

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the middle distance is an entirely different game. Gaston motivated his career changing decision by saying that he was looking for a new challenge." The races from Quievrain and Noyon saw a lower number of participating pigeons, while the middle distance and also the shorter middle distance would give me the chance to

compete against the greatest fanciers in the Long Distance Club of Antwerp and by extension the entire province of Antwerp. This was a logical next step for me, also because I assumed that my pigeons would do great in races over more than 300km as well. I was confident that I needed to add just one more pigeon to my

collection to be well prepared for this new discipline."

It was probably no coincidence that Gaston exchanged a pigeon with champions Jozef and Frans Goovaerts just one year before his transition from sprint to middle distance. Jozef and Frans were nearly impossible to beat in the flights from Quievrain and Noyon,

and Gaston Van De Wouwer was the only fancier who was able to defeat them. They decided during a football game to exchange a few pigeons, and so the BE98-6335690 was moved from the Goovaerts lofts to Gaston's collection. Jozef Goovaerts was working as a market vendor selling butter, cheese and eggs, and so the '690' was named after his breeder, hence the name Kaasboer (cheesemonger) Gaston was unaware that this blue coloured pigeon was to become one of the world's most talented breeding pigeons in the middle distance.

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# (INTER)NATIONAL BREAKTHROUGH

In his first few years in the breeding loft, Kaasboer was paired to a great looking hen of Bart Henderickx, an ambitious 16 year old fancier who had won quite a few prizes from Noyon, partly thanks to the pigeons of Gaston. Bart was forced to guit the sport due to circumstances. and he offered some of his finest pigeons to Gaston, under the condition that he could use some of Gaston's breeders should he decide to make a comeback to the sport (which he did in 2012). That was the start of the Kaasboer x Henderickx hen pairing, which bred an exceptional number of top class racing and breeding pigeons. Kaasboer was then paired to

#### PROVINCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2004–2014

1st & 2nd Interprovincial Acepigeon 'Brugse Kampioenschappen' 2012

1st Provincial Bourges Old Birds 2005

1st Provincial Salbris Youngsters 2005

1st Provincial Montlucon 1.483 p. 2010

1st Provincial Vierzon 2011

1st Provincial Argenton 2011

1st Provincial Blois 2012

1st Provincial Poitiers 1.853 p. 2013

2nd Provincial Champion KBDB Allover 2010

2nd Provincial Champion Long Distance Youngsters KBDB 2009

2nd Provincial Champion Youngsters Long Distance KBDB 2012

2nd Provincial Acepigeon Long Distance Youngsters KBDB 2012

3rd Interprovincial Acepigeon Youngsters 'Brugse Kampioenschappen' 2012

3rd Provincial Champion Middle Distance Youngsters KBDB 2005

3rd Provincial Champion Long Distance Youngsters KBDB 2013

5th Provincial Champion Middle Distance Youngsters KBDB 2006

5th Provincial Champion Old Birds Long Distance KBDB 2012

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#### STON VAN DE WOUWER, Berlaar



Gaston Van De Wouwer (Berlaa) Iste nationaal kampioen KBDB fond

"Terugkijken op een

geslaagd seizoen"









several other hens, each of which have bred excellent descendants as well. An impressive number of racing pigeons from Kaasboer and his descendants came to the fore, allowing Gaston to become a national top class fancier.

At the beginning of the new millennium,

Gaston raced with the young birds most of the time. It worked out really well, and he would eventually become one of the national champions with the young birds in 2004. He became a household name and several well known fanciers were interested in exchanging youngsters from their best pigeons for pigeons of the Kaasboer bloodline. Gaston exchanged pigeons with Kristiaan Hennes and Dirk Van Dyck, while also receiving a few great breeders from Johan Debelser, Eddy Janssens, Luc, Bart and Jürgen Geerinckx, Theo Yskout, Frans Rijmenants, and Theo Huysegoms. These were top quality breeders from invaluable bloodlines. A short while ago. some of Gaston's latest prize winners were brought to the loft of Gaby Vandenabeele for a joint breeding, which says something about the reputation of the Van De Wouwer pigeon.

Meanwhile, Gaston continued to basket only small groups of pigeons, using nothing but top quality racing birds. This resulted in a number of national victories by Kim (1st Nat. Gueret 2009) and Laura (1st Nat. Bourges 2010), along with several provincial first prizes national top results and many titles, including notably that of 1st Nat. Ace Pigeon Young Birds Cureghem Center 2009 and 1st Nat. Champion Young Birds KBDB 2007. "It is not

easy to win many top results at national level when racing with a small team of pigeons, and that makes me very proud of my pigeon breed, which has made many other fanciers successful as well. I sell my pigeons fairly cheaply and I give away a lot of vouchers as well, which explains why many fanciers started racing my pigeons right away, and with success. It gave me an excellent reputation and many fanciers have been really satisfied with my pigeons or vouchers. Besides, those that obtained youngsters or grandchildren of Kaasboer have also been able to get the most out of their purchase by selling the pigeons again later on, at a substantial profit."

or Gaston, the victories of other fanciers are almost as important to him as his own successes. He could not include every name on his long list of references, but he particularly enjoyed the national young birds'

victory from Nevers 2013 against 11,579 pigeons of Leo and Gerry Dockx from Koningshooikt. "These fanciers were expected to take a big win one day", says

Gaston. "They had a few health problems when I visited their farm during an open house day in 2008." Jos and Jules Engels had told them to ask Gaston for advice, because he is an expert fancier. Gaston continues: "I had a good feeling about then

and so I invited them to my home the following week, to try and offer some help. For instance, I advised them on how to build a new loft and they used some of my pigeons as well. This loft has now developed into a top class pigeon family and they have recently installed a new garden shed and two racing lofts in my garden in return. So we help each other out."

Meanwhile. Gaston had followed a new trend: he started racing hens in widowhood. "Hens appear to be much more resistant and are capable of competing in the middle distance and shorter middle distance at a weekly basis". he explains. "I should have started using this approach ten years ago. My cocks are now used as partners only, while the hens are there to achieve results. My national victories of 2009 and 2010 with two hens show that a team of hens has great potential indeed.

The Van De Wouwer pigeon has become a household name thanks to the impressive list of achievements and references of Gaston. "I think their main characteristic is their ability to

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take the lead in demanding racing conditions, in races with a velocity of around 1100 m/min. I am fond of intelligent pigeons that are not too large in size, and I think they should be naturally healthy as well. I prefer not to use preventive medicines, and I have kept the use of antibiotics to a minimum as well, so as to develop natural resistance. My pigeons tend not to breed too many low quality youngsters, thanks to a healthy and well developed pigeon breed. Of course, I was fortunate to have an exceptionally talented breeding pigeon in my loft which bred several generations of prize winners. The pigeon's name is Kaasboer. His breeding qualities are amazing, and that is what characterises my pigeon breed."

#### A STEP BACK

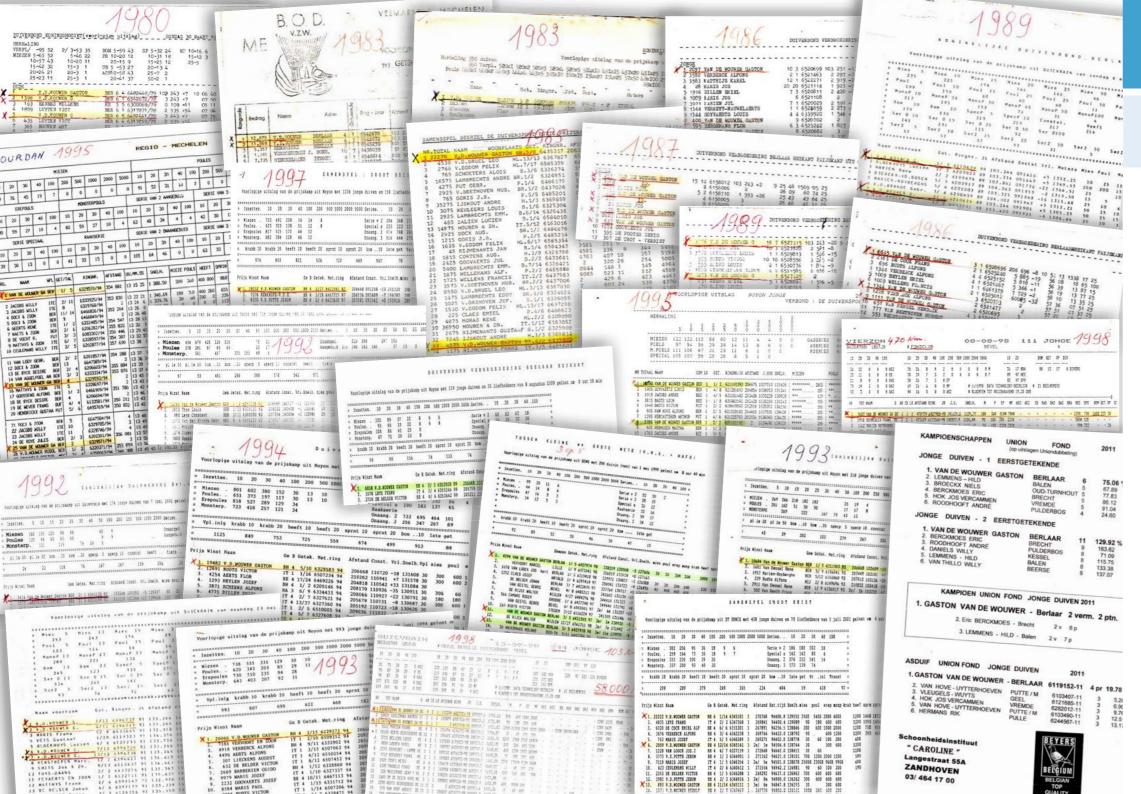
Gaston has just turned 70, but he never considered taking a step back. "In addition to taking care of my pigeons, which is a rather straightforward affair, I get visits from interested fanciers very often. I receive guests from all over the world, and I like to give each one of them a warm welcome. I like to hear their story and to see their enthousiasm, whether it be Sheikh

