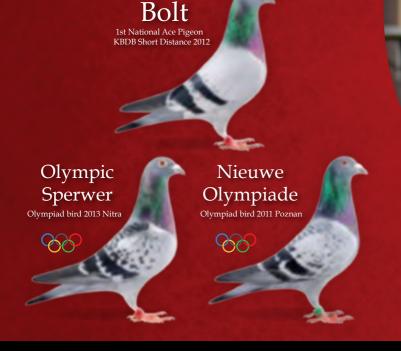
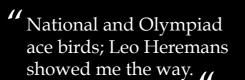


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- Wolfgang Roeper

The greatest of his generation and a friend for life.

- Marina Van De Velde



Pigeons from paradise, available on earth

An artist who kept on refining until he created something brilliant.

- Hans Eijerkamp

Leo Heremans





Leo Heremans, the eye for perfection...

By far the most popular pigeon strain in the world is that of Leo Heremans because of the way it dominates all over the world. Leo applied the eye for perfection he developed as diamond cutter onto pigeon racing and created the new world strain. Very reliable, with a rough base that was refined year after year and eventually turned out to become the best short and middle distance pigeon in the world. A story of survival ... of dedication ... of talent ... of misfortune ... but above all, of great success.

Shortly after the Second World War, a small farm in the town of Vorselaar was the location of the birth of Leo Heremans in 1947, as the youngest child of six, with four older brothers and one

1st National Champion Sprint Youngsters KBDB 2010 1st National Champion Sprint Youngsters KBDB 2012 Olympiad bird Poznan 2011 Olympiad bird Nitra 2013 3th Int. Ace Bird Europa Cup 2012 4th National Ace Bird Sprint Youngsters KBDB 2011 7th National Champion Sprint Youngsters KBDB 2011 sister. Circumstances must have been miserable in Leo's younger years. His father passed away when Leo was just six months old, leaving the family with debts and his mother and older brothers to find a way to make a living. Just two cows were their source of income and in order to pay for the hospital bills even these two had to be sold. This was a period that required a great deal of effort to survive for the entire family. However Leo, the youngest of the family,

was protected from their troubles and never experienced the first years of his life as being as poor as they were.

It characterized the Heremans family that - bit by bit - hard labour enabled them to improve their living Leo Heremans grew up in a period that required a great deal of effort to survive for the entire family

standards. Before Leo's tenth birthday the farm of Heremans ensured a steady income, not much but enough for the family to leave poverty behind. Leo's oldest brother Louis, 17 years older, became Leo's second father and took him by the hand during his youth. It was a youth where sports played an important role for the pigeon legend to be. Leo was extremely athletic and one of the great talents in soccer of 'Ons Genoegen Vorselaar'. At



Leo's daughter Tamara

the age of sixteen Leo was asked to play for the first team and as goalkeeper he became the youngest A-team player. However, when his team mates went to the pub after the match to celebrate a victory, Leo remained in the bus because he had no money to pay for drinks. As a man of honour Leo couldn't accept that and so he stopped playing football.

But then Leo had already invested in his career. At the age of 12, brother Louis took Leo with him to help him in his profession as electrician. Leo hated it but wanted to help the family that was so good to him. He never complained about it to his brother. Louis saw Leo's ability to learn fast and advised him to search for a job as diamond cutter. The province of Antwerp was famous for the diamond business and this was the place to earn money and get a better life, Louis said. This was the piece of advice that would influence Leo's life forever.

The eye for perfection

Turning 14, Leo closed the door of his school behind him for good and walked straight to René De Cnodder, a very renowned diamond cutter and the best of Vorselaar. René looked Leo in the eye and saw that he had the will to learn. "Come back Monday, son," René said. "I'll teach you the profession." Leo proved to be a very quick student and it did not take René De Cnodder long to promote Leo to be his foreman. He recognised a special eye for quality and great skills to make something valuable from something rough, an eye for perfection. Within a few years' time Leo had become the most important employee of De Cnodder's diamond company. At just 16 years of age, Leo had to instruct the others in what to do, often employees being almost twice his age. Leo's natural leadership helped him fulfil this responsible job and he became the number one man to teach new students the art of cutting diamonds.

Leo lived for his work and never spent much time in bars or dancings. Cycling with his friends had always played an important role in Leo's social life. Even today, he and his old friends still ride their bikes together every week, a sign of loyalty that plays such an important role in Leo Heremans' life. Loyalty to his family, his friends and his wife Chris, who he met when he was 19 years old. Leo was never a womanizer but meeting Chris was love at first sight. Shortly after their marriage in 1969 they lived

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in the official residence of De Cnodder Diamonds where Leo was chief and the man to run the business.

Leo's life became more and more how he wished it to be. The family of Heremans always helped each other out. His brothers helped him build his house in 1971, and in 1973 and 1975 daughters Tamara and Natascha were born. Leo was very happy: He had a loving wife, two beautiful daughters, his own house and a great job. What more to ask for? However, shortly after this, his life made an unexpected turn, all caused by caring daughters and a wounded racing pigeon.

A matter of destiny

It must have been late 1977 when a traditional scene in the Heremans family life was interrupted. Father Leo, mother Chris and daughters Tamara and Natascha were having dinner when both daughters were distracted by a pigeon sitting on a stepladder. Leo caught him and the pigeon appeared to have a

HEREMANS-UE gemeen provinciaal kampioen

Leo Heremans, 53 jaar en werkzaam in drukwekkend. Het verhaal begint met een vi 70 en evolueerde naar een der sterkste B

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Tandem Heremans-Mols is regelmatigs!

"Wonder Aske is de beste duif van het land"

Duo Heremans - Ceusters algemeen provinciaal kampioen

Leo Heremans - Karel Ceusters triomfeer

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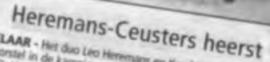
Beker(-s) Heremans-Mols naar Grobbendonk





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broken leg. The cage of the canary that had just recently passed away became the new home for the pigeon and Tamara and Natascha took care of it. As a fanatical fisherman, Leo had been visiting several pigeon fanciers because pigeon droppings are an important ingredient in fish food. As a teenager, Leo had homed some fancy pigeons and canaries and he therefore supported his daughters in homing this one pigeon. When they asked for more, Leo took them to the pigeon market and bought some more; he housed them in the ventilation area of the basement.

"Get rid of these pigeons and build a decent loft, then I'll help youonyourway"

Not much later, pigeon fancier Paul Huysmans (later husband of Marina Van De Velde. responsible for their success in pigeon racing) came to help Leo mend the windows in his kitchen. Paul heard some noise and said: "Leo, I hear pigeons. You never told me you had pigeons. Where do you house them?" When Leo told him where he housed them, the two had a good laugh. Paul was just moving at the time and said goodbye to pigeon racing. He offered Leo his two best pigeons

and these two came to reinforce the pigeons bought on the market. Half of the henhouse was made into a new home for the now 8 pigeons and Leo asked his neighbour Louis Claes, a great champion in Vorselaar at the time and renowned for his skills in judging pigeons, to come and check if his pigeons were of any quality. When Louis walked into the loft and one of the pigeons produced droppings as thin as water, Louis said: "I'd better come back when you've built a decent loft and got rid of these pigeons. Do that and I'll help you on your way."

Leo was than already infected with the pigeon bug and built a wooden garden loft for breeders in the lower sections and racers in the upper section. Only the two Paul Huysmans pigeons remained and Louis Claes joined Leo at the famous pigeon market in Lier to search for pigeons. Leo bred from his new team and in 1978 he made his debut as a pigeon fancier. Often he just basketed one youngster but this one, direct from the best Huysmans breeding hen, won 14 prize cards as a youngster. Leo felt like the emperor of Rome. From Louis Claes he purchased a breeding pair. The first two youngsters he bred from them were two dark pigeons since Louis had many dark pigeons. On many occasions, Leo had his 'dark horses' home before Louis clocked his and so a healthy rivalry started. Louis had taken Leo by the hand in pigeon racing, just like René De Cnodder had done in diamonds and again Leo showed he was a quick learner. In 1979 he was already Noyon champion with yearlings, beating around 250 fanciers. This was the herald of something extremely impressing.

Heremans-Mols

Even though Leo performed very well in those days, fun was the keyword in his career as a pigeon fancier. Leo worked long and hard, so in taking care of the pigeons he was partly dependent on the help of his wife Chris. Her efforts were enormous and together they did the job. Leo's career in diamonds, however, kept on developing and he had less and less time to enter the lofts so all the work fell on Chris' shoulders. That was really not the meaning of homing pigeons so Leo decided to approach Marcel Mols for the daily care of the pigeons. Marcel was the former world champion breeding canaries and a true social figure. For many years at the fair in Vorselaar he went to Leo after some drinks and said: "If I had your pigeons, I would dominate in Antwerp." Leo laughed but saw Marcel was eager to make his words come true. He said: "You are the fancier and



"You'll be the fancier and I'll get the pigeons to reach the top"

I will buy pigeons until we reach the top." In late 1985 the partnership of Heremans-Mols made its entrance in pigeon racing.

Leo made a name for himself in those days visiting public auctions of the best regional fanciers and always buying the

stars of the auction, or direct children of them. "In my opinion only the best could produce the best," Leo says, but it took a while before Leo's investments were rewarded. Marcel found out racing pigeons was quite different from breeding canaries and it took him a while to get the skills required for winning. Over the years Marcel developed more and more into a fine fancier. The total colony of Staf Van Den Bempt was sold in 1988, 25 years overall champion of Vorselaar and by far one of the best short



The miraculous history of Goede Witpen

Directly after his purchase of the best Staf Van Den Bempt pigeons, Leo paired the best Van Den Bempt racer (The 024) *x* his founding breeder. The first two youngsters he weaned from them he kept for breeding. Young fancier Tuur Wellens came riding by one day and Leo wanted to help him on his way. "Take this blue cock," he said, and Tuur went home with one of the two first born youngsters from The 024. The other one bred 1st prize winners for Heremans-Mols and Leo was therefore surprised when Tuur Wellens called him two years later. "That blue one is no good for me. Do you want it back or should I kill it," Tuur said. Leo asked him three times to reconsider his decision since his nest brother was a top breeder. Tuur was adamant and Leo went to get the blue cock back. He named him Tuur and from his first nest Tuur bred BE93-6581505 Goede Witpen, with 18 x 1st prize, and grandchildren such as Wonderaske and Samson, the best pigeon Leo Heremans ever had.

and middle distance fanciers of Belgium ever. Leo purchased all the best Van Den Bempt pigeons and that investment was the best thing he ever did. These top lines bred amongst others his Goede Witpen, 18 x 1st prize winner and founding cock of the strain Leo Heremans.

Since 1993 Leo himself spent more and more time in the lofts and together with a strong quality breeding base it meant the breakthrough of Heremans-Mols. Both Leo and Marcel took a loft under their supervision and started a healthy rivalry on their mutual territory. Marcel specialized in the Quievrain sprint races and became champion and Leo entered his team preferably to Noyon and middle distance racing. The prestigious title of the Noyon races and the winning of the 1st Provincial Championship

Middle Distance Youngsters were the result of their efforts. "An extraordinary year," Leo remembers. "Marcel had many friends and made them crazy all week through. 'To see a phenomenal pigeon show, come to the Heremans residence,' he bragged. As a result, we had more spectators when our pigeons came home than the football club on the other side of the street."

"We had more spectators than the football club on the other side of the street"

Heremans-Ceusters

At the beginning of 1994 Leo became sick and ended up in hospital, where the pneumologist diagnosed him with pigeon lung. The message was short: From now on do not spend any more time in the lofts. Leo was discouraged and apart from an 8-metre loft all the lofts were broken down. Marcel Mols housed the breeders and the two decided to sell the majority of the pigeons. Only the 18 best racers remained and were entered for racing. Leo as supervisor, advisor and helping hand in training and basketing the pigeons, Marcel Mols as loft manager. Leo's wife also helped very actively in training in those days. Because the best pigeons remained, it was no big surprise that Heremans-Mols were 1st Overall Champion. Members of the winning team were icons like Goede Witpen and Goede Valen (1st National Ace Bird Sprint AVE Regina), a cross of the old Van De Bempt lines to pigeons of Frans De Cnodder, where Leo bought his two best performers and their parents.

In 1997, Marcel Mols got ill, very ill. His days as pigeon fancier were over. Leo Heremans became dependent on the help of



Leo Heremans and Karel Ceusters holding one of their many trophies

Golden hit with Goudklompje

In his quest for super pigeons, Leo Heremans went to an auction of the Hasendonckx Brothers from Grobbendonk. He knew they had quality, handled the pigeons and bought the blue hen BE96-6165098 and chequer hen BE95-6296954. After the auction, Leo went to the brothers – whom he had never met – and asked them: "Is what I bought good quality?" Flabbergasted they looked at Leo and gave him a list with marks they had given their own pigeons. 098/96 had the highest mark.

Leo called her Goudklompje and she bred amongst others Wonderaske, Mother Euro and Gertje. 954/95 was a great performer herself and in Vorselaar 3 generations of offspring of the hen, now better known as Goudvinkje, are 148/99 (5 x 1.), Chrisje (1st Nat. Ace Bird), Wonderaske (Best Belgian Youngster), 444/00 (7 x 1st) and 166 (9 x 1st prize).

pigeon friends and with great enthusiasm fanciers volunteered to help Leo clean the loft. "Great loyalty but perhaps also a bit because I promised them some pigeons if they would help me," Leo says realistically. "It was great to have so much help but performances were inevitably poor." One of the men that helped Leo was Charel Ceusters and in late 1997 Charel became the loft manager. This was the start of the very successful Heremans Ceusters era.

The Heremans-Ceusters colony was then already enriched with supreme breeding pigeons such as Goudklompje and Goudvinkje through the Hasendonckx Brothers. The pairing of Goudklompje to the legendary Goede Witpen was a choice that would influence Belgian pigeon racing. The first racing year of Heremans-Ceusters in 1998 was not yet that spectacular. For

Leo this was a reason to invest some more, this time at Maurice Hasendonckx, uncle of the Hasendonckx Brothers. Maurice

The will to win in combination with a golden orientation ability made the Heremans pigeons almost unbeatable

performed exceptionally well with especially eight widowhood cocks in those days. It's these eight that Leo wanted to purchase. "You can only buy youngsters from them!" Maurice said and that's what Leo did. Some of these original Maurice Hasendonckx aces became valuable stock breeders such as BE98-6110722 Favoriet, father to Natalia and grandfather to Den Euro and Wellens. Another example is BE98-6110700 700 Duivin, mother to 40' (7 x 1st) and grandmother to Den Euro. BE98-6110712 Geschelpte Maurice, a super hen when paired to Gertje and breeder of

426/00 (1st Nat. Ace Bird & 5 x 1st) and 1st prize winners Freya, Tango and Tulip, was also a valuable stock breeder.

Olympiade

Without a doubt the most important breeder of the Heremans-Ceusters colony was BE01-6455003 Olympiade, not even fully owned by Leo Heremans. On his weekly cycling day with old friends, Leo Heremans always ended up in the pub in Beerse for a cosy chat. If the weather was bad, the men played cards or billiards. Landlady Marleen knew Leo as a top pigeon fancier and introduced him to local stars Jos De Visser and Gust Jansen. The three spent many hours talking about pigeons and on several



occasions they exchanged pigeons or bred together. A good friendship arose between these top fanciers.

