

Stichelbaut Birds - Mr Frans Labeeuw of Bissegem



Hallo Emile.

It is possible that not all fanciers are familiar with the name of Frans Labeeuw. I therefore would like to very briefly give some insight into the man and his pigeons. This has reference to the pigeon that won the One Loft International Race in Cape Town.

When I wanted to import Stichelbaut birds all arrows pointed to Mr Frans Labeeuw of Bissegem. It is said that he had the most original Stichelbaut birds in the world. His father Daniël was a friend of Alois Stichelbaut and could get his hands on some of the very best from Alois. Frans followed in his father's footsteps and kept the birds pure ... even Julez Gales mentioned it at some time in the past that his father would have been proud of him. Many exceptional results were obtained all over the world with the Stichelbaut birds. Van Hee built his family of pigeons based on Stichelbauts and Janssen crossings. It will take me too long to mention all but here are a few on National and International level that I feel must be mentioned.

In 2014 he won Barcelona Masters for the third time in tandem with Henri Vanneste having scored this result in 2006 with Etienne de Vos and in 2008 with Chris Hebbrecht. By doing so he became the only fancier to have won this title 3 times. Add to this the grand Prize of the City of Kortrijk on Barcelona, 3rd and 6th Valence and the 80th Nationaal Perpignan against 6248 pigeons and it will be clear that the year 2014 was an excellent one for the Stichelbauts of Frans Labeeuw. Results can be shown where his birds scored top positions for other fanciers against 10000 pigeons from Pau and Tarbes.

I would like to mention that in 2014 Freddy Descheemaekers 1st National and 2nd International Barcelona winner has a direct Stichelbaut for a mother. This hen's pedigree is prominent in the bird that won the 2020 Cape One Loft Race.

In 2010 the first 2 European birds on a OLR in China against 3800 pigeons originated on the Labeeuw loft. To sum it up. The Stichelbauts of the loft in Bissegem were responsible directly and indirectly for no less than 23 National and International first prizes! Mr Labeeuw's entire loft of Stichelbaut birds were sold on PIPA in 2018.

After reading this I hope it will provide some insight into the genetic make of the winning bird. regards.

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