from Kuwait or a dockworker from Antwerp. There is no denying that these visits prevent me from enjoying my retirement and my golden years. Maria and I love to do cycling trips, go out for a dinner, and spend time with our grandchildren, and we would like to spend more time on it in the future. That is the reason why all old birds will be sold on PIPA, without exception. Only a select group of young birds from 2014 will be kept in the breeding loft, and I will probably be racing a few young birds from the young birds' team in the yearlings' competition.

Grandmaster Gaby Vandenabeele had asked Gaston to breed a few pigeons together, and living legend Leo Heremans once said that the Gaston Van De Wouwer family would be his pigeon breed of choice if he were to start again from scratch. This makes one of Belgium's greatest champions very proud. The auctioning of all of his old birds and most of his young birds on PIPA is a unique opportunity for fanciers from all over the world to obtain top class breeders, outstanding racing pigeons or highly talented young birds from the Kaasboer bloodline. This is the end of an era for him, but it can be the start of a success story for others.



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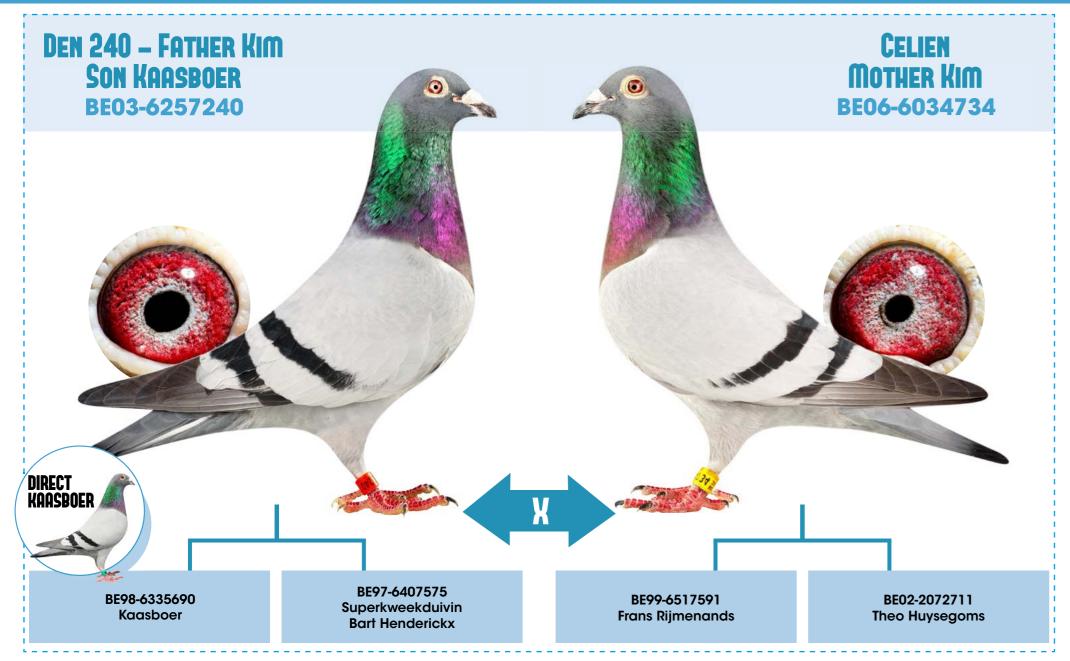
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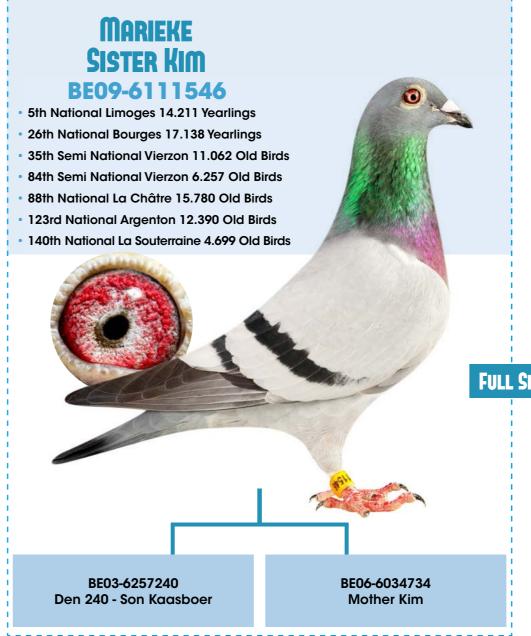
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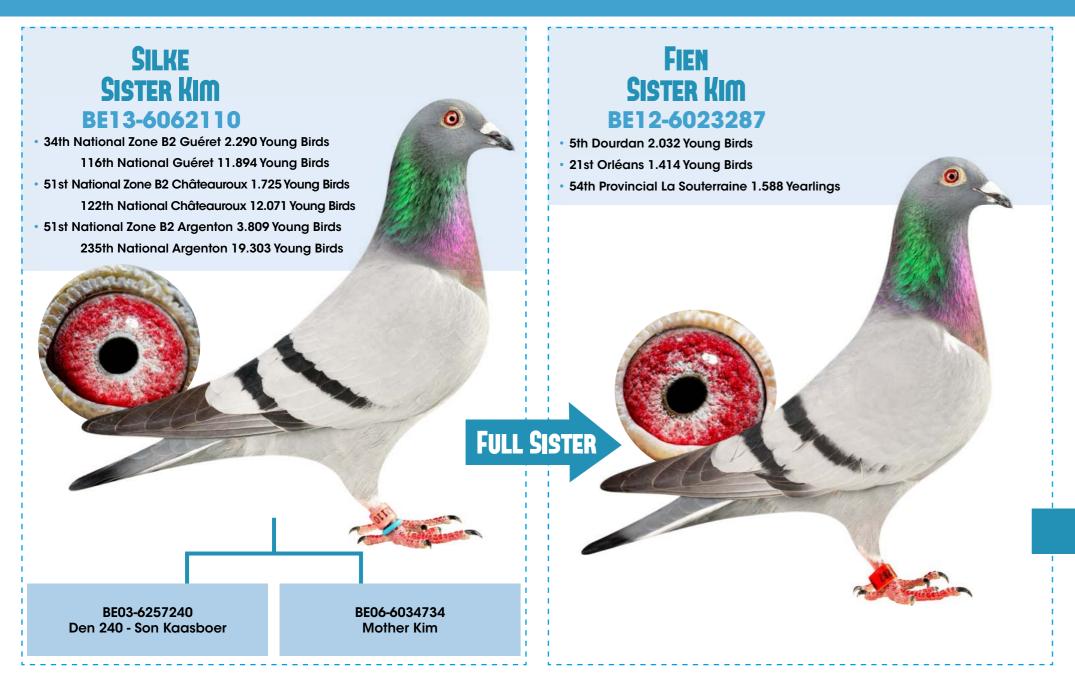


