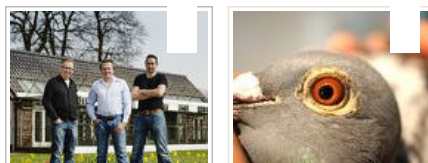


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With a delay of a day, the birds were liberated in Sens sunday may 24th at 8.15 am. Fahsai took just over 7 hours racing for to arrive; a great win for the two years old hen from Royal Dream * Pollin 470

Dear readers,

Sunday May 24th was the date of the first long distance race in The Netherlands, with equal circumstances for almost all participants. In my opinion the races for the Southern parts of The Netherlands were a bit heavier.

On my loft,

The race went very well and we were relieved about it. Relieved sounds a bit 'heavy', but I mean it was not easy to decide to focus only on the races from 500 km upwards 30 years ago. Until than our pigeons also performed very good in short and middle distance; many of those appeared not to be good enough for further distances. To decide not to breed from these great short and middle distance racers, was a really difficult choice I remember. It is extra inspiring to see pigeons arriving from 563 km as quickly as they did.

Number of kilometres,

Our organising combine (North-East Netherlands) chose for a different preparation with more kilometres this year and therefore we decided to skip extra trainings, not even to mention midweek trainings.

The standard program was as follows:

I like to show this because the newsletter is also translated to German, English and Chinese, for these fanciers it is sometimes not clear how the Dutch program works.

11-04 Boxtel 163 km
18-04 Hapert 188 km
25-04 Duffel 243 km
02-05 Asse Zelik 271 km
09-05 St. Quentin 406 km
17-05 Quievrain 338 km

And on May 24th a distance of 563 km with 1 day delay, the birds were liberated the Sunday at 8.15 am.

We basketed a total of 160 pigeons. Amongst this group were approx. 40 marathon racers. They are now educated and/or waiting for their first 2-day marathon race.

From this group the first pigeon came in at 15.41, that is 15 minutes after our first pigeon. Normal for a race with a good outcome.

Entered birds for Sens

The group of 120 pigeons consists of:

- The 'survivors' of the preceding year.
- Youngsters 2014, darkened and raced on the regular young birds program and second tour.
- Summer youngsters, racing on the second tour, the autumn races and trained 2 extra times by ourselves up to

300 km in October.

In winter, all racers are let out about 2 or 3 times a week, it ensures a good basic condition. It is a risk because in this period the birds of prey are very active, however we decided to take that risk.

We race our cocks and hens on traditional widowhood system, what means a partner is always at home to wait for him/her.

On the race from Sens the first 4 pigeons were hens, however the total picture gives a 50/50 ratio.

The kind of freshness when the pigeons returned home was very striking. They rushed out of the sky and walked in pretty quick. We are not sure this is the result of the Variamix, however we are sure this new product is not bad at all.

The facts:

Sens

Distance: 563 km

Entered pigeons in the race: 4,237

Koopman pigeons entered: 160

Prize cards in the best 25%: 108

Result: 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39, 40, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 57, 61, 63, 64, 80, 84, 89, 94 and 98.

We like to introduce the first 6 pigeons.

1st prize, NL-2013-5310073 'Fahsai' (hen) The meaning of Fahsai is fresh air and is in the Thai-language. She is a daughter of ['Royal Dream'](#), son of ['Cassius'](#). The mother of 'Fahsai' is bred by Marc Pollin from Snellegem, Belgium.

3rd prize, NL-2014-4750788 (hen)

She is bred from ['Pricus'](#), a direct pigeon of B. & L. Geerinckx paired to 'Magic Victory' a daughter of ['Ermerveen's Hope'](#) and ['Zina'](#).

4th prize, NL-2014-4750882 (hen)

Her father is ['Brandon'](#) and her mother is bred by Chris Hebberecht ['Hebberecht 941'](#)

5th prize, NL-2013-5310047 'Fien' (hen)

She is a direct daughter from ['Cassius'](#) when he was paired to ['Derwa 229'](#). This hen is a sister of Albert Derwa's 'Primo' and 'De Zoon', but also a sister to mother of 'Geeloger' Koen Minderhoud.

8th prize, NL-2013-4727672 (cock)

Again a daughter of ['Pricus'](#), now with ['Zara'](#) as mother.

His nest sister (671) was in fact our best racer until half July; however unfortunately we lost her. Until then she had already won Quievrain 6th/8,902 Sens 7th/7,958 Quievrain 34th/11,260 Quievrain 33rd/5,579 Sezanne 64th/9,806

Also in the top 10 with the 9th prize, NL-2012-4703579 (hen)

Father is ['Fridus'](#) and mother 'Amastar', again a daughter of ['Ermerveen's Hope'](#)

References

We are very happy for the references we had of the Bakker and Hendriks families.

Dolf and Ruud Bakker (Middle-Netherlands) won next to the 1st NPO from over 6,000 birds also 6th and 7th prize. A very good result considering the very young age of the racing team in Veenendaal.

Their first pigeon (a hen) was bred from the cock 'RheinGold' (son to ['Blue Energy'](#) * ['Miss Mookhoek'](#)) with the hen 'Can Can' (daughter ['Jerson'](#) * 'Miss Summum'). She won the 1st prize against 6,613 birds.

Jo and Florian Hendriks (Limburg province) won a/o the 2nd NPO Bourges against 8,278 birds. Their pigeon was also bred from 2 direct Koopman birds, they are:

Father is 'Son Zina' bred from ['David's Son'](#) * ['Zina'](#)

Mother is 'Klein Dirkje' bred from 'Zakir' * ['Rafaella'](#)

All together a great weekend; we do hope you also experienced it likewise.

Maybe dispensable, but when you see a name of a pigeon in a different colour in this newsletter, you can click on it to be forwarded to the page where the pigeon is presented.

In case of questions, feel free to contact us.

Good luck!

Kind regards,

Gerard & team

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