In 2002, Gust Jansen had a year to never forget. His 003/01 became the star of the loft and was even crowned as 2nd National Ace Bird KBDB 2002, winning a bunch of top prizes. Leo went to visit Gust to check out this exceptional cock and found Gust in confusion. He had received a great offer for his favourite pigeon but he really did not want to sell it. When Gust told Leo how much money was involved, Leo advised him not to sell the

"I'll buy half the pigeon. One month it will breed in Vorselaar and one month in Beerse" cock for that price. It made
Gust even more insecure and
Leo came home with nothing
in mind but this pigeon. It
was a super pigeon and Leo
lost sleep over it. It would
be a shame to see it go. Chris
and Leo had a midnight
conversation and she said:
"Leo, why don't you buy it
then?" Leo was glad his wife
agreed and the next morning
he drove to see Gust Jansen
again.

When Leo made an offer, Gust could still not give him a direct answer. The cock meant so

much to him. "I'll buy half the pigeon," said Leo and Gust looked surprised. "I'll pay you half the price I offered and we'll both use him for breeding: one month in Vorselaar, one month in Beerse, etc. When we both agree to sell him, we'll split the profit." Leo and Gust had a deal and two months later 003/01 was declared as Belgian representative for the Lievin 2003 Olympiad. The pigeon was called Olympiade. The first youngster Leo bred

from him directly won a 1st prize and ever since Olympiade was always paired to Leo's best hens. His progeny now form a dynasty of top performers and breeders that is probably unequalled in the world.

From perfection to deception

More and more the Heremans-Ceusters pigeon family grew out to an unequalled level in short and middle distance racing. The will to win in combination with a golden orientation ability made the modern top strain almost unbeatable. "However," says Leo, "he who thinks he has the best and never searches for new quality, will end up losing." On quite a few occasions this led to co-breeding with the best pigeons of other top fanciers such as Gert Lauwerijs. He was a young lad and bought two brothers of De Kannibaal from Van Dyck in the year Kannibaal was crowned 1st National Ace Bird Middle Distance (Old) KBDB. One of these brothers (BE96-6452295) was paired to Supersony, granddaughter to Sony Houben, and this co-breeding pair bred amongst others Super 799, a magical breeding cock and father to amongst others 142/99 (5 x 1st), 202/99 (3 x 1st), 142/99 (5 x 1st and father of 1st prov. Chateauroux) and Father Euro. The other brother of Kannibaal (BE96-6452296) was paired to Goudklompje of the Hasendonckx Brothers and this pair was just as good, if not better, producing the top breeders Gertje and Blauwe 798. At the auction of Jan Diels, the hens BE00-6440232 Blauw Kampioentje (super breeding hen especially paired to Olympiade and 444) and BE99-6229502 Donker Diels (mother to Chateauroux and grandmother to Nathalia) were purchased. Their golden genes had a great share in top successes as well.

At the beginning of the 21st century, Leo Heremans and Charel Ceusters were at the top of their fame and it seemed like every pigeon they basketed was able to win. Results were breathtaking with five different 1st national ace birds in 6 years and 4 x 1st,

2001-2003-2004-2005: 1st Overall Provincial Champion Antwerp KBDB

2001: Best Youngster of Belgium & 1st Nat. Ace Bird All Categories AVE Regina (Wonderaske)

2002: 1st Nat. Ace Bird Middle Distance Youngsters AVE Regina 2002

2003: 1st Int. Ace Bird Western European Nations Cup (Den Euro)

2005: 1st Nat. Ace Bird Sprint Youngsters AVE Regina (Tori)

2006: 1st Nat. Ace Bird Sprint Yearlings AVE Regina (Tango)

1 x 2nd and 1 x 3rd provincial champion in the same 6 years. During a game of cards with amongst others Charel Ceusters and Maurice Hasendonckx, Maurice said to Leo: "You're playing with fire, Leo. Everyone can come to your premises and check out your pigeons and your lofts. You have the best pigeons in the world, someone will come and try to take them." Believing in the good of all, Leo laughed Maurice's remark away. However

"You have the best pigeons in the world, someone will come and try to take them"

not much later, on the 17th of October 2006, loft manager Charel Ceusters came into Leo's home asking him why all the doors of the lofts were open. Leo knew instantly what had happened and when they noticed 30 cock birds were missing, Leo said: "They will come back for hens."

From that night on, Leo had almost nothing but sleepless nights. On two occasions the thieves returned. One time Leo ended up in a crazy chase,

running through gardens, backyards and the forest, eventually scaring the thief and finding two big bags with about 20 pigeons

in each of them. Leo was exhausted and totally devastated. "This no more," he said and he decided to sell all his pigeons, probably the best short and middle distance colony of Belgium at the time. The partnership with Charel Ceusters ended in 2006 and Leo's new assistant was Hugo Vermeerbergen. To Hugo and Gert, his son-in-law, Leo said: "I will sell all pigeons except for two. When you want to continue in pigeon racing, I will give you the last rounds I breed." This being said, one round went to Gert and three rounds to Hugo Vermeerbergen. Two pairs were sold in BIS: the best old cock, Jan, and the best young cock, Nieuwe Rossi, in one pair and the best old hen, Natalia, and best young hen, Eenoogske, in the other. Leo sold in BIS because he wanted to keep one pair so that he didn't lose the total bond with his pigeons.

Against all intentions

It was February 2007, just before the total auction, when Leo brought the second round of three to Hugo Vermeerbergen. "Where should I put them," he asked. "Put them in your lofts," Hugo said, but Leo was determined. "I'll build you an aviary," he said, and within the nick of time Leo had constructed a new home for this round of youngsters. For the last round Leo told Hugo he would build another aviary but Hugo was not that enthusiastic. "Leo," he said, "you cannot live without pigeons.



You put them in your lofts." There was not a bone in Leo's body that thought about that option. Ever since he no longer kept pigeons at his home he enjoyed a good night's sleep again. He kept on insisting on building the extra aviary at Hugo's place. However, by the time the youngsters were ready, the aviary was still not built. Hugo again suggested that they should be put in Leo's lofts. Hugo would take care of them every day and Leo would have no trouble whatsoever, which was acceptable for Leo.

Not much later, two weeks after the auction in 2007, Leo's wife Chris died. She had always been the centre of the close family and the loss was enormous. Leo found a bit of comfort in the

youngsters in his lofts and the pair Nieuwe Rossi x Eenoogske that remained. Leo let the youngsters out for the first time and when they carefully came out exploring the skies they would later excel in, Leo knew deep down that he was not ready to abandon pigeon racing for good. With this team he would make a new start and that is what he did. In late 2007, he entered the youngsters outside of competition. The hen BE07-6379888 Nest Sister Jan Junior would have

When Leo let the youngsters out for the first time, he knew deep down he was not ready to abandon pigeon racing yet

won the 1st prize if she had been in competition. In 2012, this top hen became the mother of the Olympiad top pigeon Olympic Sperwer.

The first race in 2008 Leo immediately won the 1st and 2nd



To give and to get

Until the late nineties Leo Heremans sold almost no pigeons. He gave them all away and all that were blessed to have Heremans pigeons in their lofts succeeded with them. On the one hand, the international pigeon world would later on push each other aside to obtain something of Vorselaar's diamonds and the strain of Heremans became the new world strain. On the other hand, fanciers also considered it an honour when Leo Heremans was interested in their pigeons. Such an example is top fancier Paul Huls from Zonhoven, who offered Leo from his best pigeons on several occasions. When they met at the Zorgenkind Auction, Paul said: "Don't you want my pigeons?" "I just got one," said Leo, who had just bought Paul's donation to the auction. "Come by and get more," Paul said but a lack of time held Leo back. A few months later the telephone rang: "Don't you want them?" Paul asked again and Leo explained. Paul immediately stepped in the car, took two baskets with 24 pigeons with him and Leo picked the 10 finest to pair them to his own best lines. The 1st Ace Bird Middle Distance Mechelen Region 2011 was bred from an original Paul Huls cock.

prize and was back in business with Hugo Vermeerbergen as loft manager again. To rebuild a breeding colony, he went to his son-in-law Gert to select the best from the round of latebreds he had given him in 2006. Leo also took back the hen BE02-6114797 Tongerke that he lent for breeding. This hen was paired to amongst others Olympiade, a golden hit since this pair bred modern top breeder Safir (father of Dubbel Aske, Surprise, etc.). Ancient topper Jan, bought by Paul Huysmans at the auction in 2007, also came home and the lines that brought Leo Heremans to the top were back where they belonged.

A golden hand

In his everlasting search for top pigeons Leo kept on visiting auctions where he could find reinforcements. At an auction of youngsters from G. & S. Verkerk from The Netherlands, Leo was especially charmed by a young hen from their top performer Sprint, 1st NPO Chateauroux and 2nd National Ace Bird. He bought it to pair it to Olympiade.

The first youngster from this pair was Prins Olympiade, breeder of Gebroken Poot (1st Quievrain 2,675 birds) and grandfather to the super brothers Bolt (1st Nat. Ace Bird KBDB 2012) and Louis (3 x 1st prize). One year later, Galantos was purchased in the same venue at an auction of Gerard Koopman from The Netherlands. Again Leo Heremans proved his golden hands. He paired Galantos to a granddaughter of Olympiade and the first two cocks from this pair were used for breeding. One of them bred the Olympiad top pigeon Nieuwe Olympiade. In 2012, Galantos was paired to the nest sister of Jan Junior and they bred the Olympiad icon Olympic Sperwer. Leo's eye for perfection brought him eternal fame again.

The last two years in pigeon racing were extremely successful for Leo Heremans but probably also the two toughest of his career. His health became poorer and poorer and in 2012 he was exhausted by the end of the season. Another full-speed year in pigeon racing would endanger his health and because Leo Heremans wants to do all he does at 100 per cent, he decided to sell all his pigeons. Even for selling his pigeons, Leo looked for the best and considered PIPA to be the most professional organisation to sell his colony. This is an auction with a surplus of quality never seen before and therefore bound to become legendary.

6368070-2008* Prins Olympiade - Son Olympiade

6269108-2009* Gebroken Poot – 1./2.675 p.

> 6368027-2008* Daughter Favoriete pair

6043921-2007* Full brother De Jan

6050132-2008* - Grand daughter Rossi x Spinneke – 2x 1. Winner

> 6369517-2007* Daughter Rossi x Spinneke

"That studded one is a special youngster," said loft manager Hugo when 'Bolt' was just 6 weeks old. He reacted differently to the others, did what he wanted to do. Before the first race all youngsters got electronic rings, just one pigeon was forgotten and was basketed without electronic ring: 'Bolt'. That Saturday, the first pigeon to come in was the one without the ring. He missed the 1st prize but made up for it with great continuation.

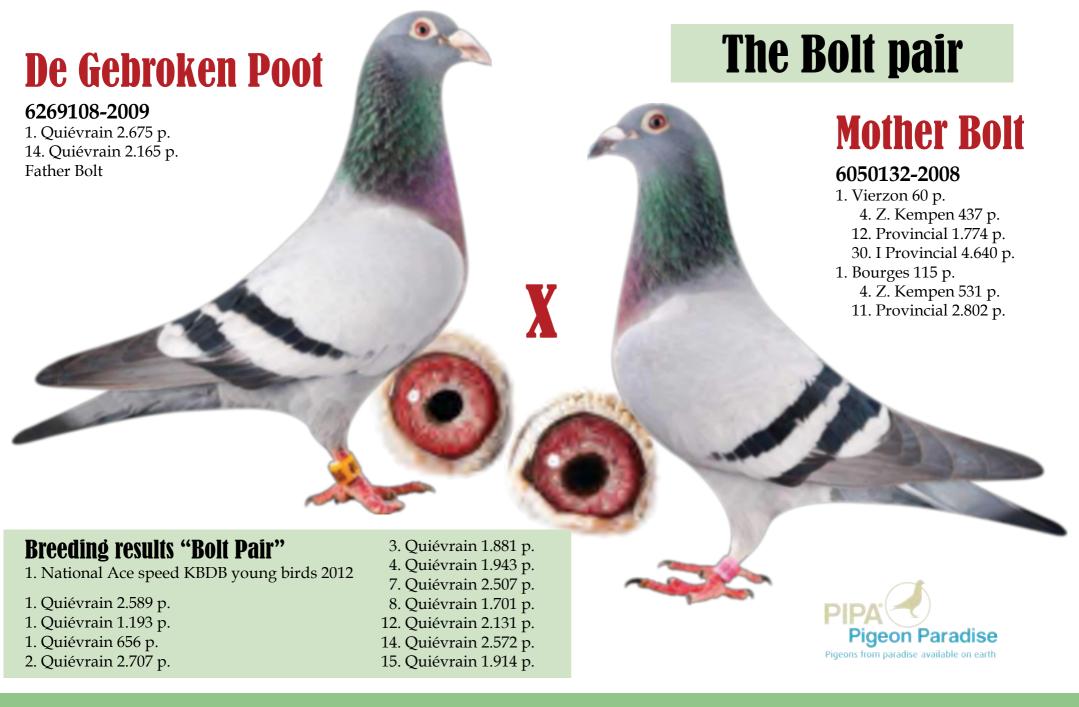
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Louis **Brother Bolt** 6094046-2011 1. Quiévrain 2.589 p. 1. Quiévrain 1.193 p. 1. Quiévrain 656 p. 4. Quiévrain 1.943 p. 14. Quiévrain 2.572 p. **Pigeon Paradise**

The super class 3 x 1st prize winner and full brother to Bolt is bred from Gebroken Poot, winner of 1st Quiévrain against 2,675 birds who returned home a week later - as 1st nominated - with a broken leg. Leo made many efforts to patch him up and even placed a small board under his foot to regain the right position. It seemed to succeed but the foot slowly went back in wrong position. However, it did not prevent Gebroken Poot from becoming a top breeder.