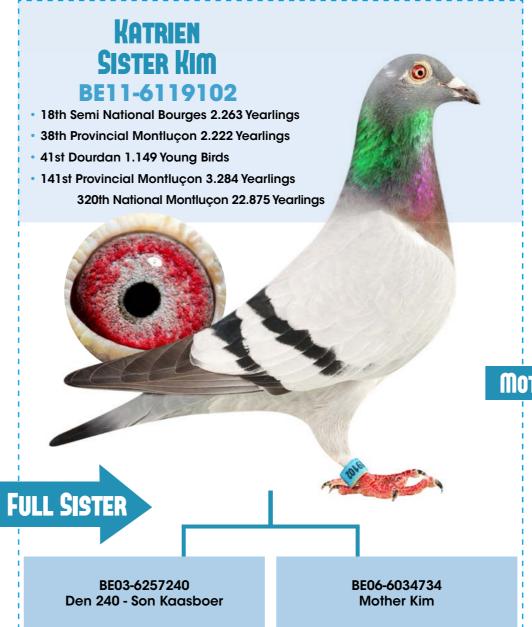
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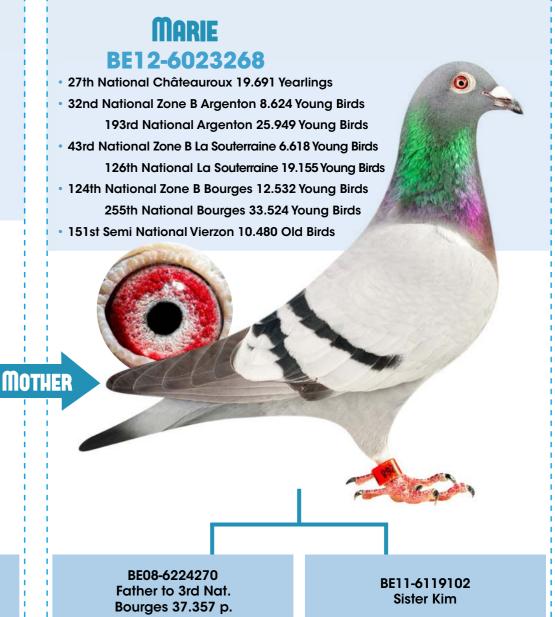
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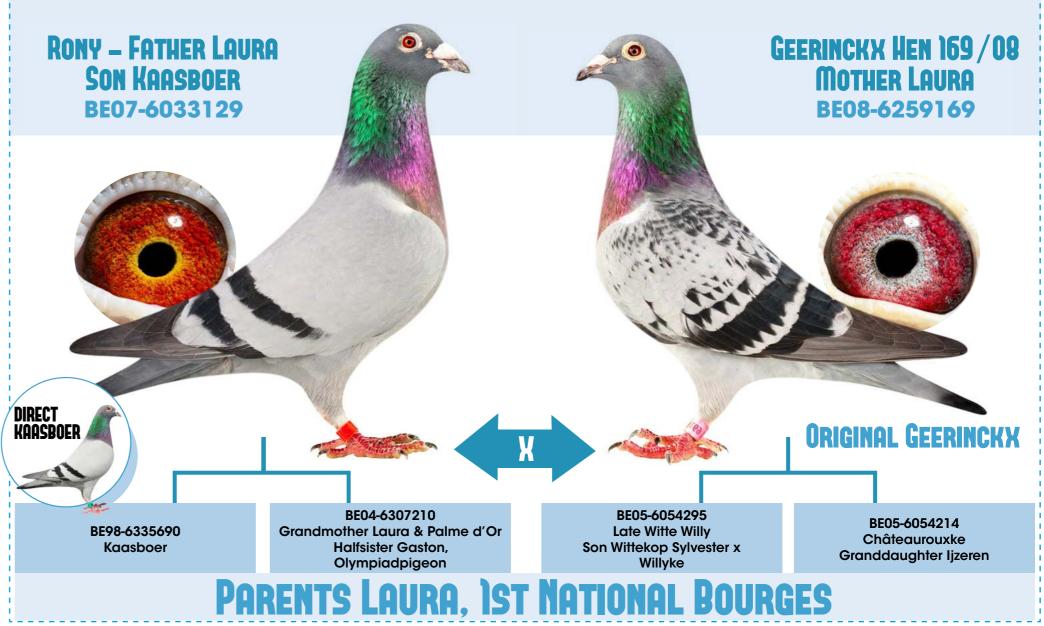






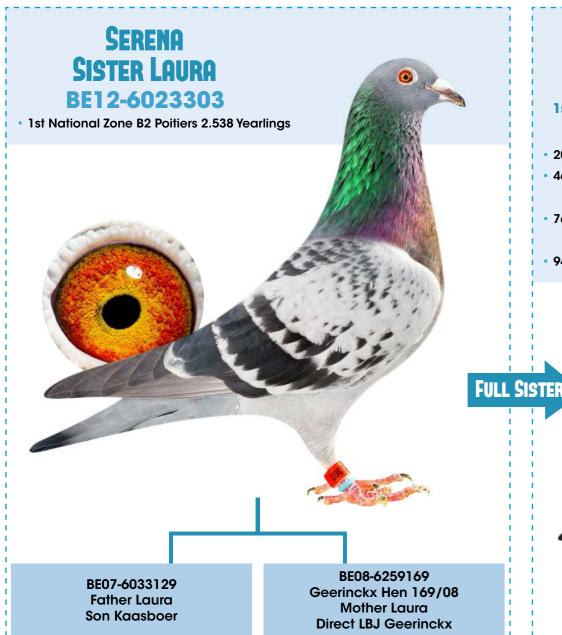


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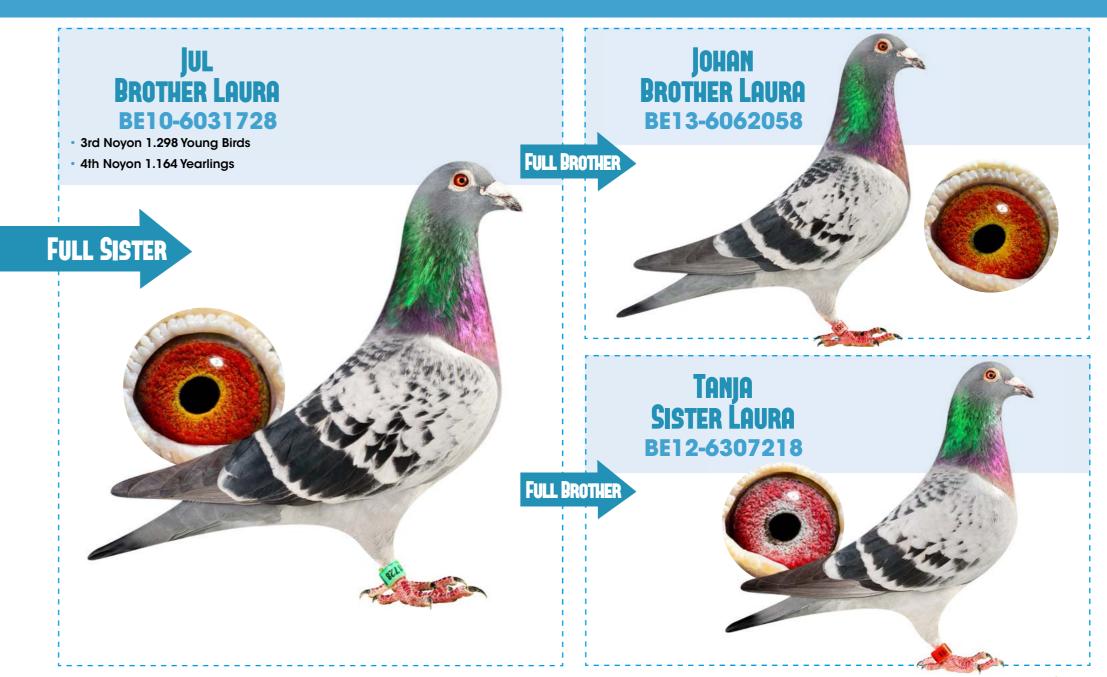


