NOUWEN-PAESEN & ZOON



PEER, BELGIUM

SPECIALISTS OF THE EXTREME LONG DISTANCE.

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The People

Stories of these lofts, the birds involved and the fanciers themselves have been often written and carried over several continents. These need not be repeated.

Suffice to say the partnership has covered three decades and is in memoriam to the passing of the great Pier Paesen. Today, Jaak Nouwen an originator and his son Dirk (Derick) manage this wonderful colony of distance racers.

Jaak is retired. Dirk is a working man with a young family. This is a pigeon family that included Christ Nouwen, now deceased and a cousin Jaak Nouwen also of Peer. Pigeons and competition at the extreme long distance are their passion. Dirk is fluent in English and extremely communicative fielding all questions. Jaak is the expert. They are honest

to a fault. They stand behind their pigeons and do not gouge with extreme prices though demand for their birds is large.



Anny's Garden-Loft in background

It is well known that the base fabric of these racers is from Cattrysse (45). The foundation hen 66-5140152-1st International Barcelona hens was paired to six pure Cattrysse cocks and then paired back to children to form the family presence that runs today. Line breeding is a rarity in Belgium. There have been outcrosses with other families-most often Cattrysse based such as Carlens, Matterne, Kuypers and others. The birds are soft feather, medium to small in size. Reds or silvers are not present. Schaluw or slate is found. Longevity-breeding to 16-18 years for cocks is a trait. 10 years is the norm for hens.

Nouwen-Paesen does not mass produce pigeons. They retain around 24 cocks and 50 hens for breeding purposes. They maintain 30 old cocks, 12 old hens and 30 yearlings for racing. Strict compliance to type and performance are demanded. The old hens are required to have five Barcelona performances (670 miles) to be considered for stock. Cocks usually have raced for seven years with top performances.



The tenacity of the Nouwen-Paesen stock is well known throughout Europe and Asia. They are visited often by English fanciers-sometimes 50 at a time as well as Japanese, Chinese, Maltese German and Netherland fanciers. The circumstances of preparing a pigeon for the extreme long distance in Belgium with releases of over 10,000 racers from 4 or five countries is daunting. Birds are basketed midweek transported by railway or truck to a point then brought to the release point. This is after two years of preparation in most cases.

COMPETITION-RESULTS

The competition is remarkable. Nouwen-Paesen is part of Euro-Region that includes Limburg, Belgium; Limburg, Holland and a piece of Germany. It is estimated that there are 12,000 competing lofts in the Euro-Region. In the Providence, there are 6,000 competitors with around 3,000 that compete in the speed races. The remaining 3000 or so include 1500 that race from 180 miles to 300 miles. 1000 compete at 180 to 420 miles and up to 500 lofts that compete over 420 miles.

In 2004, for example, long distance competition in their Providence was as follows:

May 6, 2004	Brive 439 miles	377 Lofts 2769 Pigeons
June 12, 2004	Montilimar 442 miles	220 Lofts 1218 Pigeons
June 19, 2004	Cahors 480 miles	192 Lofts 979 Pigeons

July 7, 2004	Barcelona* 670 miles	390 Lofts	2190 Pigeons
July 17, 2004	Jarnac 444 miles	309 Lofts	1142 Pigeons
July 19, 2004	Dax* 556 miles	156 Lofts	648 Pigeons
July 24, 2004	Marseille* 522 miles	176 Lofts	914 Pigeons
July 31, 2004	Beziers 532 miles	219 Lofts	890 Pigeons
August 7, 2004	Perpignan* 578 miles	168 Lofts	822 Pigeons

• also international races.

Nouwen-Paesen is known for consistency. They have held 1st Club Championships 1993, 1994, 1996 and 1997. In the past 24 years they have always been in the top 10. They have won an unprecedented 3 Provincial Long Distance Championships. They have been the only loft to do this since the formation of this award in 1973. They retired the trophy in doing so.

It appears that they are likely to win 1st Provincial Long Distance Championship 2004 having 14 of 18 possible points. This is based upon 1 point each for 1 and 2nd nominated pigeons in the 9 races mentioned above. In Provincial long distance competition¹ they have always been in the top 15 places long distance. 1999 they were 3rd, 2000 4th, 2001 5th, 2002 3rd and 2003 7th.

The Nouwen-Paesen 2004 prizes² won for 39 pigeons that competed in the international races were as follows:

June 26, 2004	Pau 588 miles	3 from five sent 60%
July 7, 2004	Barcelona 670 Miles	11 from 16 sent 70%
July 19, 2004	Dax 556 miles	4 from 4 sent 100%.
July 24, 2004	Marseille 522 miles	3 from 6 sent 50%
August 7, 2004	Perpignan 578 miles	5 from 8 sent 63%

The 39 pigeons won 24 prizes or 62%. 15 prizes were in the coveted first 10% or 38%. Dax was especially a good race for Nouwen-Paesen taking 2nd, 12th and 35th Provincial. Jarnac 46th, 66th and 112th Provincial.

At the Regional-Club level³, Nouwen-Paesen is always found in the top 3 places for races over 420 miles. 1999, 2000 and 2002 they were first place. 2003 they were 2nd.

