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Engels Jos & Jules

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The 'Golden Framework' in the period 1989-2007

8 x 1st National

7 x 1st National in Zone B

2 x 1st Semi-National

81 x 1st Provincial



Jos and Jules in front of the aviaries



The stock father of the loft " Den "231"

How it all started

1947 It began in the same way as by so many others at that time. . . . Flor Engels started racing pigeons. There were lofts built around nearly all the houses. The sport of pigeon racing was a welcome respite after working hard in the fields. The cultivation of vegetables took and still takes a lot of work. No-one could have anticipated that this loft would grow to be one of the biggest middle and extreme middle distance lofts in Belgium, or even Europe. The first couple came from older brother Jef, pedigree Van Alphen from Antwerp. It soon became clear that Flor had talent because he soon outclassed his brother and regional competitors. He started, like so many others, with the sprint races. He soon grew tired of this discipline and turned his attention to the Middle Distance. The two sons, Jos and Jules, were introduced to pigeon racing at a very early age. Their father was an excellent teacher. For the last few years this duo have taken over all father's responsibilities. What immediately strikes you is the straightforwardness of these champions with a capital "C". No bragging, but an astonishing knowledge of the goings on in the world of pigeon sport in Belgium and even outside our boundaries. Ask about one of their pigeons and straight away they tell you the correct pedigree and achievements. They use the computer, but nearly everything is in their heads. . . . The continuation of the legendary Flor is assured. In 2002 the inevitable happened. Flor passed away at the ripe old age of 93. By coincidence, in this period another legend passed away who had the same Christian name, Flor Vervoort.

The best breeders

If we ask which the best breeders are at the moment, straight away four names are mentioned. **"De 178", "de 086","De Dikke" and "De oude 93"**. Of course, these are not the only top breeders in this "Golden breeding loft" Most breeders are more of the larger type, you could say the really strong "Middle distance pigeon".



6529698 - 1993

KWEKER

Kleinzoon " OUDE LICHTE "

Grootvader van :

- " MARIËKE " ♂ OLYMPIADE DUF 2002 LIEVIN (FR)
- " GUERETJE " ♂ NATIONAAL GUERET 2001
- 2^e NATIONAL LA SOUTERRAINE 2003

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6237584 / 90

" DEN DIKKE "

♂ SEMINATIONAAL CHATEAURoux 1994

Argenton	Nat.	4.096	18 ^e
Bourges	Interprov.	5.750	20 ^e
Chateauroux	Interprov.	5.008	91 ^e
Chateauroux	Prov.	1.848	2 ^e
Noyon	Reg.	460	1 ^e
Poitiers	Prov.	1.932	4 ^e
Bourges	Nat.	9.759	10 ^e
Bourges	Nat.	17.751	183 ^e
Chateauroux	Seminat.	13.285	1 ^e
Limoges	Nat.	8.362	48 ^e

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"De 178" - 6495178/94 is a son of the legendary "231"

A giant of a super breeder who is father and grandfather of a whole series of '1st Prize winners', 'Crack pigeons' and 'superior breeders' of the current generation, not only in the Engels-lofts, but also in many other colonies. It is obvious who he got it from and he is well on his way to following in the footsteps of his world famous father "De 231" and could equal or even surpass him.



"De 086" - 6362086/97

Super breeder and amongst other things, father of "Marieke"

1st OLYMPIADE-PIGEON Middle Distance Liévin 2003.

"De Dikke" 6237584/90 - son "231" and won self 1st semi-National Châteauroux against 13.285 pigeons and 2nd Provincial from the same liberating place against 1.848 pigeons - 10th National Bourges 9.759 pigeons, 48th National Limoges and 18th National Argenton.

"De oude 93"6529698/93 Grandfather of "Marieke" and "Geuretje" - **1st National Gueret 2001 and 2nd National La Souterraine in 2003.**

But the real stock father was of course "Den 31" (see photo at the top of the page). This super breeder is to be found in the whole colony of Jos and Jules Engels. They readily admit *"You are very lucky if you have such a good breeder that almost by himself produces such good descendants that also breed so well and produce excellent offspring"*.