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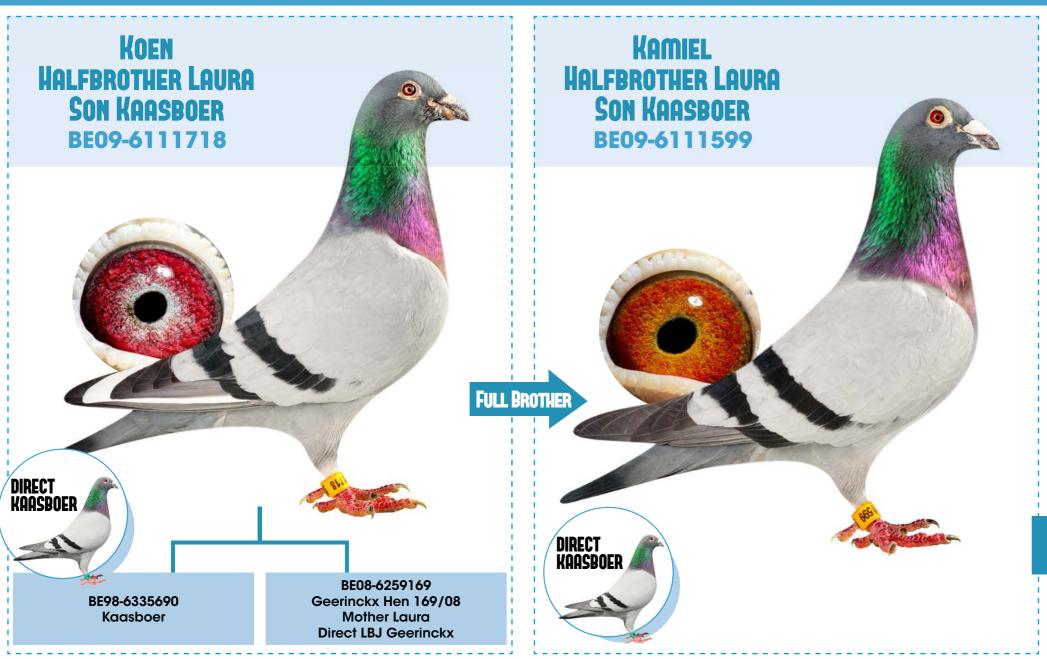


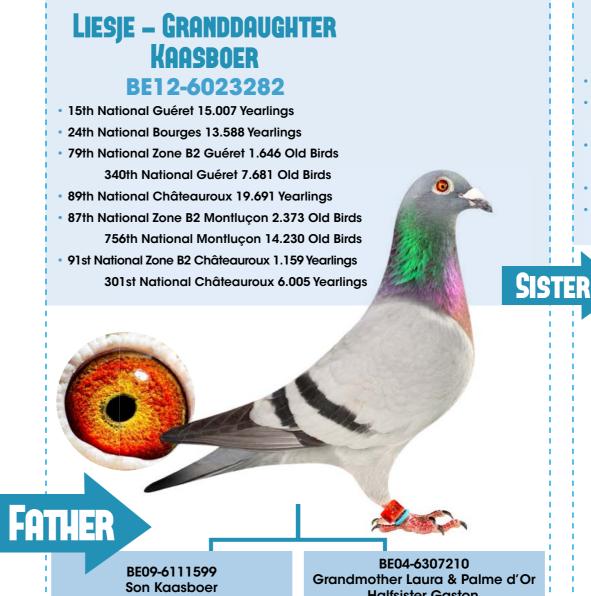




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**Halfbrother Laura** 

Halfsister Gaston, Olympiadpigeon





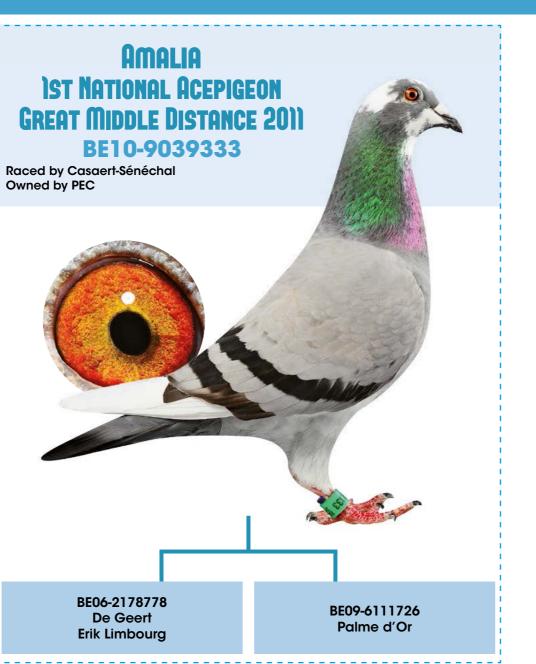


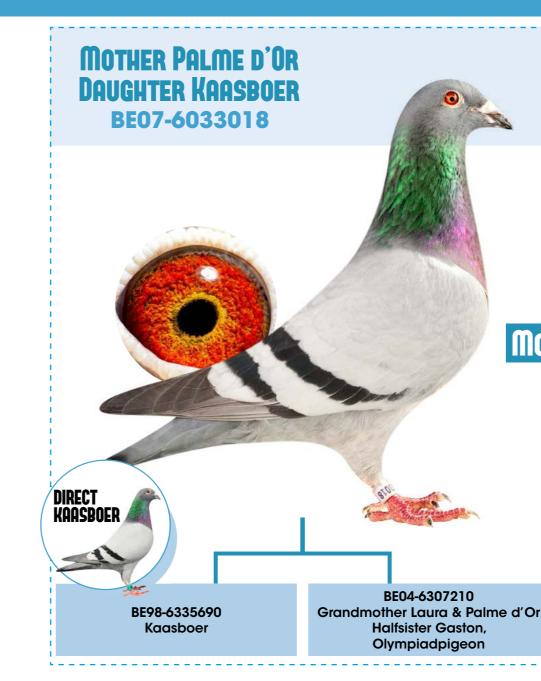
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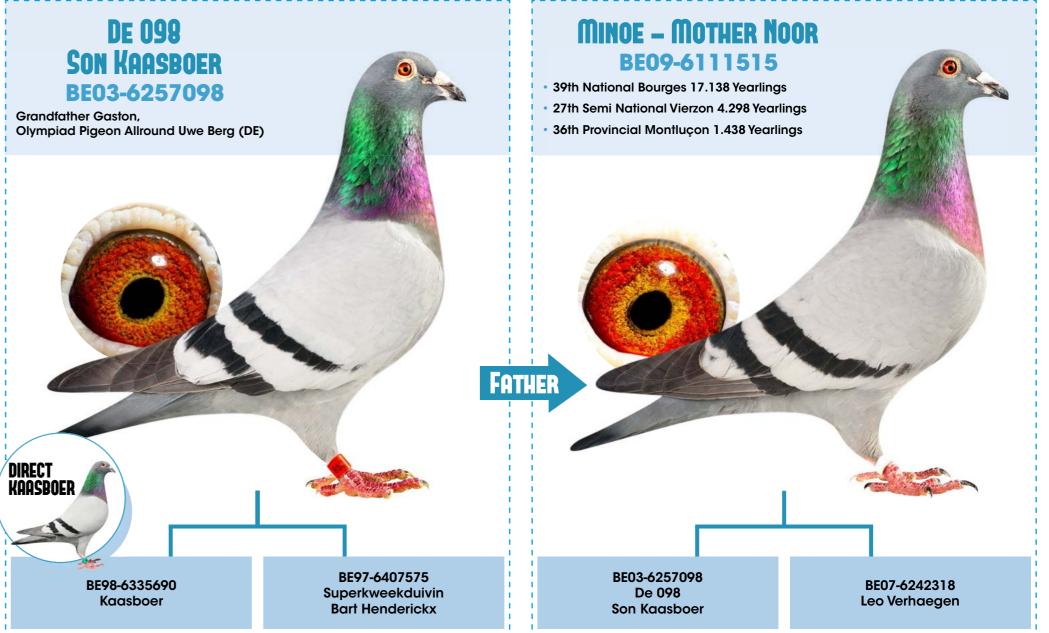