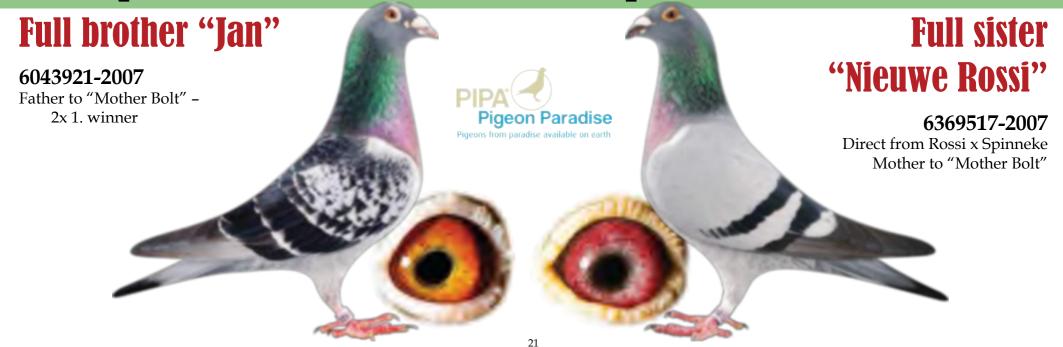
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Parents 1. National Ace KBDB Bolt



Grandparents to 1st National Ace Speed KBDB 2012 "Bolt"



5821470-1998NL
Mister Ermerveen - Olympic Ace '01

2048857-2008NL*
Galantos - Original C&G Koopman

2173518-2002NL
Dream Lady - D Kleine Dirk x Amoré

6113220-2002
De Jan - 6x 1. Basic breeder

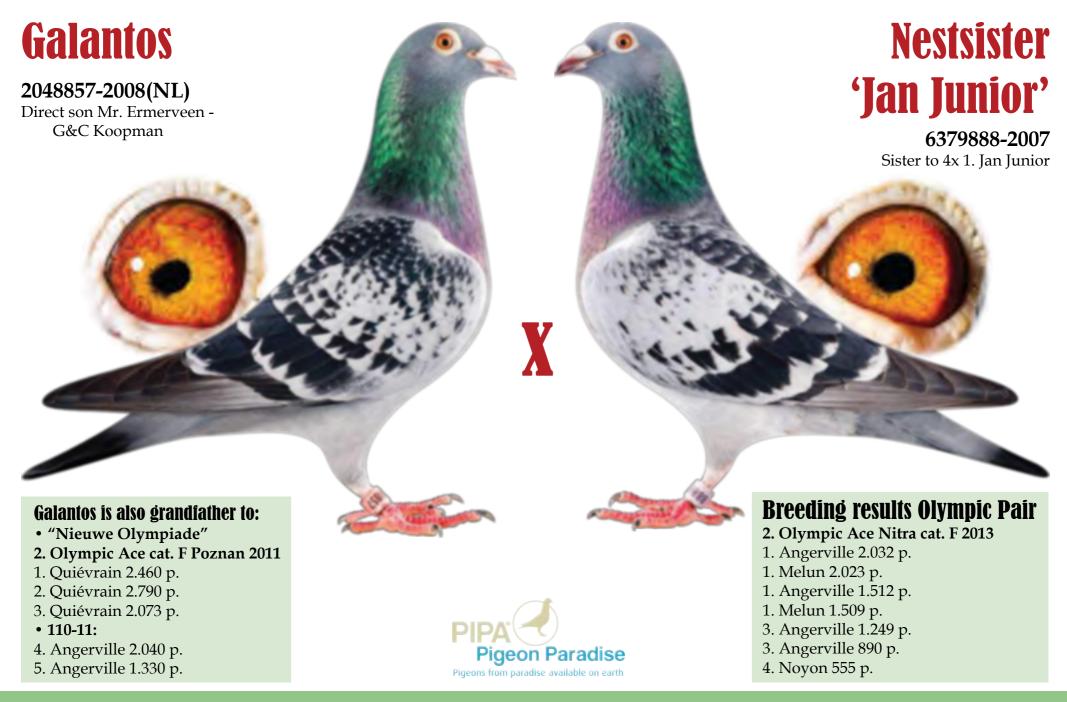
6379888-2007*
Nestsister Jan Junior

6192536-2003

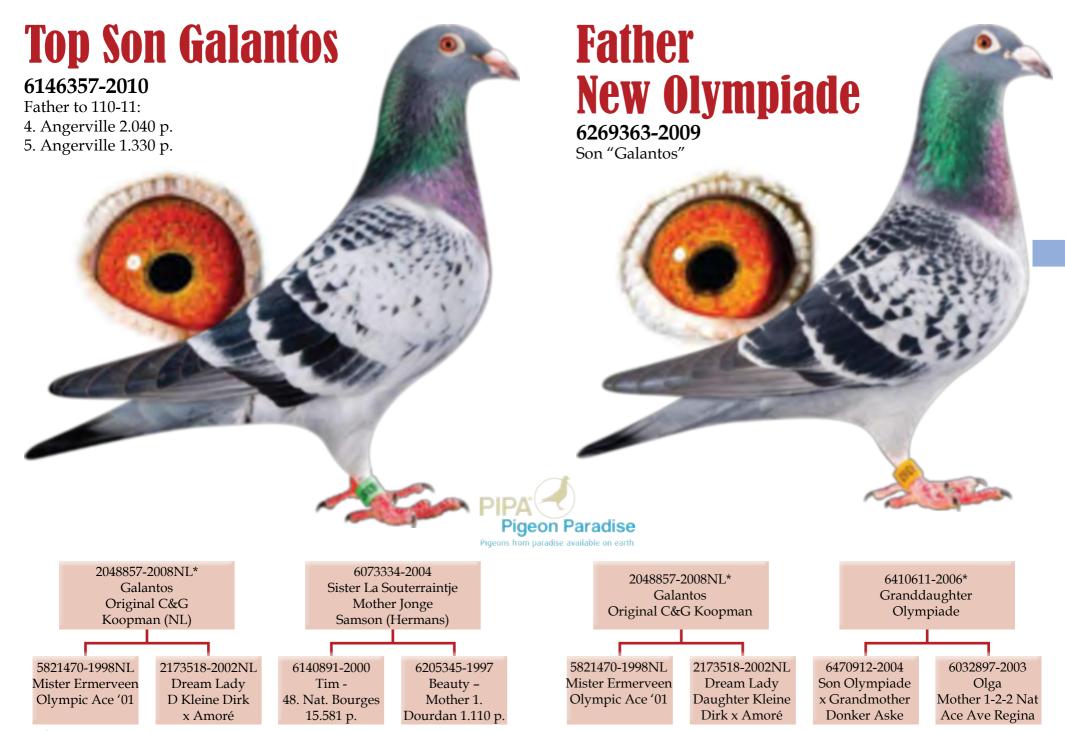
Nathalia - 10. National Ace KBDB '05

He was on his way to become
1st national ace bird, when on the
fourth race he came home a day later
with a swollen breast. Leo needed one
more top position for the 1st national
championship with one more weekend
to go and Leo basketed him on Friday.
Sperwer won 20th prize, which was
good but not good enough. That same
night he was again in the basket with
4th Noyon 555 birds as nominated
pigeon, the last race of his career,
bringing in the national title.





Parents Olympic Ace Nitra 2013



^{* =} also in auction

Nieuwe Olympiade

6146101-2010

2. Olympic Ace cat. F Poznan 2011

1. Quiévrain 2.460 p.

2. Quiévrain 2.790 p.

3. Quiévrain 2.073 p.

Father

Mother

The 'Nieuwe Olympiade' is the result of the golden hand of Leo Heremans in bringing in new pigeons. Father to 'Nieuwe Olympiade' was bred from Galantos, bought at the auction of Gerard Koopman. Veterinarian Becker from Germany saw the first youngsters from Galantos and wanted to buy them. Leo refused, kept them for breeding especially and first wanted to see what youngsters of them performed. 'Nieuwe Olympiade' proved Leo made the right decision.

Daughter Favoriete Pair

6372812-2008

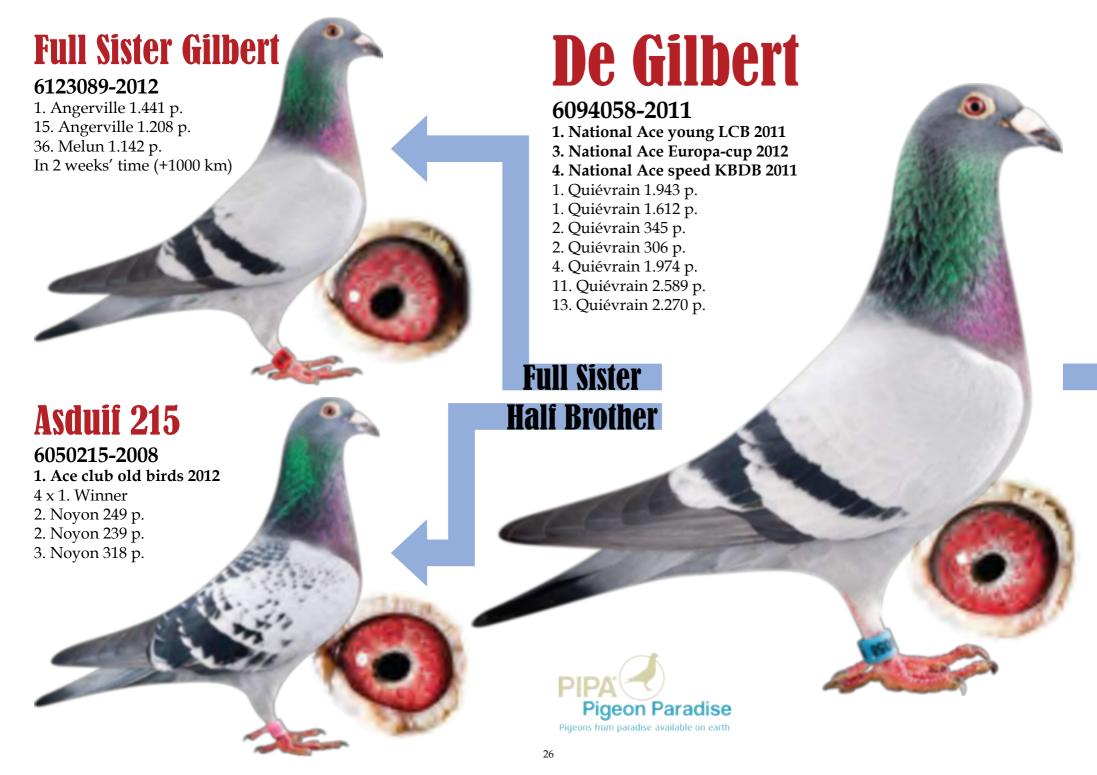
Mother "New Olympiade"

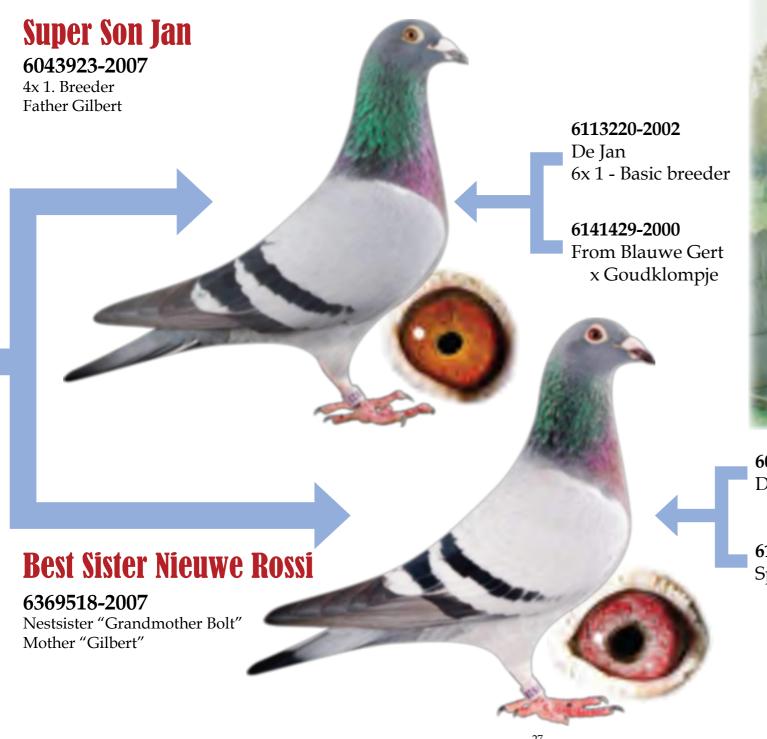
Full sister "Superduifie 116/08"

Full sister "Mother Gebroken Poot"

Full sister "Gr.grandmother Olympic Bolt"

Pigeons from paradise available on earth







6073655-2004 De Rossi

6192822-2003 Spinneke



Nieuwe Rossi

The New Dream Pair

are parents to:

Eénoogske

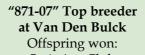
Nestsister "Grandfather

6148039-2006

6148179-2006

1. Noyon 838 p.

1. Noyon 779 p.



5x 1. Ace Club

- 1. Olympic Ace Nitra cat. F 2013
 - 1. Quiévrain 2.186 p.
 - 1. Quiévrain 2.143 p.
 - 1. Quiévrain 1.213 p.
 - 1. Quiévrain 990 p.

"115-08":

- 4. Melun 1.069 p.
- 8. Marne 995 p.
- 23. Gueret Prov. 2.348 p.
- 32. National z. 5.692 p.
- 57. National 14.784 p.

"Oueen Rossi 393-09":

- 1. Hasselt 2.112 p.
- 3. Venlo 6.904 p.
- 6. Pommeruil 4.116 p.
- 8. Chimay 5.204 p.
- 8. Strombeek 9.285 p.
- 9. Hasselt 8.752 p.

"150-09":

- 1. Quiévrain 2.020 p.
- 1. Quiévrain 108 p.
- 3. Quiévrain 329 p.

1. National Bourges" Full sister Donker Aske

6073655-2004 Rossi 6113798-2002 6218797-2002 Klein Blauwke Father Rossi

Pigeon Paradise

Pigeons from paradise available on earth

6455003-2001 6113205-2002 Olympiade Super Racing hen

6192822-2003

Spinneke

6032896-2003 Lichte Frederik 6451228-1996

Gust Jansen

6045109-2002 Sistr. Olympiade

6192606-2003 Mother Donker aske

6141418-2000 6114959-2002 Gr mother Son wonder aske Donker aske



Collector's item: 2 full sisters Nieuwe Rossi

The New Dreampair

Both pigeons were sold in BIS at the 2007 auction and were the best youngster performers of 2006.

Eenoogske was paired to Jan in 2006 and after one night together, Jan had pecked out

her eye. As the only two remaining pigeons in 2007, these top pigeons formed a pair, and a very successful one. Three generations of them already won up to hands full of 1st prizes and Olympiad delegations.

References Rossi x Spinneke:

- 1. Olympic Ace Nitra cat. B 2013
- 1. National Ace Europacup M.D. 2012
- 1. Nantuil 2.103 p.
- 2. Strombeek 5.667 p.
- 2. Mantes 3.177 p.
- 3. National Bourges 23.671 p.
- 3. National Chantilly 8.175 p.
- 4. Duffel 8.792 p., Etc...



Full brothers Eénoogske - Superbreeders

Breeding records "Super Brother Eénoogske"

- 1. Olympic Ace Young Nitra 2013 at Kas Meijers (NL)
- 1. Nijvel 1.655 p.
- 1. Quiévrain 221 p.
- 1. Duiévrain 60 p.
- 2. Maaseik 7.656 p.
- 2. Quiévrain 400 p.
- 2. Quiévrain 260 p.
- 4. Nijvel 6.899 p.
- 4. Chimay 4.271 p.
- 4. Quiévrain 1.360 p.
- 4. Quiévrain 223 p., Etc...

Super breeders from De Lichte Frederic x 606-03

Olympic 003 bred:

- 3. National ace LCB young'11
- 12. National Ace KBDB young'11
- 1. Angerville 1.180 p.
- 1. Dourdan 608 p.
- 1. Loc 12. Prov Gueret 1.391 p

De 400-duivin bred:

- 1. Nijvel 7.422 p.
- 1. Strombeek 1.811 p.
- 1. Arras 973 p.
- 1. Peronne 1.170 p.
- 1*. Hasselt 1.550 p.

Eénoogske bred:

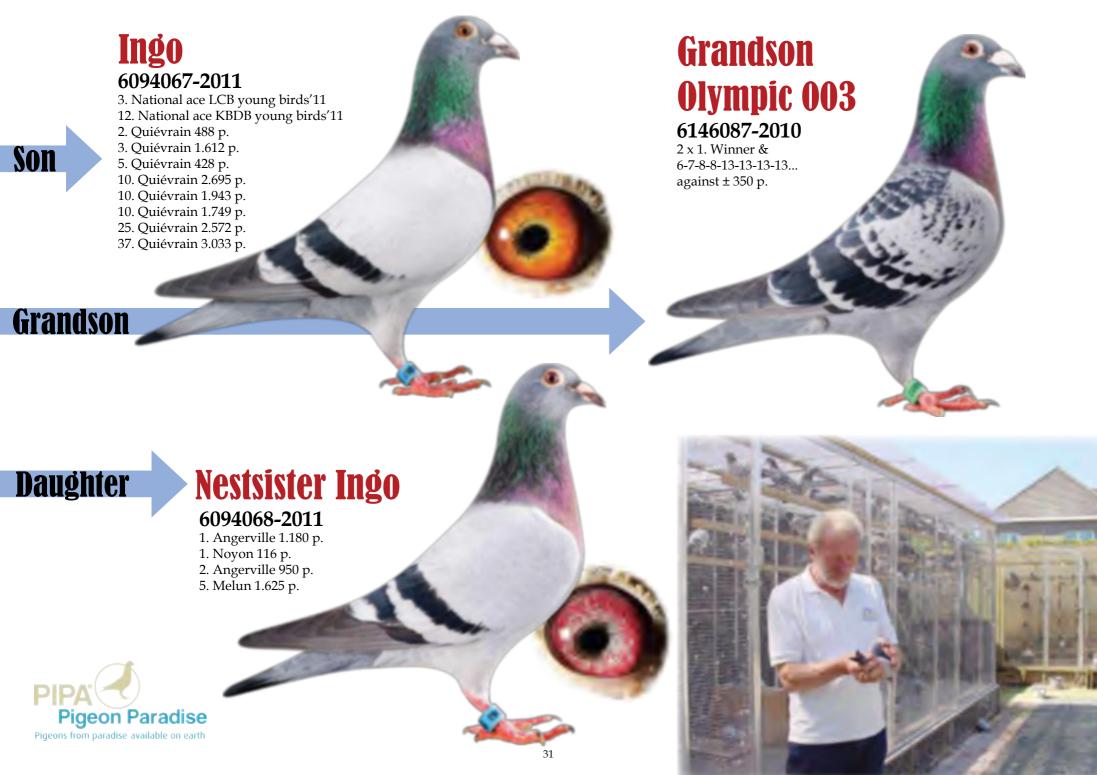
- 2 x Olympic Ace Nitra 2013
- 1. Quiévrain 2.186 p.
- 1. Quiévrain 2.143 p.
- 1. Hasselt 2.112 p.
- 1. Quiévrain 2.020 p.
- 1. Quiévrain 1.213 p.
- 3. Venlo 6.904 p.
- 6. Pommeruil 4.116 p.
- 8. Chimay 5.204 p.
- 8. Strombeek 9.285 p.
- 9. Hasselt 8.752 p.

