

Heremans – Ceusters, the story continues as Hans Eijerkamp and Sons

The Union of Antwerp in Belgium knows many, many top lofts, but the partnership of Heremans-Ceusters from Vorselaar is just one of the main lofts who performed that well over the last couple of years that they were among the champions every year. They won following championships in the High School of the Belgium Pigeon sport (7,160 members)

According to the leading Belgium Pigeon magazine De Duif; The partnership Heremans – Ceusters is for sure the best loft in the 21st century in the province Antwerp.

The introduction

During the National Pigeon Show in 2005 Hans Eijerkamp and Sons met Leo Heremans and Charel Ceusters who were introduced by Willem de Bruyn a very good pigeon friend of Hans Eijerkamp. After a nice pigeon talk an appointment was made and therefore in the winter 2005 Hans and Evert-Jan Eijerkamp went to the loft of Heremans-Ceusters. They were accompanied by loft managers Gerard Boesveld and Piet Schrijvers as well as Henk Jurriens. During this visit, The Eijerkamp Team was surprised by its quality, and therefore they decided to order 50 young birds 2006. All 50 young birds were transferred direct in the Eijerkamp racing lofts. In the summer of 2006 another 30 young birds came to strengthen the breeding lofts. All superb quality young birds that really astonished the Eijerkamp Racing Team in the racing season of 2006. Again in 2007 the remaining Heremans Ceusters performed very well and even 2 first prizes were achieved against thousands of birds.



Hans Eijerkamp & Leo Heremans

The strain of Heremans – Ceusters

Leo Heremans, a diamond cutter, was introduced with pigeons in the 1986 during the kermis festival in Vorselaar. Leo was drinking a few pints with Marcel Mols and the subject was turned on pigeons. Since then Leo was infected by the virus and a new partnership was born. Marcel Mols died in 1997 due to canker and Leo needed another person to assist him as he suffered the pigeon-long since 1994. He found in Charel Ceusters a fantastic fancier who was willing to help him. He put Charel on the payroll and the new partnership Heremans – Ceusters was born. The base for their restart was a few pigeons from his former partnership. One of these pigeons was a granddaughter of the Sony from the Houben Family. Another pigeon that was very successful was the Goede Witpen who won 18x first prize. But Leo and Charel were on the move and they went to Maurice Hasendonckx where they were so impressed by his quality that Leo ordered a complete round of all breeders. Another succeeding move was to Gert Lauwerijs

where Leo noticed 2 full brothers to the Kannibaal from Dirk van Dijck, He could not buy those 2 brothers, but they agreed to breed together with the best hens Leo had. Leo also bought 2 fantastic hens in the total auction of Jan Diels from Vorselaar and with both hens he succeeded very much. One of the most spectacular moves from Leo was his visit to Gust Jansen in Beerse. There he would buy the Olympiade, who was 2nd National Ace pigeon short-distance KBDB in 2002. Olympiade also represented Belgium at the Olympiad in Lievin (France) in Cat. A. Despite the high amount offered Gust did not sell the Olympiad to Leo. In a 2nd visit, Leo still couldn't sleep because of this pigeon, Leo bought the enjoyment of the Olympiade, which meant that 1 month the bird bred at Gust Jansen and the month after he bred children at Leo Heremans.

In the meantime the success of the birds from Heremans – Ceusters began. Especially on Quievrain and Noyon he was the loft to be beaten in Vorselaar. He also played in the Union of Antwerp and there the competitors learned quickly who they were, as they started to dominate here also. In the Antwerp province the Heremans – Ceusters birds were every year in the top of the list and championships. Heremans Ceusters won in the provincial championships Antwerp KBDB (7,158 members)

2001 : 1st champion
2002 : 3rd champion
2003 : 1st champion
2004 : 1st champion
2005 : 1st champion
2006 : 2nd champion

But Leo kept his eye for top birds even when he was on the top. You always need to improve he said, and so he bought the Figo in the total auction of Patrick and Guido Claes. Figo was 1st ace pigeon in the Union of Antwerp for the middle distance in 2004. He also was co-winner of the 2nd Nat. Championship yearlings KBDB.

Total auction of Heremans – Ceusters in March 2007

In October 2006 it was the beginning for some dramatic months at Leo Heremans. At his lofts thieves came 3 times to steal 19 valuable pigeons. Leo could not sleep anymore, with any noise hearing he went out of bed to see if these people tried to have another attempt in stealing more birds. Also the health of his wife turned out to be a crucial fact; she had cancer and needed to go to hospital often and oftener. Therefore the decision was made to have all birds auctioned by the Magazine De Duif. The total sale of the birds turned out to be a huge success. The total number of pigeons auctioned made a fortune. All top pigeons at the auction went into the lofts of Hans Eijerkamp and Sons. The star of the auction, the famous Euro, was transferred for the huge amount of EUR 28,800.



The best results for the
Euro B03-6192564 were;
1st European Ace pigeon Western Nations Cup Cat. A. 2004
1st Nat. Ace youngbirds 2003 De Reisduif
1st Nat. Ace youngbirds 2003 Ave Regina
1st Quivrain 2.687 b. 1st Quivrain 2.516
2nd Quivrain 4.924 b. 4th Quivrain 2.120
8th Quivrain 1.683 b.