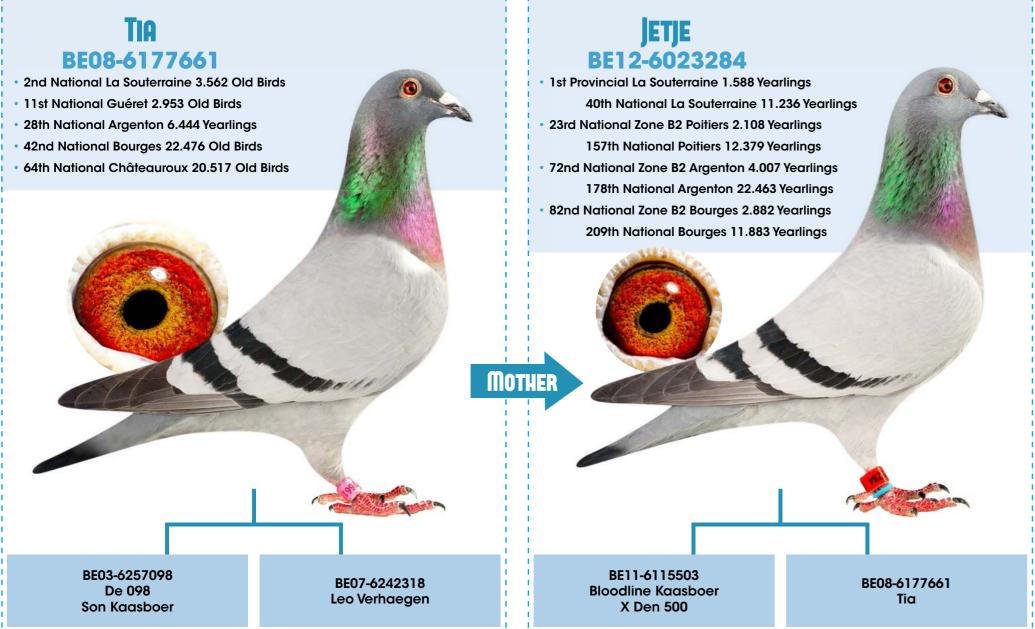
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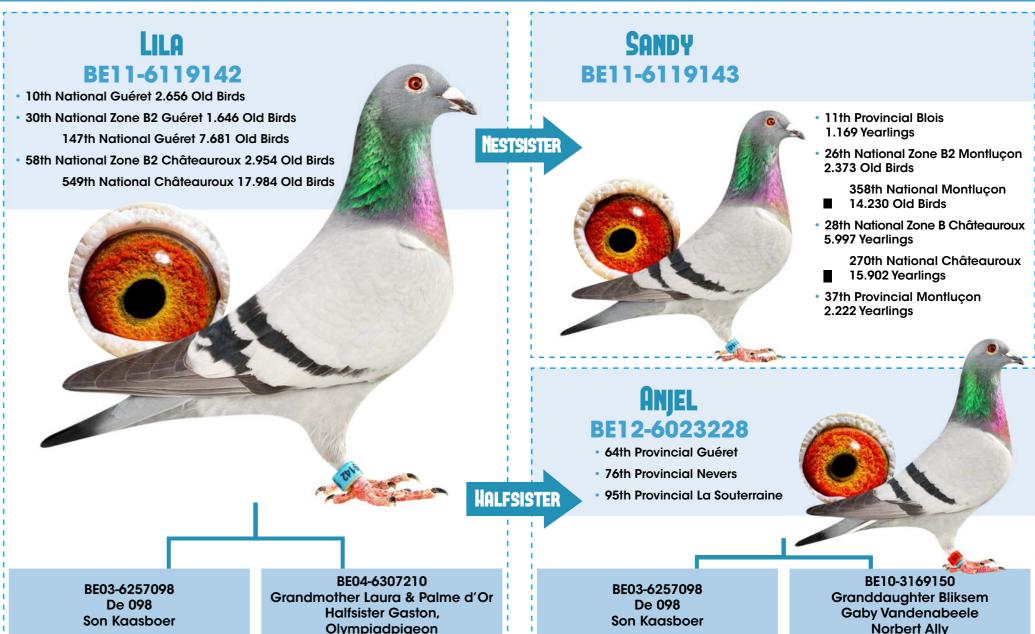


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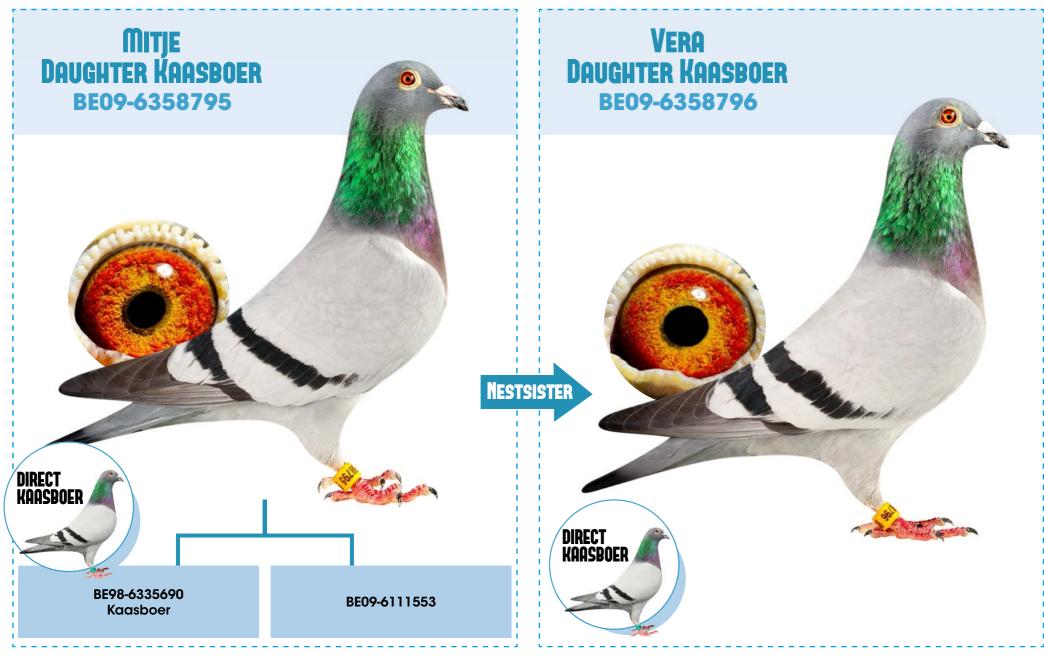




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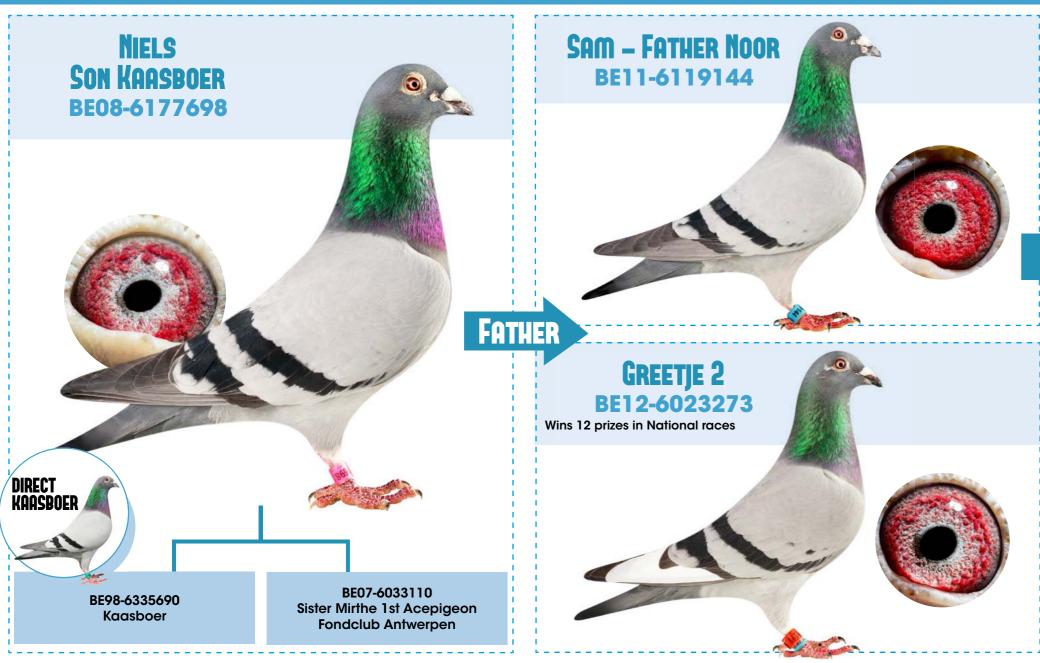