Dino - 3. National Ace Speed Ave Regina bred:

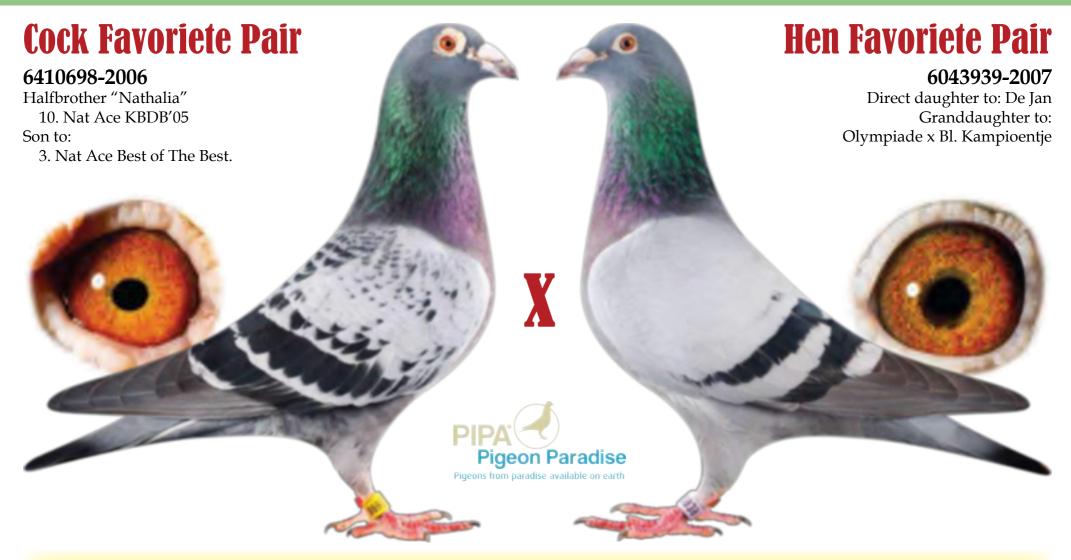
- 1. National Ace Natour WZHB 2010
- 1. National Bourges 12.608 p.
- 1. National z Bourges 8.439 p.
- 1. Venlo 6.889 p.
- 3. National Bourges 24.672 p.

Donker Aske – 3. National Ace 1/2 Distance Ave Regina - won

- 1. Dourdan 257 p.
- 1. Melun 116 p.
- 2. Dourdan 1.476 p.
- 2. Dourdan 1.317
- 3. Melun 1.056 p.



Favorite pair Leo Heremans "Het Favoriete Pair"



Favoriete Pair earned its name simply because Leo had high expectations of them when he composed the pair. Leo breeds only one round from each pair for himself. From this pair he directly put the eggs under another pair so he would have 4 from this pair. All 4 were cocks and all 4 were top birds. Leo always says his first impression is the best and when he called this pair his favourite pair, he showed himself to be right again.

Best direct children Favoriete Pair:

145-09

- 1. Ace club 2010
- 3. Quiévrain 531 p.
- 4. Quiévrain 840 p.
- 9. Quiévrain 2.143 p.
- 20. Quiévrain 2.020 p.
- $9x \text{ top } 10 \text{ to } \pm 650 \text{ p.}$

812-08 Mother "Nieuwe Olympiade"

027-08

Grandmother "Bolt"

214-09

- 1. Ace club 2009
- 1. Ace club 2010
- 1. Ace club 2011
- 4. Quiévrain 2.020 p.
- 8. Noyon 1.250 p.
- 10. Quiévrain 2.675

116-08 Het superduifje

- 1. Best Province racer on Bourges-Orleans-Argenton
- 1. Orleans 1.208 p.
- 2. Chateauroux 106 p. (4. Prov 9.860 p.)
- 4. Bourges 115 p.
- 5. Argenton 117 p. (262. Nat 25.583 p.)

215-09

4. Quiévrain 2.020 p.10. Quiévrain 3.714 p.

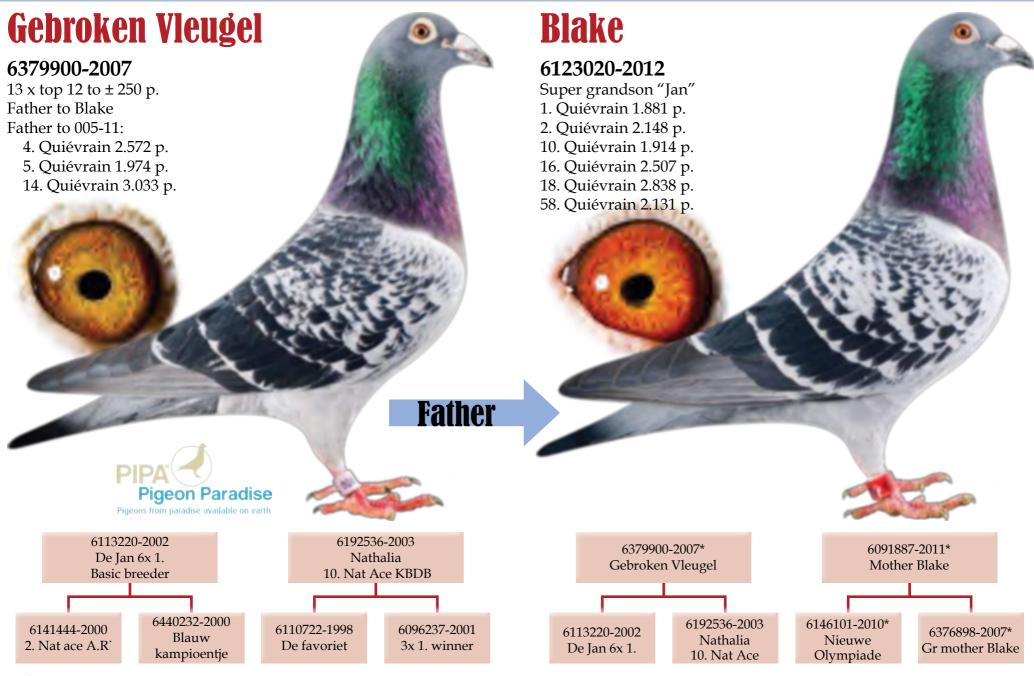




The Best of Euro

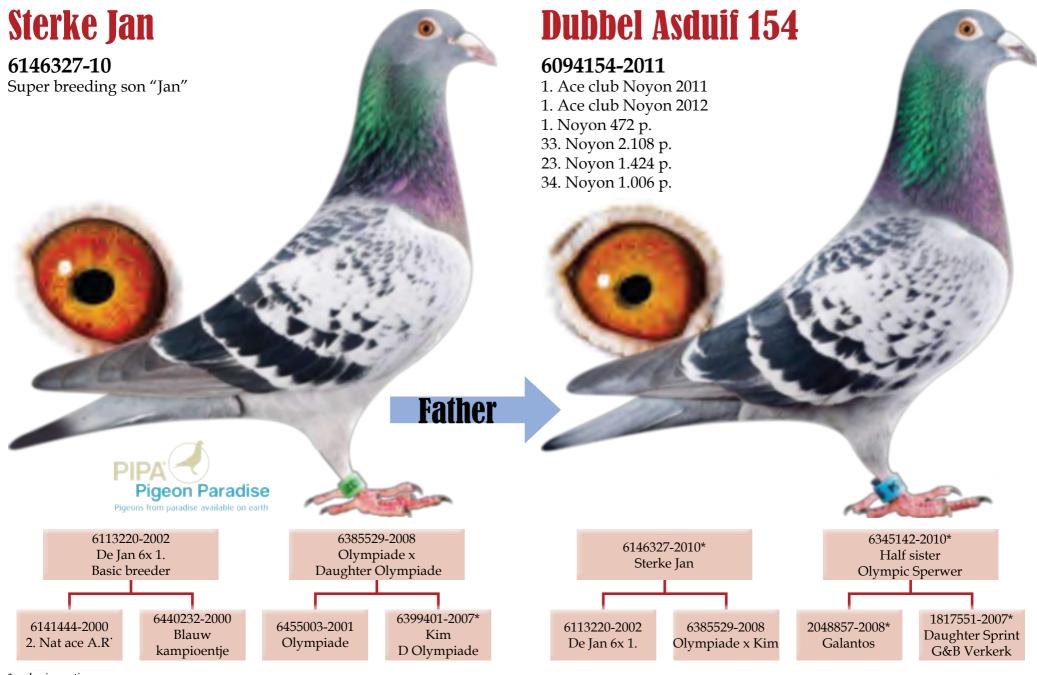


De Jan Dynasty



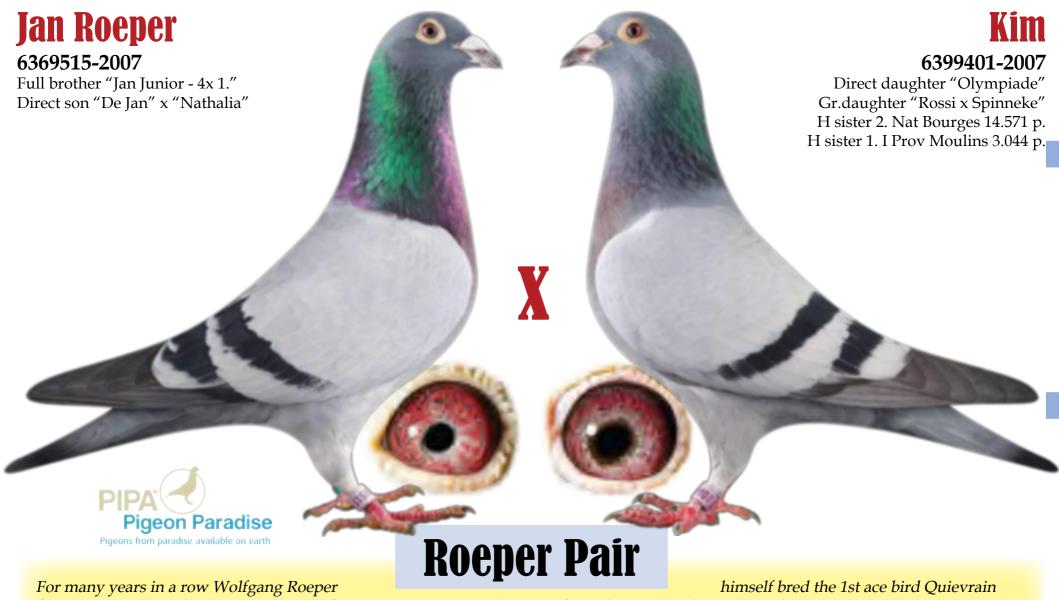
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De Jan Dynasty



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Parents 1. Olympic Ace All round Nitra 2013



For many years in a row Wolfgang Roeper from Germany bought the second round from Leo Heremans and raced with them. In 2010 he got his top ace 241/10 (2nd National Ace Bird 2012) from this pair and in 2012 Leo Heremans

from them. From the cock, Herbots purchased their Bourges Best in 2011, winner of 2nd National Bourges and 1st Interprovincial Moulins. Could there possibly be a better breeding pair?

References "Roeper pair"

Super genes with 2 generations of top racers in Belgium & Germany

- 241-10 - Super racer Germany

- 1. Olympic ace All round Nitra 2013
- 2. National Ace Germany 2012

13/13 prize cards - 987.5 ace points

- 1. 429 km race 3.756 p.
- 1. 233 km race 3.517 p.
- 1. 233 km race 1.050 p.
- 2. 313 km race 2.219 p.
- 3. 429 km race 5.183 p.
- 3. 313 km race 1.237 p.
- 8. 429 km race 3.159 p.
- 9. 544 km race 4.168 p.
- 12. 313 km race 4.928 p.
- 39. 154 km race 3.587 p.
- at Wolfgang Roeper

- 156-10 - Super racer Belgium

1. Ace club Quiévrain old birds 2012

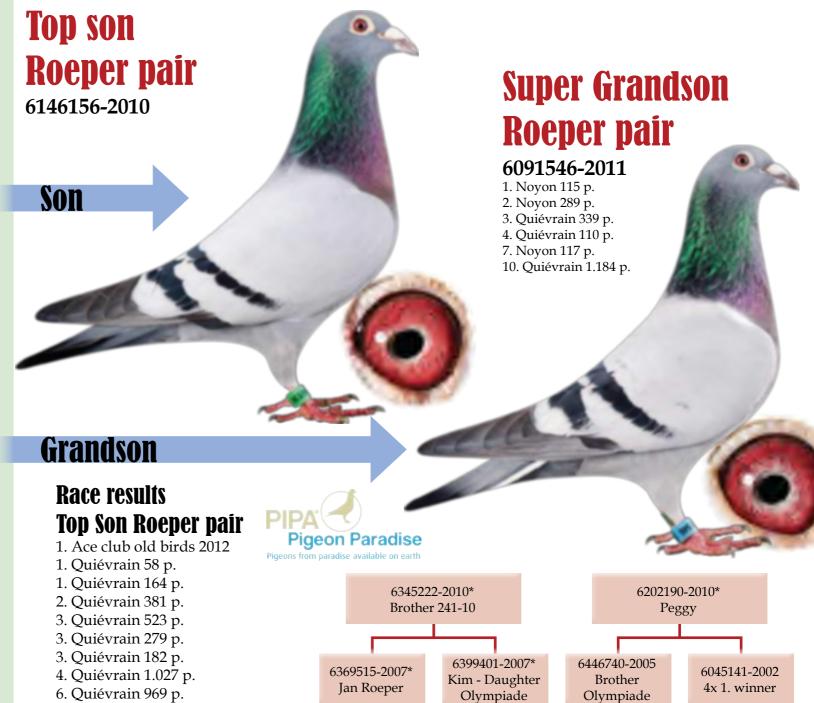
- 422-11 - Bourges Best (same father)

- 1. Bourges 1.265 p.
 - 2. National 14.598 p.
- 1. I.Prov Moulins 3.044 p.
- 1. Gueret 494 p.
 - 11. I.Provincal 1.793 p.
- 1. Toury 212 p.
- 2. Orleans 181 p.
- 2. Toury 344 p.
- 3. La Souterraine 579 p.
- 12. I.Provincial 2.231 p.
- 126. National 16.665 p.