"B90-6237714"

Here we find the "Witpender" 304/81, both on fathers and on mothers side.

1st Provincial Bourges 3.246 pigeons - 5th National Bourges 17.048 pigeons - 11th Semi-National Châteauroux 13.996 pigeons - 1st Provincial Poitiers 1.923 pigeons.

Grandfather of "Gueretje" 1st Prize National Gueret 2001 (10.203 pigeons)

Also father of the "097/00" one of the star racers from the loft at the moment.

"B88-6163562"

Son of the "231/86" x "660/86" (Daughter of a half-brother of the "Old Lichte") - **4 x Top 15 National !!!!** 3rd National Argenton 3.125 pigeons. - 6th National Bourges 9.550 pigeons. - 7th National Argenton 2.783 pigeons. 15th National La Souterraine 17.343 pigeons.

"Witten" B89-6324103

Son of "Witpender" 304/81 (3 x 1st Provincial) x "B85-6568089" (Daughter of the "B78-6084723", "Old Lichte") "Old Lichte" is a son of the "Zot" **4th National Ace pigeon Middle Distance KBDB. 1972**

1st NATIONAL BOURGES 9.756 pigeons - 1st Prov. ARGENTON 2.197 pigeons -
 5th National Ace pigeon Middle Distance K.B.D.B. 1990

"Dikke Duivin" B89-6324199

1st National La Souterraine 2.053 pigeons - **1st National La Souterraine** 847 pigeons (hens) - 3rd National La Souterraine 1.927 pigeons.

- **And all this in just TWO weeks !!!** - 3rd Prov. Vierzon 900 youngsters.

Titles, national victories, places of honour, championships it's not possible to list everything. They even received the "**De Bronzen Putteling**" in 2001. This prize is presented by the mayor of Putte to the most worthy inhabitants of Putte.





"Pipa" visit
Jos en Jules ENGELS loft

Hens in widowhood

Hens in widowhood. Every year 30 hens are trained to race in classic widowhood. Their residence is quite far away from the widowers loft so as not to disturb them after their daily training. In order to achieve a place, the future racing hens have to pass their exams as youngsters. Only the best youngsters qualify. The loft consists of two identical compartments, both with 15 boxes and a resting place where they can only stand. All the stand places are protected so that they can't see each other. The ventilation is by means of a ventilator. **The hens are paired with old cocks who already have a box.** They are paired for the first time at the end of November. After brooding for a few days they go back to the aviary. At the beginning of March they are paired for a second time and are now allowed to raise their young. During this period the widowers train daily between 6 and 7 o'clock, and are gradually trained. In the evening they train from 18.45pm until approximately 19.30pm. They return to their brooding boxes where they are fed together. After an hour they are brought to the adjoining loft where there are no boxes and is quite dark. This encourages them to rest. From this period onwards the racing season begins and lasts until the middle of August. Weather permitting, the hens race their first Long Distance race in the first weekend of May.

To increase motivation after a few weeks of widowhood, the hens are paired for the last two Middle Distance races (Bourges and Argenton). A small youngster, or depending on the position of the pigeons to be basketted, a what older youngster is given and is usually accepted, even when the future mother has only been brooding for a few days. According to Jos it is important that the pigeons are basketted weekly, and preferably for races where they remain in the basket for two nights. By 1 week rest or 1 week with a short extra race (sprint race or small middle distance), you can have problems with hens that lay. Experience has taught that racing with hens in widowhood is an ideal system up until the Provincial Extreme Middle Distance races. Starting with the Long Distance (read Brive, Limoges) the ladies in widowhood experience problems with the rhythm according to Jos Engels.

Pigeons that weekly race distances of 500 Km don't have to train as hard in Jos's opinion. 30 to 45 minutes every day (with the flag when necessary) is more than enough. Frequent training during the week, so as many fanciers do, is not for them and seems to be more of a 'rage' than a necessity! At the moment they are deciding whether to adopt the system of 'total widowhood' in 2008, a system that has been very successful for their fellow villagers Van Hove-Uytterhoeven. Jos & Jules often visited Gust and Mit, to see how they used the system and of course to see if they had to make alterations to their lofts in order to be able to use this 'upcoming' racing system with success.