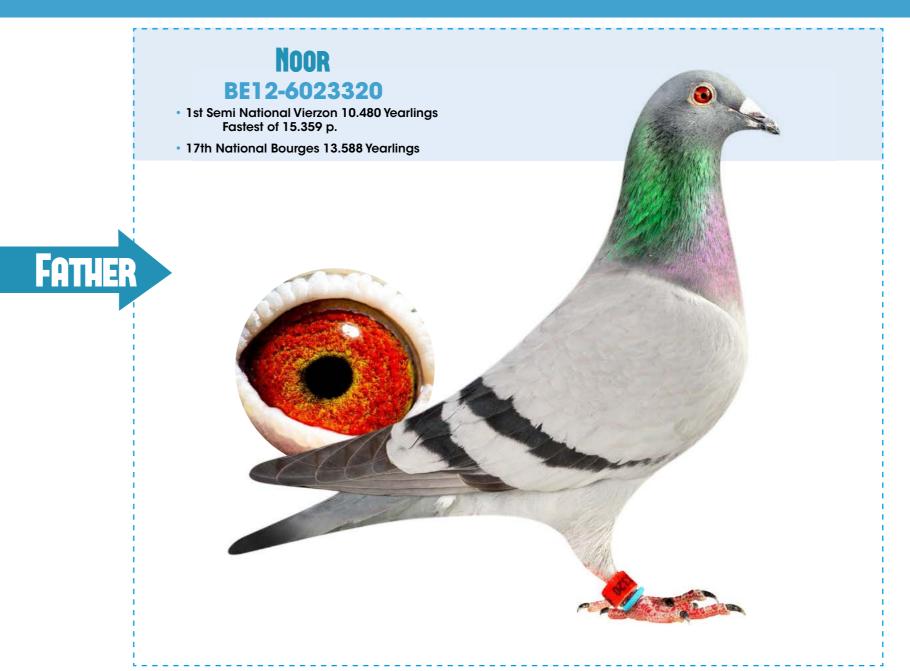




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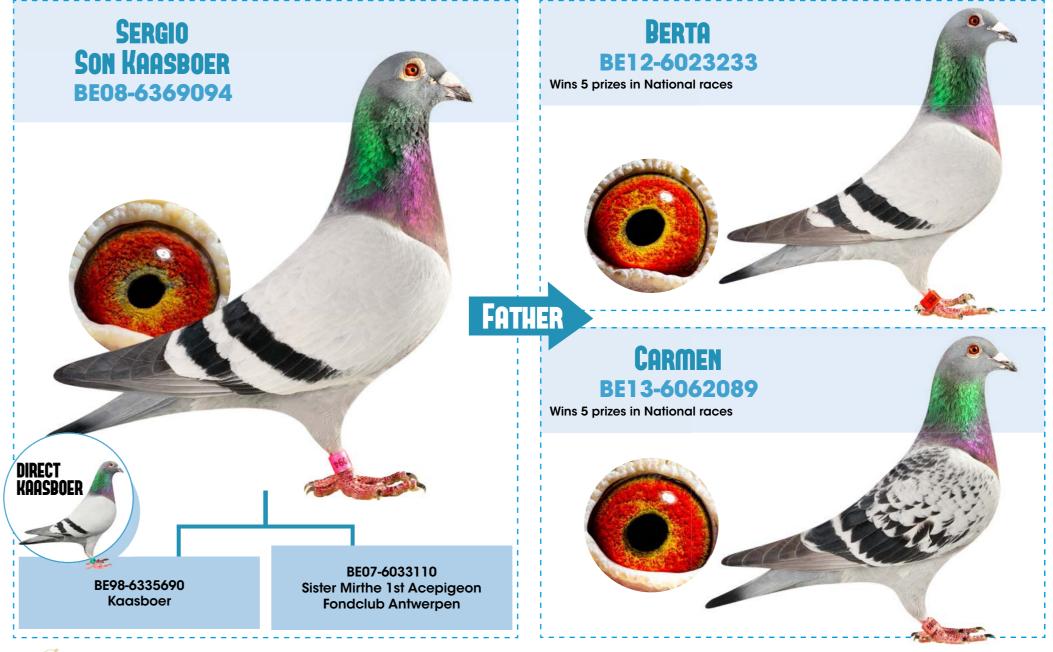
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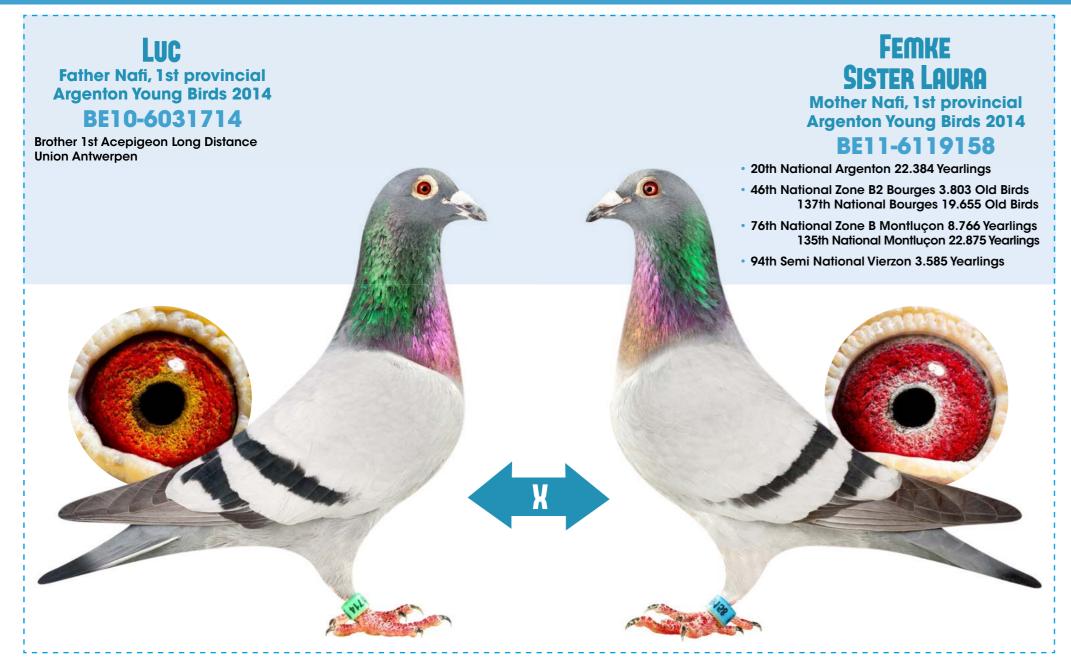