13. Quiévrain 1.852 p.

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3. Toury 282 p.

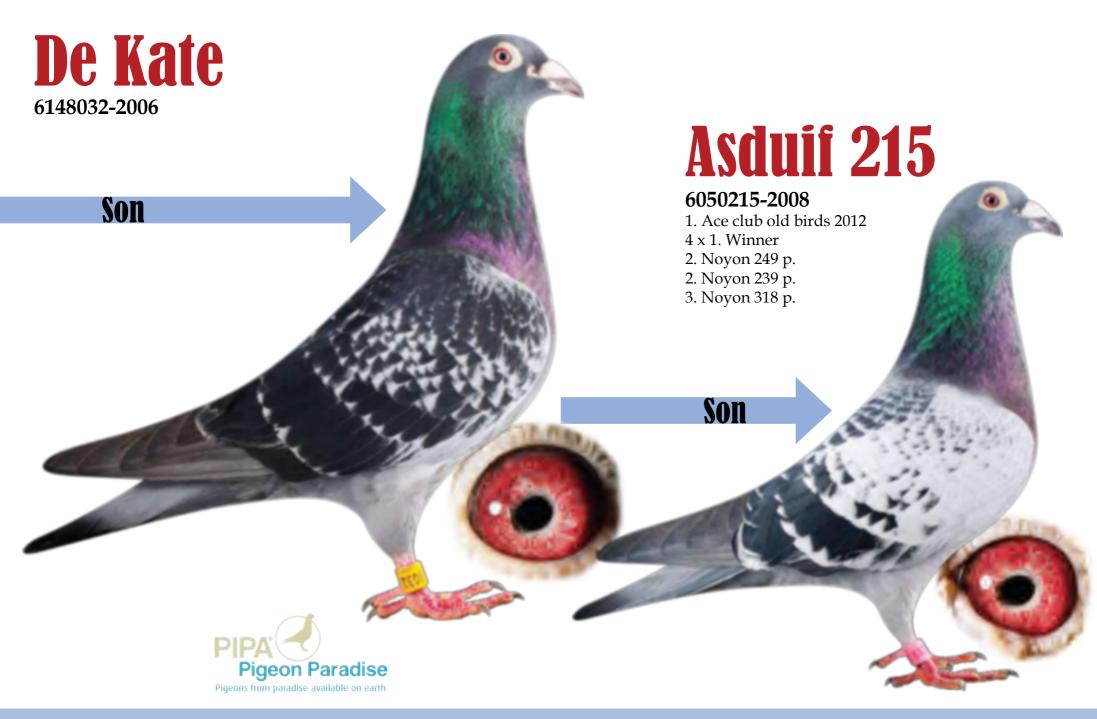


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Best children "Jan" x "Nathalia"

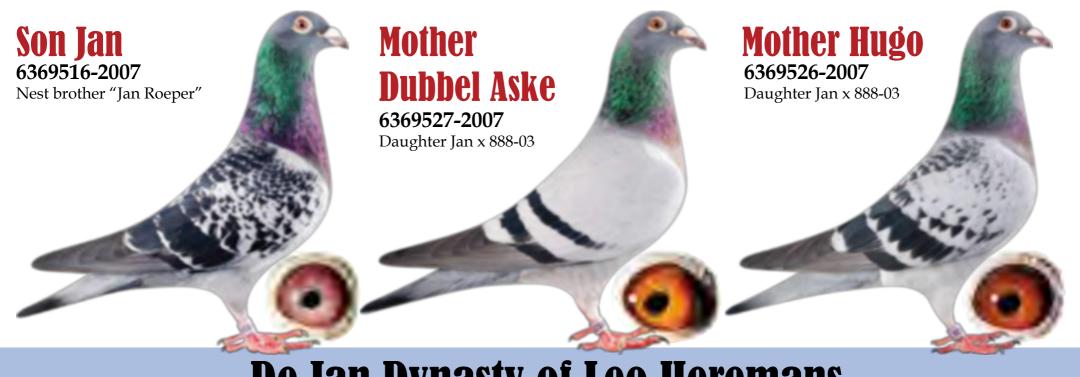
- Jan Junior 6379887-2007
- De Kate 6148032-2006
- Nestsister 'Jan Junior' 6379888-2007 Mother Olympic Sperwer 1. Olympic ace Nitra'13 4x 1 to + 1.000 p.
- Gebroken Vleugel 6379900-2007 Won 13x top 12 to ± 250 p. Father Blake & 005 winners of:
- 1. Quiévrain 1.881 p.
- 2. Quiévrain 2.148 p.
- 4. Quiévrain 2.572 p.
- 5. Quiévrain 1.974 p.
- Jan Roeper top breeder 6369515-2007 Father to:
- 1. Olympic ace Allround Nitra 2013
- 2. National Ace Germany 2012
- 2. National Bourges 14.598 p.

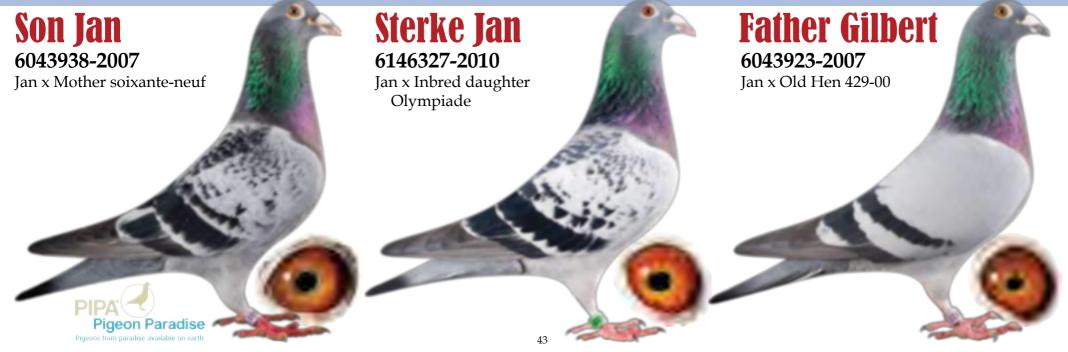


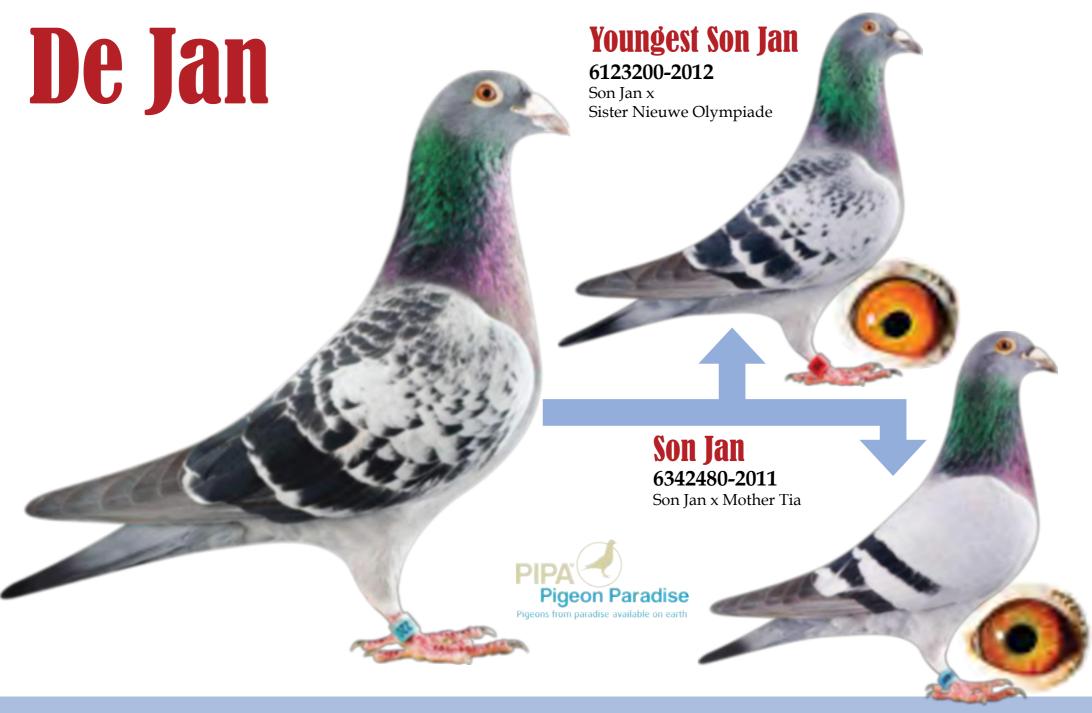
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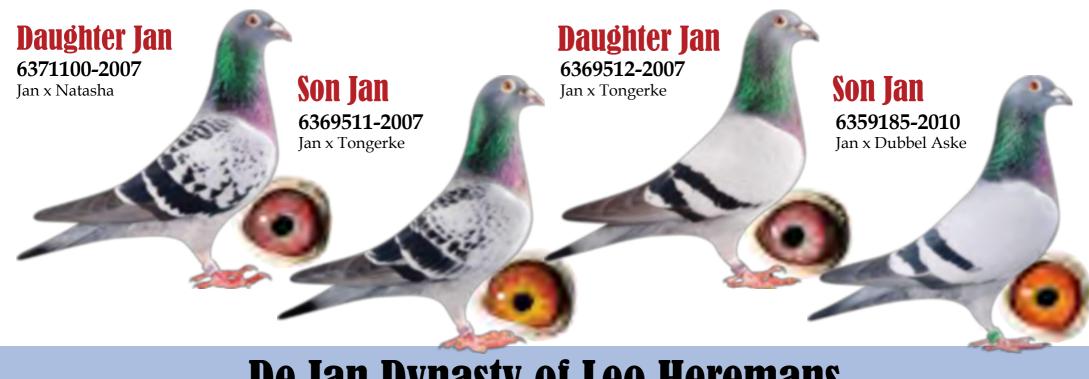


Two youngest children of 'De Jan' in this auction











Race records Jan

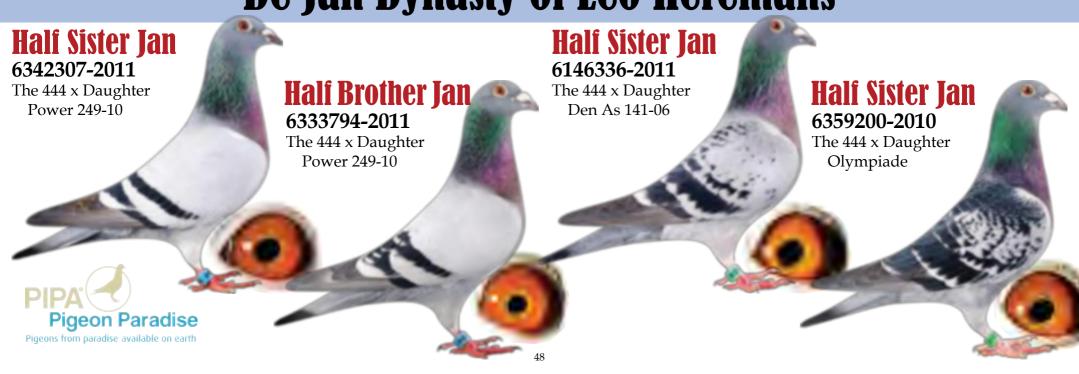
- 6x 1. Prize
- 1. National Ace Duivenkrant '02
- 1. National Ace AVE REGINA '02
- 2. National Ace AVE REGINA '03
- 2. National Ace AVE REGINA '04
- 1. Quiévrain 1.214 p.
- 1. Quiévrain 531 p.
- 1. Quiévrain 341 p.
- 1. Quiévrain 300 p.
- 1. Quiévrain 214 p.
- 1 Quiévrain 149 p.
- 2. Quiévrain 1.658 p.
- 3. Quiévrain 1.409 p.
- 3. Quiévrain 347 p.
- 5. Quiévrain 2.003 p.
- 5. Quiévrain 924 p.

Brothers and Sisters De Jan





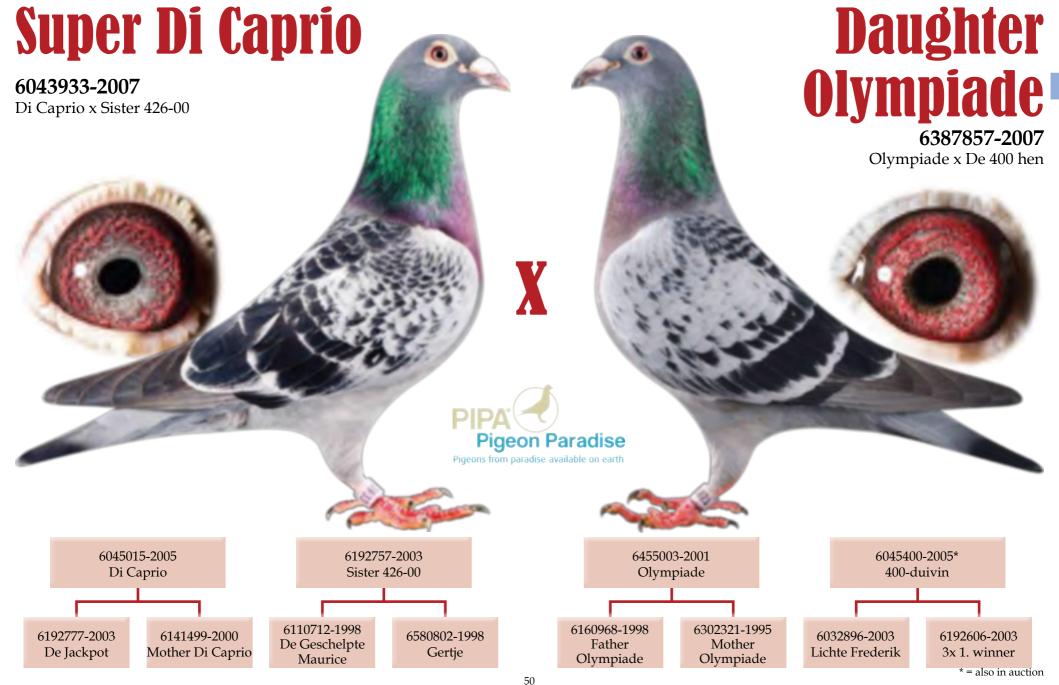








Super Breeding Pair – Inbred 'Olympiade'



References top pair:

027-11 - De Regi

- 6. National Ace Young birds LCB '11
- 3. Quiévrain 1.974 p.
- 4. Quiévrain 3.033 p.
- 7. Quiévrain 1.175 p.