And the cocks?

We can speak here of the classic widowhood. The old widowers are, just like the hens, paired at the end of November. They breed a round of youngsters and then go to the open run until the middle of March. The yearlings stay in the runs until the end of January. Only when the breeding with the old pigeons is finished, do the yearlings go to the widowers loft and are given a permanent box. Once the breeding with the yearlings is finished, the old cocks are allowed back in their box, together with the yearlings that are allowed to stay. After five days of brooding they go to definitive widowhood. The real season can now begin. Weather permitting, Bourges is achieved in 5 stages. After this they have to race every two weeks. After the racing season they can brood for a little longer, but are soon separated, so no breeding for the widowers after the racing season. They are put back into the aviaries for three months. A second oxygen cure. An easy system according to the brothers. Low maintenance and it is good for the pigeons. During this period the pigeons are fed a lot of barley, up to 75% supplemented with 25% breeding. This light food stops the pigeons becoming too fat.

Racing with the youngsters.

The first round consists of 100 youngsters, the second consists of 70 youngsters, mainly from the breeders. The two rounds are darkened from 1 March until the end of June and then from 17.30pm until 08.30am the following morning. Round about the 10th of July lighting is also used, and the longest day is kept, and this until the last national race for youngsters, at the moment Gueret. After this,

lighting is not used anymore and 'mother nature' takes over. Using this method means there are no problems with moulting up to and including the last race. When the youngsters are taken away from their parents, they are separated according to their sex. There is one loft for the hens and three for the cocks. The second round is placed in a different loft. The first training races are planned for the end of April, beginning of May. In the past the young hens were paired with old cocks and the young cocks with old hens after Noyon. Nowadays the 'classical sliding door' method is used with success. The pigeons don't come with a nest before starting with widowhood. Once they are in love, they are raced on widowhood. Before basketting, the youngsters get to see their partners for just a few minutes. When they return home the love affair lasts for a few hours or until the next day, depending on how the race went. The youngsters are trained daily, but once the races start, they are not taken a distance away anymore.

2001... Was it "Marieke's" year? ...Judge for yourself...

6153558 / 2001
"MARIEKE"



f OLYMPIADE DUIF cat B
LIEVIN 2003

Vierzon	Intprov.	3621	7
Argenton	Nat	23.493	20
Vierzon	Prov.	1712	1
La Souterraine	Nat Zone B	6078	2
Pihiviers	Reg.	566	1
Vierzon	Intprov.	12706	10
Chateauroux	Prov.	2327	21
Argenton	Intprov.	8142	67
Bourges	Prov.	2230	29

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Philippe FREDERICK with "Marieke" 1st OLYMPIADE-PIGEON Middle Distance Liévin 2003

Results of "Marieke" - 6153558/2001				
30 jun 01	Pithiviers	Hafo	9th	651 younsters
08 Jul 01	Pithiviers	Hafo	49th	624 younsters
4 Aug 01	Vierzon	Interprov.	7th	3.621 younsters
11 Aug 01	Argenton	National	20th	23.493 younsters

18 Aug 01	Vierzon	Prov.	1st	1.712 younsters
25 Aug 01	La Souterraine	National Zone B	2nd	6.078 younsters
12 May 02	Pithiviers	Haacht	1st	566 younsters
18 May 02	Vierzon	Interprov.	10th	12.705 old
25 Mayei 02	Bourges	National	326th	16.945 yearlings
1 Jun 02	Châteauroux	Prov.	21th	2.327 yearlings
8 Jun 02	Châteauroux	Interprov.	261th	6.018 yearlings
15 Jun 02	Châteauroux	Interprov.	193th	8.360 yearlings
22 Jun 02	La Souterraine	Interprov.	74th	5.229 yearlings
29 Jun 02	Argenton	Interprov.	67th	8.142 yearlings
07 Jul 02	Bourges	Prov.	29th	2.230 yearlings





The breeding lofts and aviaries

The actual toppers from the Engels racing lofts

-The 6154559/06 **'GESCHELPT 'LE MANS'**

Super hen and winner 1st Prov Le Mans 772 d, and quickest of 3.360 p Provincial in 2007.