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Euro

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The famous breeding pair Rossi x Spinneke was bought by Hans Eijerkamp and Sons for the amount of EUR 43,200.- They were parents to several topbirds that they only bred in 2 years time, like;

Ernesto, 1st Chantilly 1,703 birds 3rd Nat. Chantilly 8.175 birds

New Rossi, 1st Noyon 838 birds 1st Noyon 779 birds

Floris, 2nd Peronne 2,985 birds

Fina, 2nd Strombeek 2,249 birds 6th Peronne 1,812 birds

In this auction only the crème of the crop was bought by the Eijerkamp Family;

1. Euro, 1st Ace pigeon Western Nations Cup 100 – 400 Km 2003

2. Rossi, 1st Quievrain 2,508 birds and cock of the new super pair

3. Spinneke, daughter Olympiade and hen of the new super pair

4. Moeder Euro, the dam to the famous Euro

5. Charlene, mother 11th Nat. Ace pigeon Young birds WHZB and daughter Olympiade 6. Peter, sire 11th Nat. Ace pigeon Young birds WHZB and grandson Kleine Gert

7. Moeder Charel, dam Charel fastest Haasrode 16,209 bird and daughter Olympiade 8.

Goochelaar, Super breeder and father to Rossi, Kimble 5x 1st

9. Mysterious, daughter Olympiade

10. Jackpot, son Olympiade and father Di Caprio 3x 1st prize

11. Lichte Blauwe, Son Olympiade x Goudklompje

12. Blauwe 707, daughter Euro



Charel
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1. Haasrode 4.060 birds

Fastest at Haasrode 16.209 birds

10. Lommel 8.547 birds

10. Boxtel 4.070 birds

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Besides these birds bought in the auction Hans Eijerkamp and Sons bought 40 more young birds from the 1st round in 2007 who were bred prior before the auction of all birds.

Top results with the Heremans – Ceusters pigeons

Many fanciers bought birds in Vorselaar at Heremans – Ceusters and many of them were very successful. Success was gained with these birds in Belgium – Germany – the Netherlands – Dubai – Great Britain and in Taiwan.

When Hans Eijerkamp bought in 2006 his first youngsters they were all put into the racing lofts. Among these 40 youngsters a few real top birds such as

- o Ernesto, son Rossi x Spinneke, winner of 1st Chantilly (416 Km) 1,703 birds and also winning 3rd National against 8,137 birds, 2nd Peronne (332 km) 1,109 birds
- o Christina, granddaughter Olympiade, winner 1st Pommeroeul (256 km) 3,139 birds
- o Charel, grandson Olympiade, winner 1st Haasrode 4,060 birds and fastest 16,209 birds
- o Dion, grandson Olympiade, winner 1st Boxtel 4,131 birds and fastest 19,605 birds
- o Finette, daughter Blauw Gertje, won 1st NPO North Gien 5.330 birds, 3rd Nat. Freiburg 9,146 birds, 2nd Peronne 1819 birds
- o Figola, granddaughter Figo, won 6th Duffel 3,537 birds, 9th Pommeroeul 3,8980 birds
- o Noralia, granddaughter Super 799, won 3rd Peronne 6,518 birds, 4th Haasrode 4,060 birds
- o Golddigger, grandson Goudklompje, won 6th Pommeroeul 3,890 birds, 9th Peronne 1,819 birds
- o Haribo, grandson Wonderaske, won 2nd Pommeroeul 3,139 birds, 4th Arras 2,120 birds

In 2007 Hans Eijerkamp and Sons sold a few young birds out of this 2006 generation that performed very well in young bird racing.

- o Mr. Siebers got a grandchild from Peter x Charlene that won 17th Pommeroeul against 12,274 birds, 14th St Quentin against 10,401 birds.
- o Mr. Jonker had 9th Ace bird in the federation bred from a son Ché when mated to a granddaughter of the Olympiade. Another youngsters at his loft won 5th Peronne 2.645 birds and this was bred from a grandson Don Leo when mated to a granddaughter Olympiade.
- o Mr. Douna won 2nd Duffel against 28,185 birds bred from a son Silvester mated to a daughter Frederik.
- o Mr. Niessing won 1st Bad Kreuznach against 1,570 birds with a direct child out of the Euro when mated to a daughter of the Olympiade



The most important and best reference in 2007 however, is from Mr. Berends who has the 1st National Ace pigeon Young birds with Anne Linde, WHZB in the Netherlands with a grandchild of the Euro. This hen won a.o. 2nd against 23,056 birds, 2nd against 6,156 birds, 2nd against 3,567 birds, 9th against 3,231 birds etc.

Picture; Anne Linde

With these top birds at the racing- and breeding lofts in Brummen, it can be said that Hans Eijerkamp and Sons have the most complete selection of Heremans - Ceusters pigeons. The story of Heremans – Ceusters will continue in Brummen.