334-09 - Heartbeat in the sky

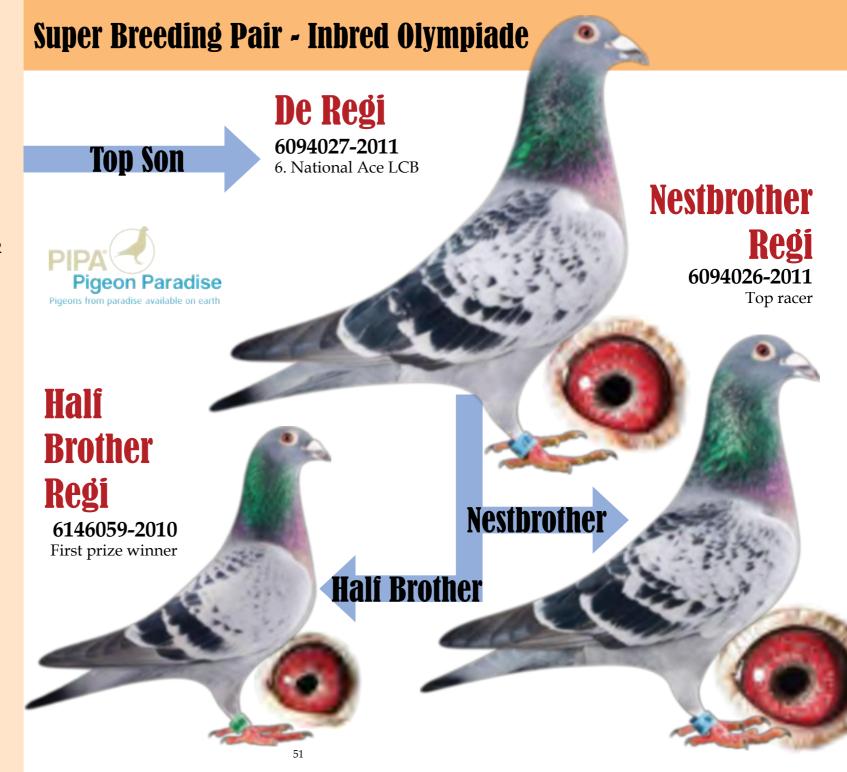
- 1. Ace Sprint cc Grensstreek '12
- 1. Nijvel 7.422 p.
- 1. Strombeek 1.811 p.
- 1. Arras 973 p.
- 1. Peronne 1.170 p.
- 1*. Hasselt 1.550 p.
- 2. Strombeek 8.407 p.
- 7. Peronne 6.035 p.
- 8. Epehy 3.661 p.
- 8. Hasselt 2.112 p.

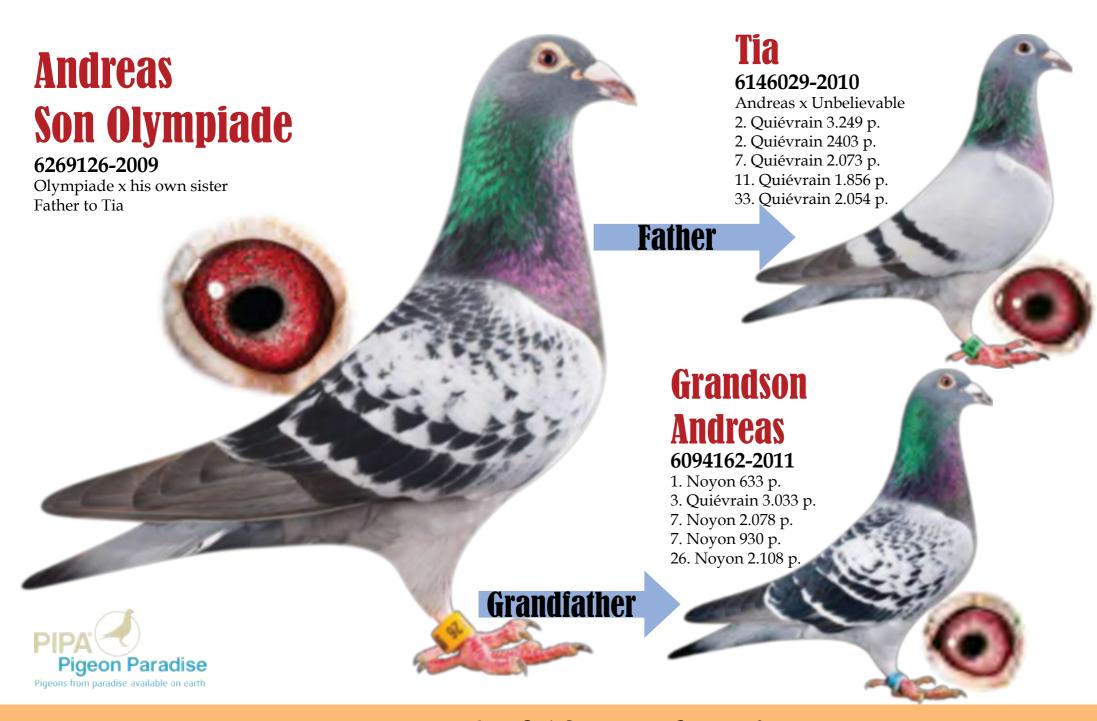
059-10 - Halfbrother Regi (same father)

- 1. Noyon 702 p.
- 2. Quiévrain 969 p.
- 3. Quiévrain 219 p.
- 10. Noyon 670 p.
- 10. Noyon 526 p.
- 17. Quiévrain 1.852 p.

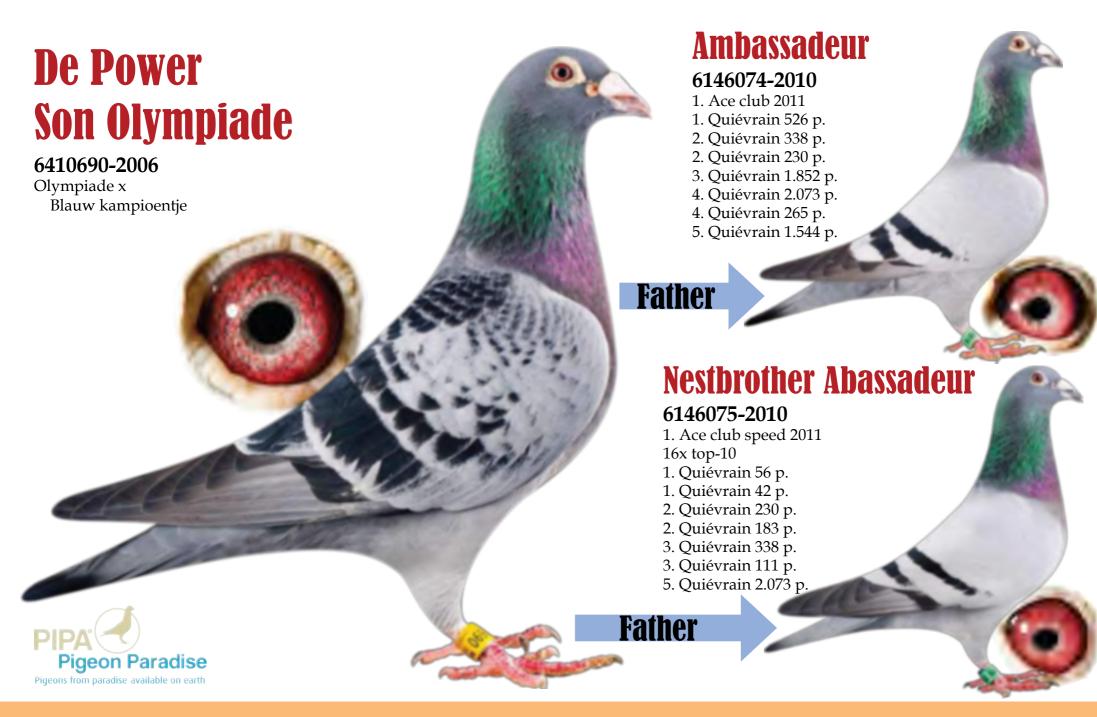
026-11 - Nestbrother Regi

- 2. Noyon 641 p.
- 3. Quiévrain 525 p.
- 7. Quiévrain 2.572 p.
- 9. Quiévrain 2.589 p.
- 12. Noyon 1.001 p.



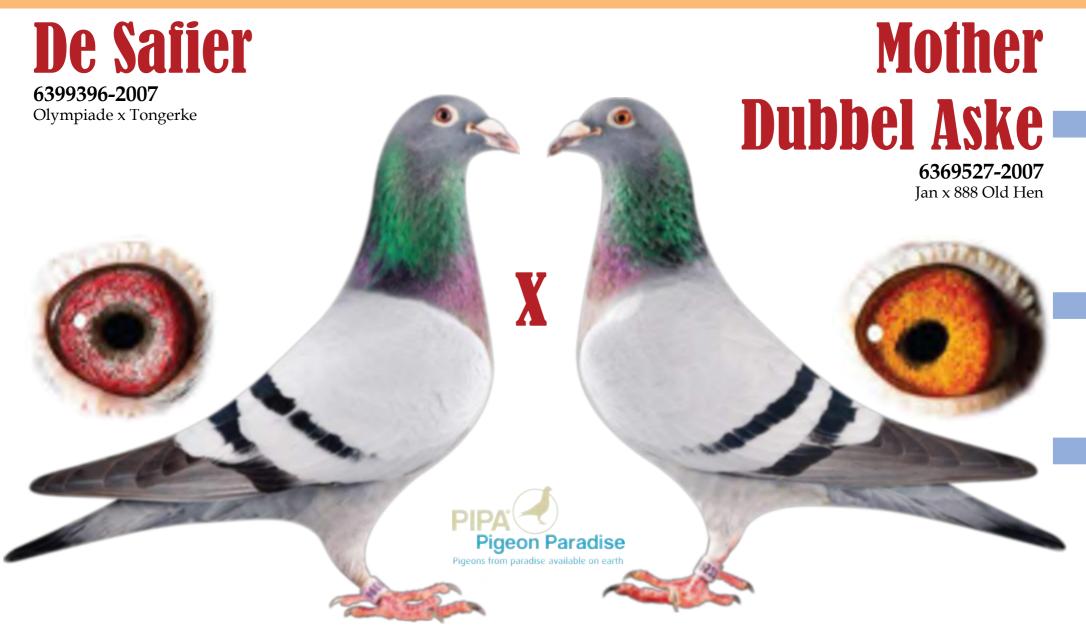


The best of 'Olympiade'



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Super Breeding Pair



The best of 'Olympiade'

Breeding results descendants Safier x Daughter Jan

Son Safier 076 2x 1 winner

Dubbel Aske 137-08

17. Prov Argenton 3.371 p. 27. National 25.583 p.

49. Prov Gueret 2.348 p.112. National 14.784 p.

2. Salbris 441 p.28. Prov 2.269 p.

92. Prov la Souterraine 3.310 p. 269. National 21.258 p.

Son Safier 398

1x 1 winner

142-09 top breeder at Jan Eskes:

1. National Ace WHZB Young birds'12

1. Peronne 2.990 p.

won himself:

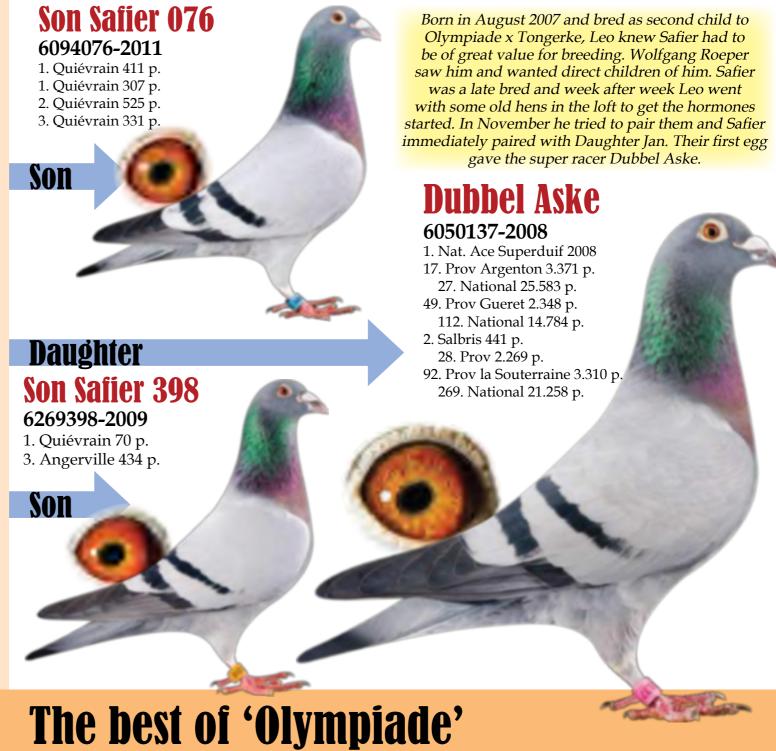
4. Quiévrain 2.619 p.

16. Quiévrain 1.787 p.

258-08 Surprise

3x 1 winner bred 12.Nat Ace Kleine Blauwe Pigeon Paradise

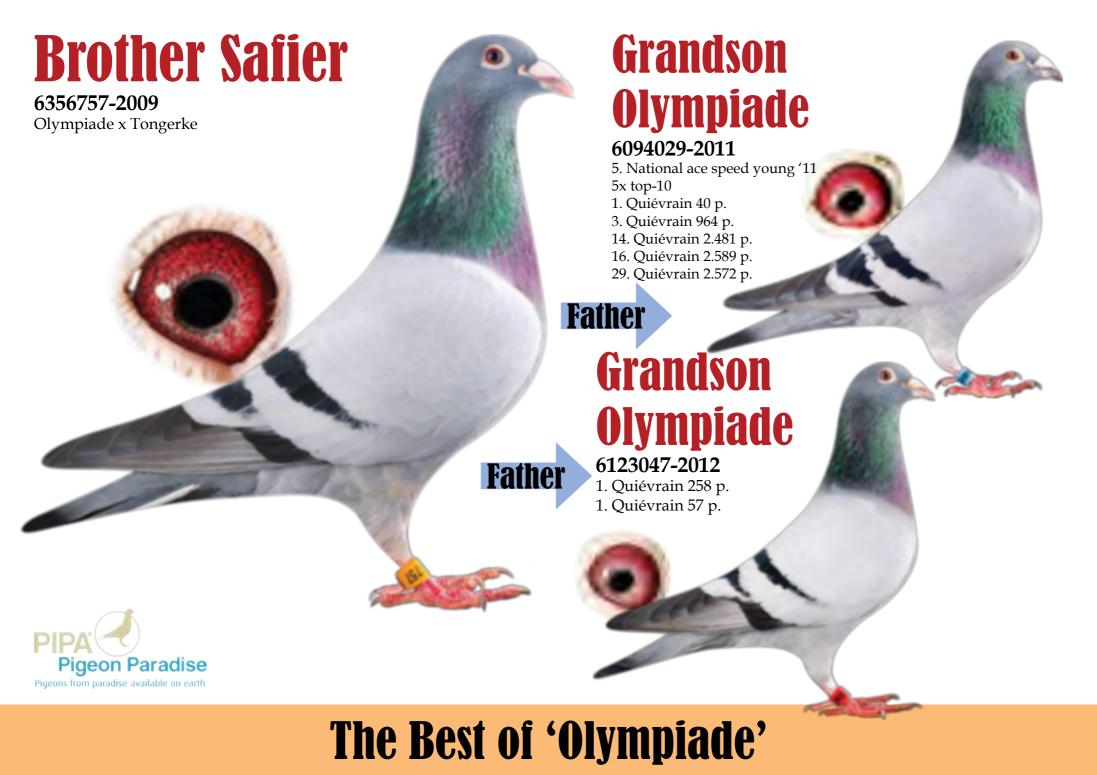
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Super performers direct from 'Olympiade'



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Bolt: the best way to discribe the speed of the Heremans birds