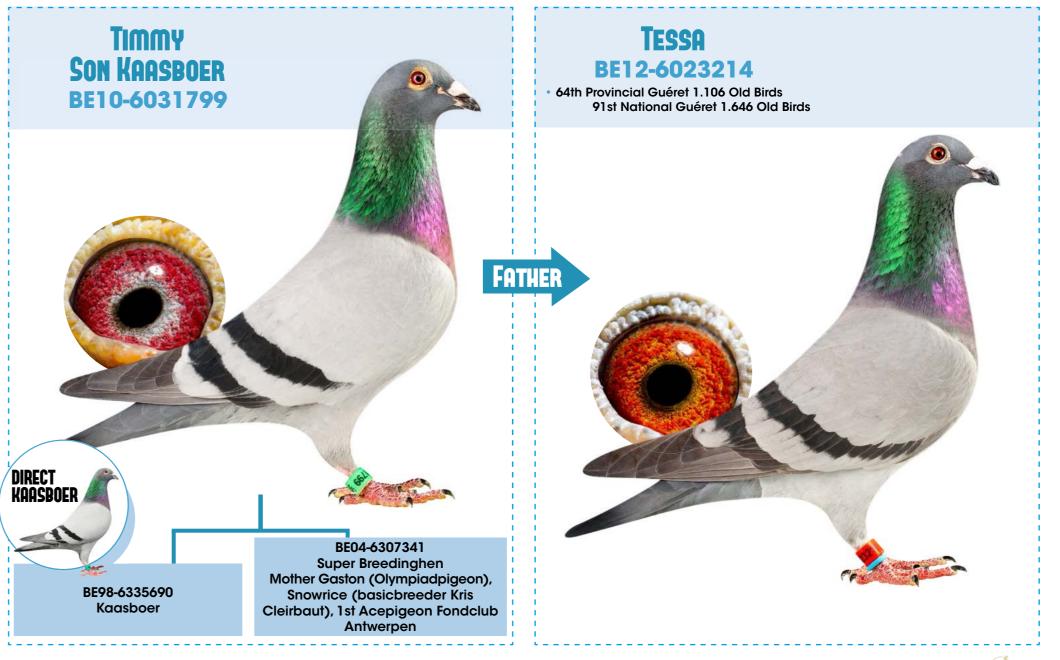


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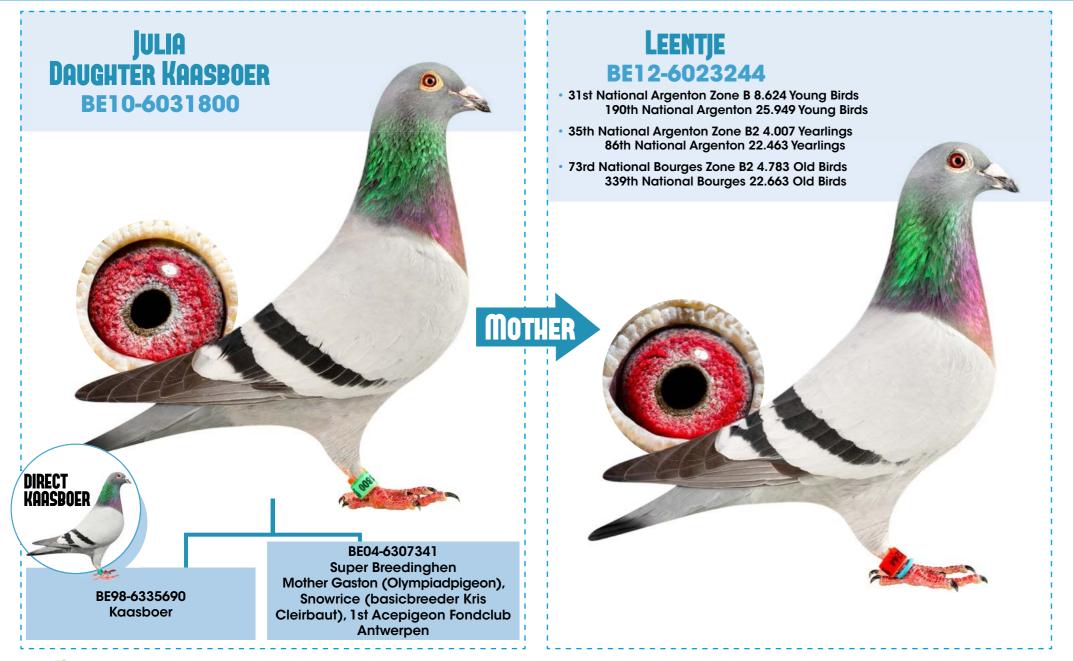


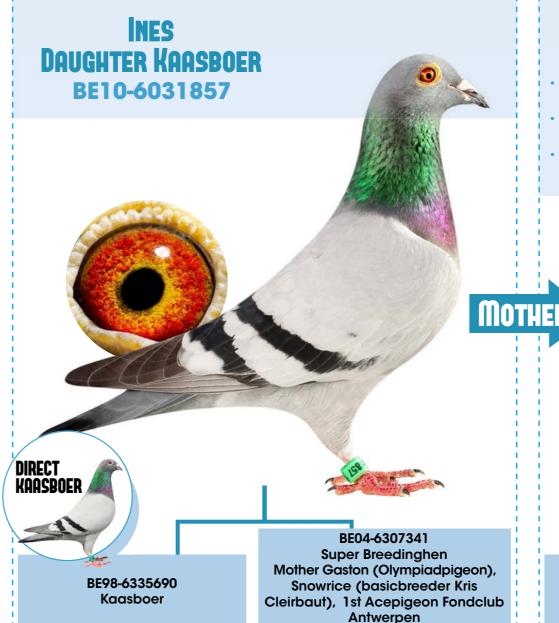
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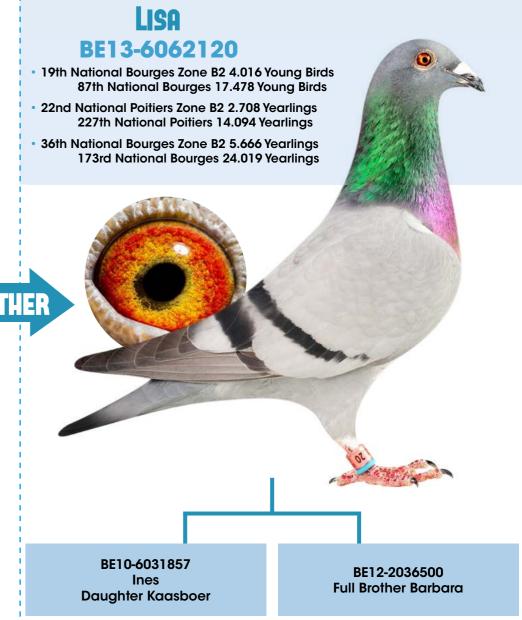
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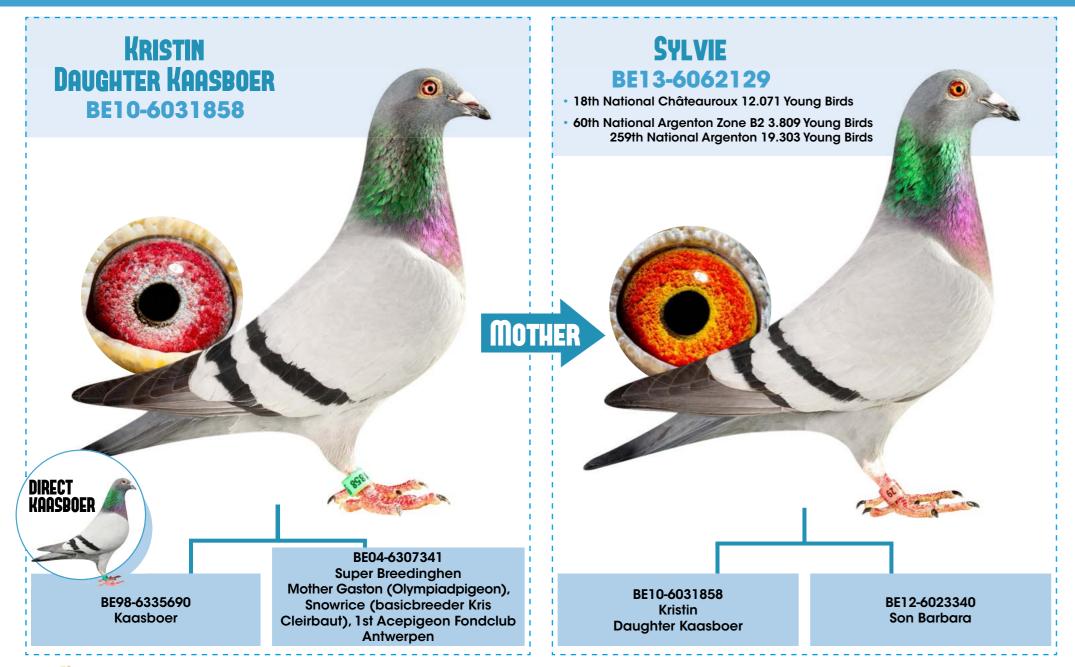


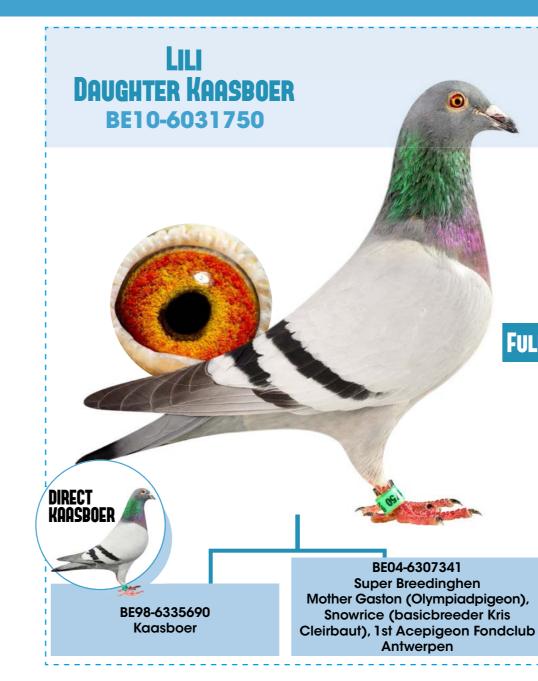




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### CASAERT-SÉNÉCHAL (RUSSEIGNIES, BE)

Winners of 1st Nat. Ace Pigeon 2011 KBDB Great Middle Distance with 'Amalia' and 1st Nat. Ace Pigeon 2013 KBDB Great Middle Distance with 'Nikolaas'. The dam of both... The dam of both champions is 'Palme d'Or', a direct Van de Wouwer bred from 'Zoon Goldwin' (Johan De Belser) x 'Dochter Kaasboer'.

#### UWE BERG (ROGÄTZ, DE)

Winner of the title of Olympiad Pigeon Allround 2009 with 'Gaston'. He also won a 1st Ace Pigeon RGV against more than 1,000 fanciers with 'Blau Wouwerke', which he bred from 'Brother Gaston' paired to' Halfzus Kim'.