Pedigree & results

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-6154543/06 **'GESCHELPT 'ARGENTON'**, grand-daughter of the super breeder 178/94 and winner of:

1st Nat Argenton 2.106 Yearlings Zone B in 2007

Pedigree & results

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1st Prov Argenton 902 Yearlings 1st Intprov Argenton 1.926 Yearlings 2nd National Argenton 5.927 Yearlings

-6231673/04 '**Het SALBRIEKE**', also grand-daughter of the '178/94' and half-sister of the 1st Nat Argenton 2005. She won:

Pedigree & results

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1st Prov Salbris 443 old in 2005

7th Intprov Argenton 1.872 Yearlings



-6221063/05 '**Het LICHT ASKE**', grand-daughter of the '178/94' x 'MARIEKE 558/01'.

Pedigree & results

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1st Semi-Nat Argenton 4.704 Yearlings in 2006 and quickest from 9.300 pigeons.

1st Ace pigeon Zuiderkempen 2006 1st Ace pigeon Houtvense Fondclub 2006



-6226055/03 '**DEN 55**', grandson of the '178/94'.

He won 1st Toury 83 p.

Pedigree & results

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3rd Nat Argenton 3.735 old in 2006

4th Nat Argenton 3.942 old in 2005

5th Nat Gueret 2.410 old in 2007

5th Semi-Nat Montluçon 7.459 old in 2006

5th Prov Limoges 833 old in 2006 etc.



6231730/04 **'DEN WITTEN AS'**, grandson of the '178/94':
 2nd Prov Montluçon 2.499 yearlings in 2005

Pedigree & results
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4th Intprov Argenton 1.872 yearlings in 2005
 10th Prov Chateauroux 4.249 yearlings in 2005
 31st Prov Orleans 3.631 yearlings in 2005

Father of the 'ASKE 006/05':

Pedigree & results
 "Aske"
 Dochter Witten As :
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1st Ace pigeon Youngsters Zuiderkempen 2005
 1st Ace pigeon Houtvense Long Distance club Youngsters
 2005



6226043/03 **'Den ARGENTON'**, grandson of the '178/94'.
 1st National Argenton 3.942 old in 2005
 1st Prov Orleans 2.219 old in 2005

Father of the '540/04': 1st Prov Chateauroux 4.249 yearlings
 in 2005

Pedigree & results
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Father of the '679/06: 18th National Gueret 2.410 old in 2007
 29th Interprov La Souterraine 1.732 old in 2007



-6151734/99 '**DE 734**', son of the '178/94':

1st Prov Argenton 1.538 old in 2001

1st Pithiviers 579 old

Pedigree & results

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2nd Semi-Nat Argenton 8.405 old in 2001

Father of 'Den ARGENTON' 043/03:

1st National Argenton 3.942 old in 2005

Father of 'Het SALBRIEKE' 673/04: 1st Prov Salbris 443 old in 2005

Father of the '263/05': 38th Nat Argenton 5.001 old in 2007

Achievements children "734"1999

UITSLAGEN VAN 6226043/03 (6151734/99 x 6153998/01)						
12/07/03	PITHIVIERS	KEERBERGEN	7*	1037	jo	0.68
15/05/04	PITHIVIERS	KEERBERGEN	50*	675	jl	7.41
22/05/04	PITHIVIERS	KEERBERGEN	26*	544	jl	4.78
14/08/04	ARGENTON	NAT ZONE B	69*	1331	jl	5.18
15/05/05	TOURY	UNION	16*	1863	ou	0.86
28/05/05	BOURGES	NAT	154*	26679	ou	0.58
25/06/05	MONTLUCON	PROV	18*	1800	ou	1.00
16/07/05	ORLEANS	PROV	1*	2219	ou	0.05
30/07/05	BOURGES	NAT ZONE	133*	3804	ou	3.50
13/08/05	ARGENTON	NAT	1*	3942	ou	0.03
UITSLAGEN VAN 6231673/04 (6151734/99 x 6307033/96)						
14/08/04	DOURDAN	UNION	69*	1251	jo	5.52
08/05/05	MELUN	UNION	66*	1333	jl	4.95
21/05/05	VIERZON	HOUTV	3*	213	jl	1.41
11/06/05	DOURDAN	UNION	45*	1755	jl	2.56
16/07/05	ORLEANS	PROV	100*	3631	jl	2.75
30/07/05	BOURGES	NAT ZONE	160*	4938	jl	3.24
06/08/05	LE MANS	HOUTV	3*	67	jl	4.48
13/08/05	ARGENTON	INTERPROV	7*	1872	jl	0.37
20/08/05	SALBRIS	PROV	1*	443	ou	0.23
28/05/06	BOURGES	NAT	1680*	19061	ou	8.81
03/06/06	BLOIS	HOUTV	5*	117	ou	4.27
10/06/06	CHATEAUROUX	NAT SEMI	246*	11526	ou	2.13
17/06/06	CHATEAUROUX	Z K	4*	362	ou	1.10
24/06/06	MONTLUCON	PROV	107*	1583	ou	6.76
08/07/06	ARGENTON	INTERPROV	46*	2338	ou	1.97
29/07/06	BOURGES	INTERPROV	99*	3926	ou	2.52
UITSLAGEN VAN 6221263/05 (6151734/99 x 6226397/03)						
10/06/06	DOURDAN	KEERBERGEN	13*	219	jl	5.94
17/06/06	MELUN	UNION OOST	23*	764	jl	3.01
24/06/06	DOURDAN	KEERBERGEN	13*	143	jl	9.09
01/07/06	PITHIVIERS	HAFO	17*	986	jl	1.72
15/07/06	ORLEANS	PROV	197*	4253	jl	4.63
15/04/07	NOYON	KEERBERGEN	23*	363	ou	6.34
06/05/07	NOYON	KRRBERGEN	20*	248	ou	8.06
12/05/07	MELUN	REGIO	5*	584	ou	0.86
02/06/07	BLOIS	Z K	36*	516	ou	6.98
30/06/07	ARGENTON	INTERPROV	155*	3879	ou	4.00
13/08/07	ARGENTON	NAT	38*	5001	ou	0.76

The Provincial & National sign in de period 1989-2007					
8 x 1st National					
7 x 1st National in Zone B					
2 x 1st Semi-National					
81 x 1st Provincial					
National, Nat. Zone B, Semi-National					
1°	Nationaal	BOURGES	4.139	Hens	26-05-00
1°	Nat Zone B	BOURGES	8.750	Yls	26-05-00
1°	Nat Zone B	ARGENTON	1.643	Yls	12-08-01
1°	Nat Zone B	GUERET	3.515	Youngsters	09-09-01
1°	Nationaal	GUERET	10.203	Youngsters	09-09-01
1°	Nat Zone B	BOURGES	10.401	Old	25-05-02
1°	Nat Zone B	BOURGES	4.938	Yls	30-07-05
1°	Nat Zone B	ARGENTON	1.339	Old	13-08-05
1°	Nationaal	ARGENTON	3.942	Old	13-08-05
1°	Semi-Nat	ARGENTON	4.704	Yls	08-07-06
1°	Nat Zone B	ARGENTON	2.106	Yls	13-08-07
1°	Nationaal	BOURGES	9.756	Yls	04-08-90
1°	Nationaal	LA SOUTERRAINE	2.053	Yls	01-09-90
1°	Nationaal	LA SOUTERRAINE	847	Hens	15-09-90
1°	Nationaal	ARGENTON	3.447	Yls	21-08-93
1°	Nationaal	BRIVE	1.031	Hens	04-06-94
1°	Semi-Nat	CHATEAUROUX	13.285	Old	11-06-94

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