Full brothers/sisters 'Grandfather Bolt' - Olympiade x D. Sprint

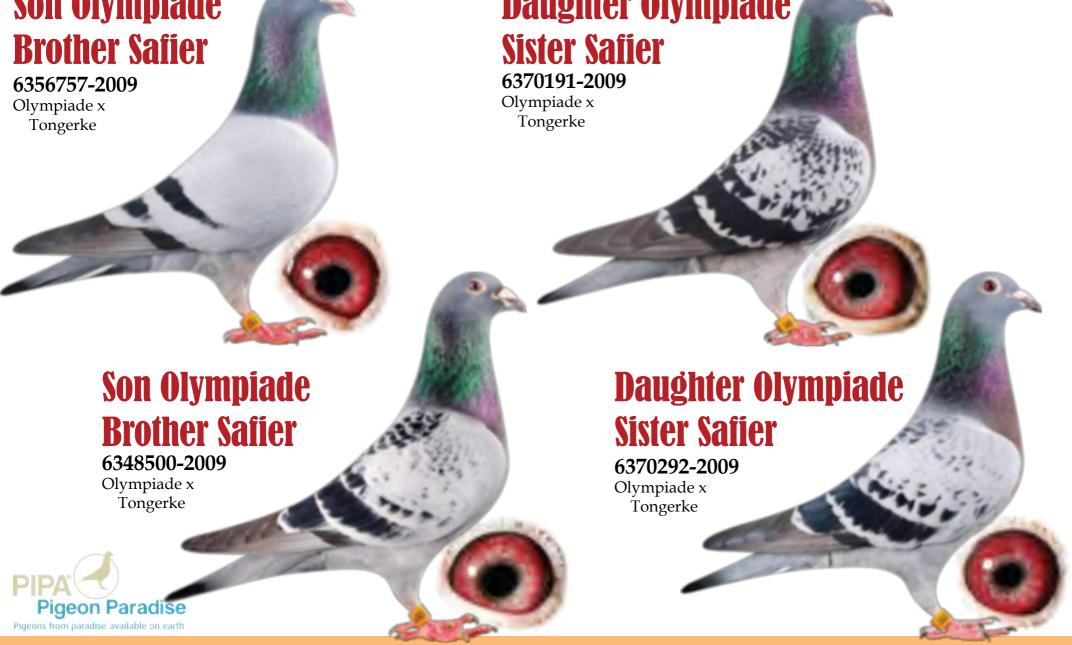


The Leo Heremans loft, where 'Safier' is worth more than diamond



Full brothers/sisters 'Safier' - Olympiade x Tongerke

The Leo Heremans loft, where 'Safier' is worth more than diamond Son Olympiade Daughter Olympiade **Brother Safier** Sister Safier

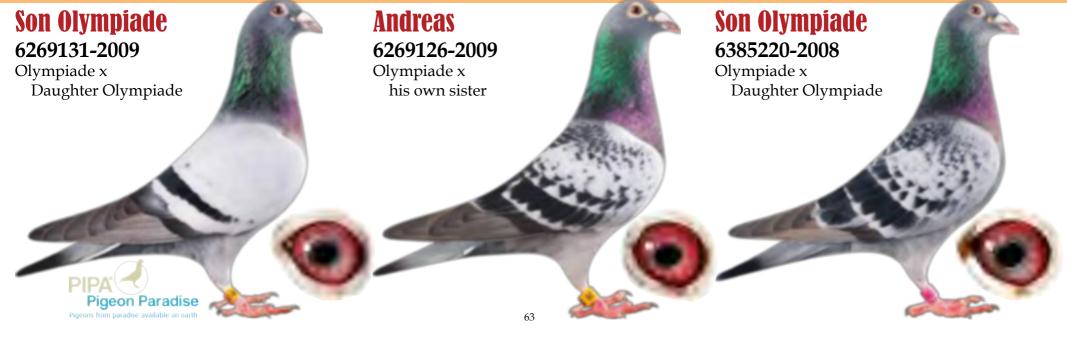


Full brothers/sisters 'Safier' - Olympiade x Tongerke

The 'Olympiade' when paired to his own daughters



The closesed inbred to basic breeder 'Olympiade'

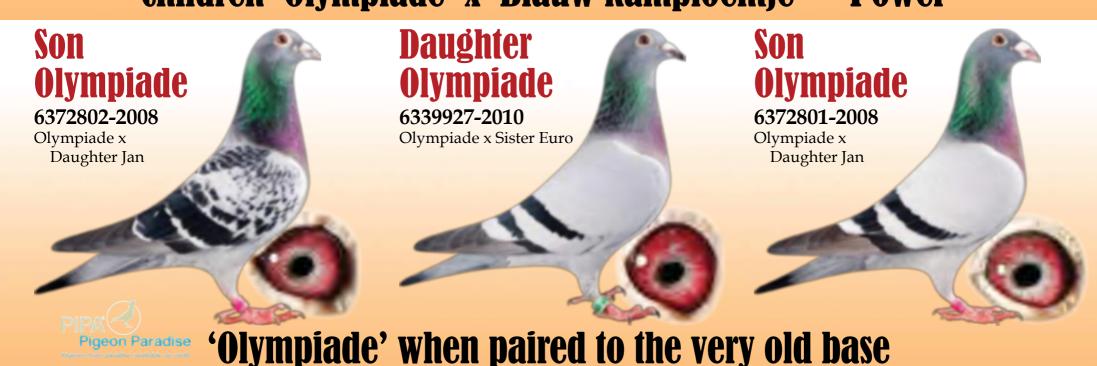


The hen of the 'Roeper Pair' & her inbred 'Olympiade daughter'

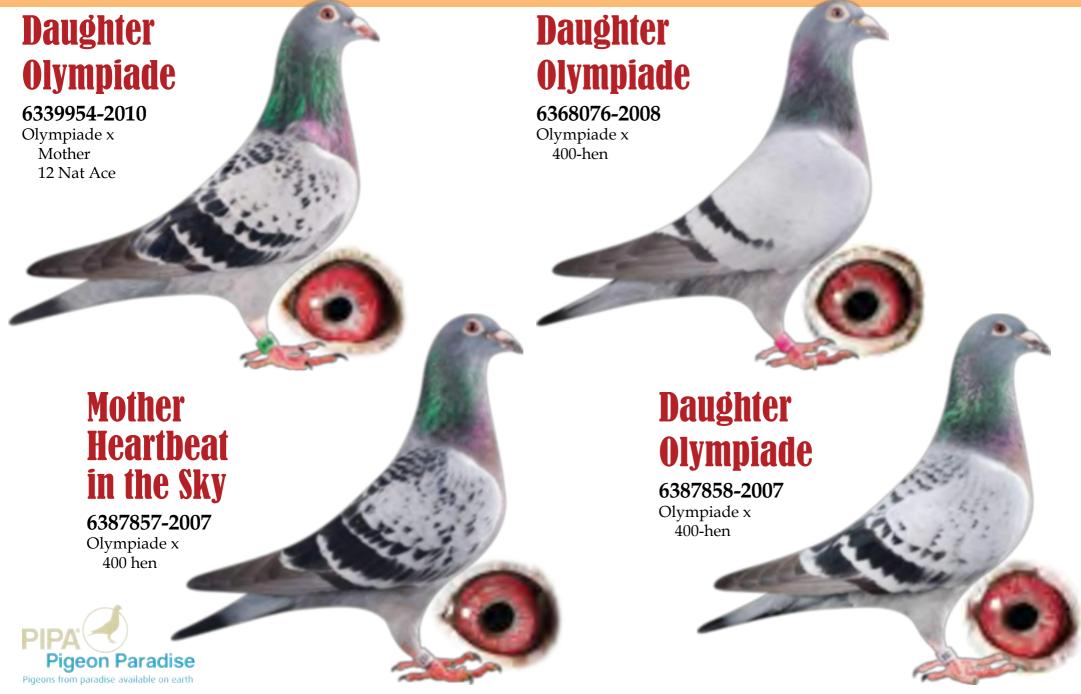


The 'Power', the best description for the 'Olympiade'-genes





The very best of Leo Heremans – direct children 'Olympiade'



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Wolfgang Roeper in the middle between Leo Heremans and Charel Ceusters

Wolfgang Roeper, Kummerfeld (GE)

National ace bird & Olympiad icon

Since 1999 Wolfgang Roeper has been buying pigeons from Leo Heremans and raced with them. An investment that paid off in gold, with many different 1st national ace birds and Olympiad winners. For Nitra 2013 Wolfgang had no less than 6 (!) Olympiad pigeons. One of his champions is BE10-6146241, an original Leo Heremans, which won 3 x 1st in a big competition and ended up 2nd Nat. Ace Cock Germany and was 1st German Olympiad bird cat. D in 2013. Olympiad yearling Nitra & 6th Nat. Ace Bird '101' is bred from the original Heremans cock BE06-6410616 (from '426' x 'Wonderaske'), whose nest mate bred the 4th Nat. Ace Bird Allround 2010. Poznan Olympiad bird '394' is bred from 'Brother Euro' and Nitra Olympiad bird '16' is grandchild to original Heremans aces. And so the story goes on.

Willem De Bruijn, Reeuwijk (NL)

2 Olympiad birds and NPO toppers

The man who introduced Heremans-Ceusters pigeons in The Netherlands was Willem De Bruijn. In 2005 he bought a round of youngsters and amongst them were terrific performers and breeders. Willem had numerous wins against thousands of birds with Heremans-Ceusters offspring; most impressive was the Olympiad representation in 2011 with Olympic Schanulleke (long distance) and Olympic Hurricane (youngsters). The last one bred Olympic Froome (Olympiad yearling 2013) for C. & M. Everling.

Marina Van De Velde, Grobbendonk (BE)

Close friend and deep admirer

"The greatest of his generation and a friend for life", say Marina

and Paul about Leo Heremans. They race a colony of 90% Heremans pigeons, with top ace Samson as the most famous pigeon, winning 1st Nat. Argenton 23,419 birds (fastest 33,097 birds) and breeding loads of amazing performers. Modern champions are Janie, 1st prov. Bourges 4,555 birds, Grandson Diadora 1st prov. champion long distance KBDB and 137/10 Son Jan 2 x 1st prize.

Dirk Van Dyck, Zandhoven (BE)

Olympiad Nitra cat. A 2013

Bought 3 x 1st prize winner Di Caprio at the Heremans-Ceusters auction in 2007 and saw the cock going on his way to become a new breeding legend. His best son is BE08-6338005 Olympic Nels, Olympiad bird cat. A Nitra 2013 and co-winner of the Gouden Duif trophy 2011, but also 2 x 1st prov. championship in 2012 and 2nd Nat. championship middle distance KBDB 2011.

Danny Van Dyck, Pulle (BE)

1st National champion middle distance young KBDB 2011

He got two sons direct from Di Caprio from Dirk and paired to his own Kanon lines in breeding these two were supreme. Offspring from this pair were co-winners of the 1st Nat. championship middle distance young KBDB 2011, winner of 1st European championship FCI and winners of many 1st prizes against thousands of pigeons. What super class.

Hans & Evert-Jan Eijerkamp, Brummen (NL) 1st and 3rd Dutch Olympiad bird cat. B Nitra 2013

"An artist who kept on refining until he created something

brilliant", says Hans Eijerkamp about Leo Heremans. After buying a round of youngsters in 2006 and 2007, Eijerkamp bought stars of Heremans-Ceusters auction in 2007 like Den Euro, Jackpot, Goochelaar, Rossi x Spinneke, etc. It brought one of the best quality injections of talent to Eijerkamp ever. Most recent champions are 1st and 3rd Dutch middle distance Olympiad bird Lisa (1st Nat. ace middle distance Europa Cup) and Vivian (1st & 2nd NPO winner) and that's just the tip of the iceberg.

Dick Van Den Bulck, Grobbendonk (BE)1st Olympiad bird cat. F Nitra 2013

His super young racer BE12-6254038 was crowned 1st prov. / 4th Nat. ace bird sprint youngsters 2012 winning amongst others 1st against 1,763 birds, 1st against 1,248 birds, 1st against 555 birds etc. 038/12 was 1st Belgian Olympiad bird cat. F for Nitra 2013; its mother is a sister to 6 different 1st prize winners and bred from Goede Rose (grd. Nieuwe Rossi x Eenoogske) when paired to a great granddaughter Olympiade Heremans.

Stickers-Doncker, Lille (BE)

3rd Olympiad bird cat. F Nitra 2013

Their super breeder BE03-6192642 is an original Heremans-Ceusters and a half brother to Natalia, as a child of half brother 444 x Penny. 642/03 passed his glorious bloodlines on to wonderful performers such as Wonderboy (1st Nat. ace bird KBDB 2011), Ons Aske (Olympiad bird cat. A Poznan 2011), Voske (6th Nat. ace bird KBDB 2011), Blauwke Noyon (Olympiad cat. A Nitra 2013 & 4th Nat. ace bird) and 036/12 (Olympiad bird cat. F Nitra 2013.)



K. & K. Meijer, Ootmarsum (NL)

1st Dutch Olympiad bird cat. F 2013

Walking in the footsteps of Leo Heremans is their biggest dream and this top partnership is on their way. Heremans bloodlines brought them to exceptional highs like 1st Nat. ace bird late tour WHZB 2010 & 3 x 1st with Xena, 4 x 1st with Heartbeat In The Sky, 1st prize & 7 x top 10 massive birdages with Queen Rosi, 2 x massive 1st with Sarah and the absolute highlight 1st Dutch Olympiad youngster Nitra 2013 with Olympic Bolt. The sky is the limit.

Johan Bleyen, Lommel (BE)

1st National Bourges winner

Johan purchased pigeons from all the golden Heremans-Ceusters lines and what success he has had with them! In 2011 and 2012 he won 1st Nat. Bourges 12,608 birds, 2nd Nat. La Charte 15,780 birds, 3rd & 4th Nat. Bourges 24,651 birds (1st & 2nd Nat. Zone), 4th & 6th Nat. Bourges 10,035 birds, 1st prov. ace bird middle distance (old) 2011. Heremans pigeons excelling at the National classics.

Gebr. Herbots, Halle Booienhoven (BE)

2nd National Bourges & 4 x 1st prize

"This man bred the best racer in Belgium of 2011", Filip Herbots said at the Action Zorgenkind auction late in 2011 while Leo was having a chat with some friends. "What did he win?" the others asked and when Filip told them what the original Leo Heremans champ BE11-6091422 Bourges Best (from Brother Jan Junior x Sister Nieuwe Rossi) won, they were all convinced: 2nd Nat.

Bourges 14,57 birds, 1st I.prov. Moulins 3,044 birds, 1st Gueret 494 birds, 1st Toury 212 birds, 2nd Orleans 181 birds, 2nd Toury 344 birds and 3rd La Souterraine 579 birds.

SG Hagendorn-Becker, Nordkirchen (GE) 6 x massive 1st prize in 2012

With children of Olympiade and sisters to Den Euro, the Heremans-Ceusters bloodlines are deep within the breeding colony of Hagendorn-Becker. In 2012 it brought them many 1st championships, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th best hen RV and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th best youngster RV, with 6 massive wins against 4,505 birds, 3,960 birds, 3,383 birds, 2,686 birds, 2,589 birds, 3,077 birds etc.

Saatdüzen Saban, Tessenderlo (BE)

National & provincial superstar

Purchased the original Leo Heremans hen BE08-6383156 from Son Asduif x Sister Jan and she became a super breeder, (grand) children won amongst others 1st prov. Montlucon 1,932 birds (10th Nat. 22,875 birds), 6th prov. Argenton 1,653 birds, 9th prov. Bourges 1,805 birds, 8th Chateauroux 6,368 birds, 10th Nat. Bourges 14,571 birds etc.

Jan & Leanne Van De Pasch, Grubbenvorst (NL) Best fanciers of The Netherlands WHZB 2012

A purchase of 15 pigeons from Willem De Bruijn in 2008 – many descending from Willem's best Heremans-Ceusters diamonds has had a great share in the successes of Van De Pasch. Like 1st Nat. ace bird WHZB 2012, 1st and 2nd NPO Tours 13,244 birds,

1st and 2nd Nat. ace bird TBOTB 2010, 2nd and 3rd Nat. ace bird Europa Cup sprint 2010 and many, many more massive victories and NPO top 10 prizes.

Luc Van Mechelen, Oud-Turnhout (BE)

Olympiad bird & 2nd National ace bird

One of Belgiums top performers has a super hen under his roof with 50% Heremans-Ceusters bloodlines, hen BE08-6030322 Robina, the blue champion was Olympiad bird Poznan 2011, 1st ace bird middle distance Turnhout 2010 and 2nd Nat. ace bird middle distance KBDB 2010. Mother to Robina – in breeding she is also showing great class already - she is a full sister to Natalia.