#### THEO & MARKUS LECKE (HOLZHAUSEN, DE)

Winners of the Hebei Movie-TV Race China 2013 (a one loft race in China) with a highly inbred pigeon of Kaasboer, originating from five different Kaasboer pigeons. This pigeon won over €98,000 worth of prize money in this race! Father and son Lecke were particularly successful with pigeons of Van de Wouwer: they won a 3rd National Ace Pigeon HDI Jung and a 4th Ace Pigeon RV with 'Michael', a grandson of Kaasboer. Their breeding hen 'Klara', a daughter of 'De 098' x 'Asduif 2004', proved invaluable as well, as the dam of several first prize winners.

#### KRIS CLEIRBAUT (BONHEIDEN, BE)

Winner of a 1st national Argenton with 'Miss Blue', a daughter of 'Beauty Gaston', which was bred from 'Den 240 Vader Kim' x 'Dochter Goldwin 084/02' (Johan De Belser).

### BART & NANCE VAN OECKEL (OUD-TURNHOUT, BE)

They have won a 1st Prov. Salbris with 'Gaston Jr.', which they bred from a grandchild Kaasboer. 'Gaston Jr.' bred several great racing pigeons as well, including 'Super One', 4th National Ace Pigeon LCB in 2013. They won a 1st prov. Montluçon, a 2nd prov. Châteauroux, a 4th semi-national Blois and many other prizes with 'Dries', which they bred from a brother of '134-05', 1st Ace Pigeon Union Antwerp and a great-grandchild of Kaasboer.

### GERHARD MOST (VÖLKERSHAUSEN, DE)

He bred the amazing 'Porto 520', which stems from a half sister of Gaston, Olympiad Pigeon Allround of Uwe Berg. Porto 520 is 1st Ace Pigeon 2012, 1st Ace Pigeon Portugal Derby 2012, etc. Their racing bird '502', bred from a half sister of Gaston, has won a first prize against 3,300 pigeons from Kirchheimbolanden in 2014.

### MARCEL & GUNTHER VERCAMMEN (VREMDE, BE)

The granddaughter of Kaasboer 'Gastona' is the dam and grandmother of several first prize winners of father and son Vercammen, including the 1st National Montluçon. In addition, their 'Beauty Gaston' (a brother of Palme d'Or) proved a super class breeding pigeon, as the sire of more than four different first prize winners over 100 to 600km. 'Blauwe Gaston', a great-grandchild of Kaasboer, is the grandfather of the 8th National La Souterraine, 58th National Argenton, 101st National Montluçon,...

#### WALTER VOLLMER (FULDATAL, DE)

His 'Rocky' won a 3rd National Ace Pigeon Germany 2012 and a 3rd Olympiad Pigeon Nitra 2013. Rocky was bred from 'Bingo', a direct Van de Wouwer and a grandson of Kaasboer. He is the sire of three 1st Ace Pigeons RV and eight first prize winners for Vollmer.

### JAN VAN OECKEL (OUD-TURNHOUT, BE)

He purchased several pigeons from Gaston in 2007, which were all related to the line of Kaasboer. He did really well with these pigeons, breeding several first prize winners. One of Van Oeckel's young birds, a crossing of Van Oeckel and Kaasboer, won a 4th National Châteauroux, and a 230th National Argenton.

#### **VANHOUDT-SERRE (DIEST, BE)**

Winner of a 1st Provincial Salbris and a 2nd National Issoudun in 2013 and a 2nd National Châteauroux in 2014, with pigeons heavily based on Kaasboer.

### VANOPPEN-LUYTEN (HERK-DE-STAD, BE)

1st Provincial Orleans and fastest of 11.428 pigeons with a granddaughter of Gaston, Olympiad Pigeon Allround of Uwe Berg.

#### MARIO PUTZEYS (HERK-DE-STAD, BE)

He bred several first prize winners from a brother of Kim and a great-granchild of Kaasboer. The descendants of these pigeons were really successful as well, both for Mario Putzeys and for other fanciers, including Vanvuchelen-Depré (11th Nat. Châteauroux 2014) and Patrick Lenaerts (1st-2nd Soissons).

### GERRY & LEO DOCKX (KONINGSHOOIKT, BE)

Their pigeon collection consists almost entirely of Van de Wouwer pigeons. In 2013 they won a first national Nevers with Jente, an inbred Kaasboer.

### ARNOLD VAN ZWAM (BOVENLEEUWEN, NL)

One of his best breeders is a grandson of Kaasboer, his youngsters have won a 1st and 2nd Pommeroeul against 3,910 pigeons, a 1st Duffel against 1,629 pigeons etc.





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### JELLE VAN STERTHEM (MAARKEDAL, BE)

This 15 year old has only been keeping pigeons for two years now, but Gaston Van de Wouwer proved a great mentor. Jelle has been doing great with pigeons from the line of Barbara, winning a 2nd Nat. Tours 24,709 pigeons and a 19th Prov. Châteauroux, as well as several first prizes in races of 300km.

#### **KURT VAN PRAET (RIJMENAM, BE)**

Has been building a collection of Kaasboer pigeons since 2010, with which he has achieved great success. These pigeons have been performing really well in other lofts at home and abroad as well, from the sprint to the longer middle distance competition.

### NORBERT & STEFAN ALLY (AARSELE, BE)

Their pigeon Gouda, a grandson of Kaasboer, is a true top class hen. She achieved an impressive 0.75% coefficient in four middle distance races as a young bird! He has been breeding excellent racing birds from other Kaasboer grandchildren as well.

#### **ERWIN SCHEPMANS (GRAZEN, BE)**

He won a 1st and 2nd Nat. La Souterraine in a combination with Leon Hayen in 2010. The dam of their national winner was bred from sire Palme d'Or x daughter Kaasboer; the dam of their second national is also a granddaughter of Kaasboer. Erwin Schepmans has had a splendid young birds' season in 2014. His best

young bird over three national races was bred from a sister of their 1st Nat. La Souterraine.

#### **VOS-JENNES (DIEST, BE)**

Winner of a 1st Nat. Bourges 33,461 young birds in 2012. The dam of this national winner was bred from the line of sire Palme d'Or x daughter Kaasboer, just like the national winner of Schepmans-Hayen.

### BELGICA-DE WEERD-INTERPALOMAS LOFTS (BREDA, NL)

They purchased 'Bourges Raket' from Gaston, a grandson of Kaasboer and winner of a 3rd Nat. Bourges 31,428 pigeons. He is now the sire of the car winner in the SCMDPR 2011 and grandfather of the car winner in the SCMDPR 2013 South Africa.

#### **VERMEERBERGEN-WILMS (MOL, BE)**

They bred several top class pigeons from a grandson of Kaasboer, including Laura (4th Nat. Ace Pigeon middle distance KBDB 2012) and Brenda (1st Nat. Zone C Bourges, 2nd Nat. Bourges).

#### **VAN EYNDE-GOOVAERTS (PUTTE, BE)**

They are good friends with Gaston, and their joint breeding worked out really well! Their Kaasboer descendants have won a 1st Semi-Nat. Vierzon, a 1st Prov. Vierzon, and a 1st Prov. Châteauroux.

#### **JOHAN DE BELSER (BERLAAR, BE)**

The joint breeding with neighbouring fancier Johan De Belser was a great success! The best example is the parents of Palme d'Or, the

sire of which is a direct De Belser, who paired a son of his top breeder Goldwin to a daughter of Kaasboer.

### PAUL & CHRIS JAMAR (RUMMEN, BE)

They have both won a provincial victory with direct Van de Wouwer pigeons, while their Kaasboer descendants have been winning top prizes in the provincial races on a weekly basis

#### **F&J VANDENHEEDE (ZINGEM, BE)**

Their Super Gaston, a son of New Kaasboer, has won three provincial top 10 prizes as a young bird, including a 7th Prov. Orléans 3,042 pigeons, 9th Prov. Montrichard 3,091 pigeons and a 10th Prov. Bourges 6,361 pigeons.

#### NORBERT TIGGEMANN (KASSEL, DE)

The stock sire of Tiggemann was bred from 'De 240', which is the sire of Kim. Norbert has won several first prizes and ace pigeon titles with this son of 'De 240', whose descendants have been winning an incredible number of first prize winners in Germany!

### BROECKX-VANHEES (OUD-TURNHOUT, BE)

Wins 5th Nat. Acepigeon Middle Distance KBDB with a 50% Gaston Van de Wouwer pigeon. The mother is a granddaughter of De Kaasboer



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