Gebr. Van Toor, Vlaardingen (NL)

1st, 2n, 5th, 6th, 6th, 9th, 10th NPO winner

Buying a direct daughter to Olympiade was probably the best move Gebr. Van Toor ever made. BE06-6148120 became winner of 1st Noyon 1,145 birds at Heremans-Ceusters and is now the founding hen for Van Toor. She bred winners of 1st NPO, 2nd NPO, 5th NPO, 6th NPO, 6th NPO, 9th NPO, 10th NPO, etc. Later more children to Olympiade were purchased and the results have been breath-taking with descendants of all of them!

Michel Van Lint, Zoutleeuw (BE)

Olympiad bird cat. C long distance 2011

Fellow fancier Willem De Bruijn bred the hen NL07-1821757 Mysterie Lady for Michel, from original Heremans-Ceusters cock Fame x top hen Abigail. She became a wonder woman, winning in National racing amongst others 3rd, 7th, 23rd, 24th, 28th, 30th, 36th, 56th, 70th, 71st, 96th, 97th National, in the Zone this was 1st, 4th, 9th, 13th and 15th and it made Mysterie Lady Olympiad representative for Belgium cat. C Poznan 2011.

Ad Schaerlaeckens, Baarle-Nassau (NL)

4 x 1st ace bird inbred to Super Leo

His fine sense for super quality also brought Leo Heremans bloodlines to the loft of Dutch icon Ad Schaerlaeckens. From grandson x daughter to original Heremans-Ceusters breeder Super Leo he bred NL11-1821732 Wonderduifje, winner of 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 4th, 4th, 4th prize and crowned as 1st ace bird sprint, 1st ace bird middle distance, 1st overall ace bird and 1st ace bird Hart van Brabant (provincial level).

Bart & Nance Van Oeckel, Oud-Turnhout (BE)1st prov. Chateauroux, 4th and 5th Nat. La Souterraine

In the amazing story of success written by Bart and Nance Van Oeckel, the Leo Heremans pigeons play an important role. Lines

such as Obelix, Jan, Blauwe As and Brother Euro are responsible

for top prizes like 1st prov. Chateauroux 1,862 birds, 4th & 5th

Nat. La Souterraine 3,562 birds, 7th prov. Tulle 927 birds and

Helmut Köster, Balve (GE)

1st & 2nd Hemau against 53,996 birds

many more National and provincial top positions.

The finest day in the pigeon career of Helmut Köster was determined by two 50% Leo Heremans pigeons. In the race from Hemau (430 km) he won 1st and 2nd prize against 53,996 birds, the winner was bred from an original Heremans breeder (from



Blauwe As x Donker Aske) and breeder of the 2nd prize winner was also original Leo Heremans, from Olympiade x Daughter 426.

Bert Braspenning, Wijdewormer (NL)

1st Dutch Olympiad bird cat. G 2011

Through Willem De Bruijn, the Heremans-Ceusters bloodlines came to reinforce Bert Braspenning's breeding colony and they left a deep impression. Keirin x Damen bred four 1st prize winners, two 1st ace bird and the 4th Nat. ace bird short distance 2010. Don Leo, (brother of Jan), bred the 1st Dutch Olympiad bird yearlings 2011 Olympic Big Leo etc.

Johan Donckers, Grobbendonk (BE)

Belgian ace bird Europa Cup 2007

With a 50% Heremans-colony he is a top name in Belgian pigeon racing. Number 1 cock is Asduif, winner of 11 x 1st prize and crowned as 5th Nat. ace bird KBDB and 3rd Belgian ace bird Europa Cup 2007. He produced champions like 048/07 (9 x 1st prize) and more winners, for example his grandchildren won several 1st prizes as well. His offspring also performed very well for Danny Van Dyck (1st Nat. champion) and J. & X. Fens (1st Nat. ace bird KBDB 2012).

Kees Bosua, Dordrecht (NL)

Fastest from 32,360, 32,229 & 17,183 birds

The cock Leon (son of Blauwe Leo) became a top breeder and is father to Fastest Peronne 32,360 birds, Fastest Pommeroeul 32,229



birds, Fastest Lommel 17,183 birds, 1st Nijvel 1,032 birds, 1st Creil 591 birds, 1st Menen 511 birds, 1st Orleans 127 birds (3rd NPO 5,503 birds).

Hok Van Andel-Van Velzen, Leeuwarden (NL) 3rd National ace bird middle distance 2012

In an everlasting search for quality, Dutchman Harry Van Andel also acquired direct from Leo Heremans, amongst others the BE09-6369437 from Olympiade x Kim. He bred Miss Doltsje from her, one of Holland's stars of 2012 winning amongst others, 1st St. Quentin 1,199 birds, 1st St. Quentin 786 birds, 4th St. Quentin 1,241 birds, 5th Quievrain 2,071 birds being crowned as amongst others 3rd Nat. ace bird middle distance 2012.

D. & S. Göbel, Zwammerdam (NL)

Rising star in Dutch pigeon racing

In late 2010 they went to Leo Heremans to purchase from his best and results went up directly! Resulting in the 4th prov. championship youngsters 2012 and 1st prizes against 4,251, 1,152, 374, 167, 120, 120, 108, 62, 41 birds etc. An offspring of the original Heremans Kweektster 186 bred 1st young ace bird with over 5,500 birds starting.

Jules Lens, Putte (BE)

1st Nat. champion youngsters long distance KBDB 2012

One of the top breeding hens of these super champions is BE06-6140423 original Heremans-Ceusters from De Charel x Daughter Olympiade. She bred many winners in 2 generations including 156/10 (4 x 1st prize), 678/07 (5 x 1st prize), 723/12 (1st young

ace bird middle distance Zuiderkempen 2012), Rising Star (cowinner 1st Nat. championship, 6th Nat. young ace bird Nat. races PITTS 2012) etc.

Vermeerbergen-Wilms, Mol (BE)

Founding cock co-breeding with Leo Heremans

In Belgian pigeon racing the genes of BE07-6356192 Lucky Luc from Vermeerbergen-Wilms are famous. He is the result of a cobreeding with Heremans lines of Flitske and Rosita. Lucky Luc offspring won many 1st prizes and in National racing amongst others 12th, 35th, 39th, 62nd, 165th etc. The best child is Robby, 2nd Nat. ace bird PIPA on 2 National young birds races 2011.

Comb. Van Roon, Brummen (NL)

Sensational breeding pair with Heremans birds

The status of Bak 9 Van Roon is well known in The Netherlands and far beyond. Offspring of this pair won amongst others 1st Nat. Mantes La Jolie 12,999 birds, 1st NPO Morlincourt 14,598 birds, 1st NPO Blois 2,998 birds and furthermore 3rd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 13th, 14th, 18th, 19th, 22nd, 24th etc. in NPO racing. Both cock (brother to Hestia) and hen (granddaughter of Olympiade) of Bak 9 are original Heremans-Ceusters.

Premier Stud (UK)

Introducing Heremans-Ceusters birds to the UK

The sensational rise to fame of Heremans Ceusters in the UK in recent seasons is in no small way directly the result of the impact of Premier Stud. They bought rounds of young birds in the years of 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2012; eventually

over 300 birds bred in Vorselaer have found their way to Premier in the UK. They produced literally hundreds and hundreds of Heremans Ceusters based winning birds in the UK.

Comb. Van De Woestijne, Opheusden (NL)

1st ace birds and massive winner

Via Hans & Evert-Jan Eijerkamp this father & son partnership purchased Heremans-Ceusters pigeons, namely the brothers 345/11and 346/11, bred from Brother Jackpot x Daughter Jonge Peter. They are superb with 345 winning amongst others, 1st Duffel 6,140 birds. From son to Euro x Nest sister Chanel they bred Euro Chanel, 1st ace bird sprint & 1st ace bird late tour in combine 2012.

Comb. Kroesen, Klazienaveen (NL)

Super collection leading to top performances

Many pigeons moved from Leo Heremans to Comb. Kroesen, like children to Den Euro, Jan, Nieuwe Rossi x Eenoogske, Nieuwe Olympiade, Power, Favoriete Pair and Gebroken Vleugel etc. Son of Nieuwe Rossi x Eenoogske bred amongst others 1st prize 2,507 birds and 1st prize 413 birds; also Elvita, mother of 1st Nat. ace bird late tour WHZB at Kas Meijers, is a breeder at Comb. Kroesen.

J.J. Eskes, Streefkerk (NL)

Best youngster WHZB & TBOTB 2012

All-time champion Jan Eskes purchased eggs and youngsters from Leo Heremans, 34 in total! A 100% Leo Heremans pair with Safir on both sides and also the lines of Rossi x Spinneke bred

the NL12-1655965 Leon, a super racer winning 1st Peronne 2,990 birds, 1st Duffel 1,861 birds, 2nd Grimbergen 1,794 birds, 10th Morlincourt 2,736 birds and 10th Peronne 1,458 birds. In both Nat. competitions WHZB & TBOTB he was 1st youngster.

Andreas Stemmer, Wangerland (GE)

German super champion

One of the German fanciers visiting Leo Heremans and never regretting it one second! From almost every top icon Andreas purchased pigeons, to breed but also to race them. Original Heremans-pigeons won amonmgst others 1st prize 7,308 birds, 1st prize 2,939 birds, 1st prize 2,847 birds, 1st prize 2,685 birds, 1st prize 1,792 birds, 1st prize 1,641 birds, 1st prize 1,200 birds and 1st prize 1,080 birds etc.

Van Muylder-De Mul, Buggenhout (BE)

Granddaughter Olympiade breeds 17 x 1st prize

"We are the proud owners of a granddaughter of Olympiade", says Nico Van Muylder and what a granddaughter they own!! Her best children are Den Tom $(7 \times 1 \text{st})$, Witpenneke $(2 \times 1 \text{st})$, Alberto $(1 \times 1 \text{st})$ and Jeff $(1 \times 1 \text{st})$. The best grandchildren are Andy $(2 \times 1 \text{st})$, Indra $(2 \times 1 \text{st})$, Belle $(1 \times 1 \text{st})$, Miss 500 $(1 \times 1 \text{st})$ and Spain (6 th prize semi final Derby Del Mediterraneo).

Thomas Schwarze, Gütersloh (GE)

Loads of 1st prize winning Heremans descendants

Purchased from Leo's best and bred supreme pigeons with them. 821/11 won 1st prize 6,613 birds 9 min. lead & 1st prize 728 birds

(from son Hugo). 890/11 won 1st prize 2,450 birds & 1st prize 525 birds (from son Jan). 875/11 won 1st prize 722 birds (from daughter Jan Junior), 1366/12 won 1st prize 728 birds (lines New Rossi x Eenoogske, Olympiade & Jan), 1st ace cock & 1st ace yearling RV (inbred Jan) etc.

J. Trompetter, St. Jansklooster (NL)

1st prov. ace bird & 1st from 20,020 birds

Several original Heremans pigeons breed supremely well for Jan Trompetter, his best performers are nest mates Blauwe Bert & Heidi bred by W. & B. Heideman from a daughter to sister Blauwe Crack. Blauwe Bert won 1st Wijchen 20,020 birds, 1st Meer 411 birds, 2nd Boxtel 13,000 birds, 4th Hazeldonk 18,650 birds. His nest sister Heidi was 1st prov. and 6th Nat. youngster WHZB 2009.

Cliff Harding, Halton (UK)

UK super champion

Just recently Cliff brought Leo Heremans pigeons to his lofts and he has already won over 6,000 pounds on the Pirrie Gold Ring Race 2012 with 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 11th prize. All the winning pigeons are Leo Heremans offspring, varying from the lines of Den Euro, Olympiade to the lines of Jan, Jackpot, Nieuwe Rossi x Eenoogske, etc. Another result for Heremans offspring; 1st & 9th North West combine 3,725 birds.

Ron Vennink, Rotterdam (NL)

1st prov. Peronne 12,041 birds

With a grandson x double granddaughter to Olympiade, Ron



Vennink won the provincial young bird race from Peronne (241 km) against 12,041 birds. The father is also grandson to Jan, a better Leo Heremans product is hard to imagine.

H.H. Oving, Borger (NL)

7 x 1st prize & 1st prov. ace bird

Via Willem De Bruijn and Eijerkamp Heremans-Ceusters birds came to Robert Oving and from De Bruijn's 546/05 (from Brother Euro x Daughter Platschijter/Wonderaske) the top ace NL08-2044803 was bred. He is 1st prov. ace bird middle distance 2011 and winner of 7 x 1st prize!

Ralf Platt, Rhauderfehn (GE)

Top breeding son Super 799

A direct son to Super 799 x Daughter Den 426 became wonder breeder for Ralf Platt. This 1046/08 is breeder of winners, like amongst others 9th ace cock RV with 3rd, 5th, 8th, 9th, 9th, 9th prize, 2nd best youngster and 6th best yearling in RV. 5th best racing cock RV with 4th, 10th, 10th, 12th prize. 6th best youngster RV with 2nd, 10th, 17th prize. Top performances resulting on amongst others 3rd place Gouden Duif Germany.

Omar & Ahmed Al Hamli, Dubai (UAE)

Winners of many 1st prizes and ace birds

Bringing in children and grandchildren to Olympiade led Al Hamli brother to the absolute top. Children from them won different 1st prizes and were amongst the ace bird on many occasions. In one loft racing Heremans offspring were winners for Al Hamli of 4th Hot Spot SAMDPR 2010 and 16th ace bird

prior to the final race. In the one point loft in Kuwait they won 2nd from 250 km and 4th from 160 km.

Corry Hakvoort, Urk (NL)

1st Nat. Racing Cock Youth WHZB 2012

Corry Hakvoort is only fourteen years old. Eijerkamp gave her the young crack NL09-4214556 'Jubbetje', bred from brother to 'Finette', 'Den 426', 'Tulip', etc. She will never forget this cock because during its career it finished in the top 10 multiple times and was even crowned 1st Nat. Racing Cock WHZB Youth in 2012.

Peter & Bianca Kockx, Oberhausen (DE)

1st prizes with Leo Heremans pigeons

"They perform absolutely sensational," says Peter Kocks about his Leo Heremans offspring. The lines of 'Safir', 'Olympiade', 'Favoriete Pair', 'Nieuwe Rossi', 'Jan', etc. are winners of a/o 1st & 2nd Gelhausen 1,932 birds, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Wetzlar 2,127 birds (7 out of 9 come from original Heremans birds), 1st Wertheim 1,539 birds with a 7-minute lead, etc.

Top success Leo Heremans-pigeons Million Dollar 2013

The 2013 edition of the South Africa Million Dollar Pigeon Race was a true victory for the Leo Heremans pigeons as the gold and bronze medal winner in the final race and the winner of the Grand Average ace bird competition all descend from the master breeder from Vorselaar.

Winner of the final race covering 553 km with 2,753 birds competing was NL12-1231153 Untamed Desert bred by Hans & Evert-Jan Eijerkamp. Mother is Schouder Duif, part of the round of youngsters Eijerkamp purchased at Heremans-Ceusters in 2006, she won 16 prize cards from 16 long distance races and was crowned 16th Nat. ace bird over 3 years of racing (2007-2009).

Maybe the best pigeon in this edition of the Million Dollar race was DV05369-12-1121 Purdey, entered by Hans-Paul Esser and Helmut & Alfons Klaas. This top pigeon was crowned 1st ace bird Grand Average, won 3rd prize in the final race and in training and hot spot racing he won 3rd, 3rd, 6th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 24th, 38th, 78th, 89th prize with birdages between 2,800 and + 4,000 birds. His mother is a direct daughter to Asterix, Heremans-Ceusters.

Also the car race ace bird from H. & F. Sander descends from Heremans-Ceusters lines via Willem De Bruijn.