Specific results include the following:

1999

1. Barcelona 47th, 49th and 71st National Hens 2599 entries 159, 161, 238 National 13,966 entries.

¹ 250 lofts

² In Belgium prizes are awarded to the top 25% of pigeons.

³ 100 lofts

- 2. Bordeaux 502 miles Regional 2nd of 68; Provincial 7th of 800, International 74th of 7407 entries.
- 3. Yarnac 444 miles 2nd of 110 Regional, 8th of 1008 Provincial 16th National of 3304 entries.
- 4. Narbonne 544 miles 2nd of 152 Region, 20th of 910 Provincial, 45th of 2467 seminational, 125 of 6228 entries national.
- 5. Narbonne-yearlings 1st of 71 Regional, 5th of 598 Provincial, 9th of 1990 seminational and 77th of 8204 entries national.
- 6. St Vincent 588 miles, 1st region 54, 2nd provincial 455, 7th national 1211 and 2nd national hens 392 entries.
- Perpignan 1st region 113, 2nd provincial 744, 17th national 5800, 24th international 17,600 3rd international hens 3512 (1st Belgian hen) entries.

2000-Championships

- 1. 1st Regional Long Distance
- 2. 3rd Provincial Champion Long-Distance
- 3. 1st International Champion Long Distance International fond club 4000⁴
- 4. 1st prize Millennium 2000⁵
- 5. 2^{nd} place FOC Gent⁶
- 6. 4th place Flanders Cup National
- 7. 7th General Champion Europa Competition⁷
- 8. 3rd place Euro-region Championship
- 9. 2nd ace pigeon hen with Belg-5254951-96 on Mistral Gold Cup.
- 2001- International Races⁸

⁴ Championship as to 5 international races; Pau, Barcelona, Marseille, Dax and Perpignan

⁵ Best results Cahors, Barcelona, Marseille & Perpignan

⁶ Barcelona & Pergignan

⁷ Official European Championship for all persons from Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, France, Luxembourg that join international races; Pau, Dax, Barcelona, Perpignan and Marseille

- 1. Pau-589 miles. 7841 entries. 3 of 5 entries in prizes for 60% 2 in top 10% 653rd and 712th. 35, 39 and 81 Provincial 466 birds.
- 2. Barcelona National 13,161 entered 21 birds 15 prizes for 71%. 7 prizes in top 10%. Positions include 69, 408, 473, 785, 1017, 1112 and 1283. Hens entered 13 won 9 prizes for 70%. 5 in top 10%. Positions include 82nd, 139th, 157th, 190th, and 221 against 2615 entries.
- 3. Marseille International. Entered 5 birds took 3 prizes all three in top 10% (60% of entries won prizes) Positions include 1st, Provincial, 1st National and 1st International against 19,622 entries. Other positions were 166th and 264th national vs. 4619 entries.
- 4. Perpignan 15 birds entered won 10 prizes 60% 5 in the first 10%. National places⁹ included 72nd, 131st, and 193rd, 936th. Provincially 13, 25, 25, 61 and 80th of 1063 entries.
- 5. St. Vincent entered 5 birds took 4 prizes for 80%. 1 in the top 10%. Provincially 7th and 58th 634 birds. Internationally 14th and 139th of 1705 entries.
- 6. Dax 5 entries 3 late prizes. International entry 12,176 birds. Prizes included 1141, 1486 and 2036.
- 7. Won EURO Diamond Pigeon a special championship award. 1600 members years 1999-2001 Barcelona

2002

- 1. 13th Provincial St. Vincent 609 entries
- 2. 10th Provincial Perpignan Yearlings; 16th, 21st and 43rd Provincial Old Birds.
- 3. 68th. 90th and 93rd Provincial Barcelona 2706 entries
- 4. 8th Three Year Championship Barcelona 2000-2002.
- 5. 7th Best Barcelona Pigeon Belgium 5 Year Competition.

2003^{10}

1. Montauban 512 miles. Region 8/15 in prizes 4th, 6th, 8th, 15th and others of 182 entries. Provincial 13, 15, 17, 58 of 918 entries. Semi-national 64, 68, 75. 225 and others with 2810 entries.

⁸ Actually involved a team of 30 birds. Some went to 2 or three long races. Prize count was 38 prizes versus 56 entries for 68%. 20 prizes into the top 10% for 34%. ⁹ Approximate 10,000 entries

¹⁰ Short season due to quarantine in Belgium, France for Avian disease.

- 2. Barcelona 7 prizes of 17 sent Provincial including 9th, 188th, 223rd and others 1996 entries. 79th National (and others) 11,806 entries.
- 3. Dax, 2 prizes of 4 sent. 25th Provincial (and another late prize) of 640 entries.
- 4. Limoges. 410 miles 2nd regional 248 entries
- 5. St. Vincent¹¹ 600 miles, took prizes on 5 of 6 birds sent. Region 78 birds took 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 9th and 14th. Provincial 4th, 9th and 35th of 517 entries. National 5th, 17th and 65th 1372 entries.



SOURCE LOFT

Nouwen-Paesen is highly regarded as a source loft. Their pigeons are in very high demand in those countries, such as Japan and China where extreme long-distance races are favored. Also, races which require tenacity such as have been demonstrated by Cattrysse stock. The Nouwen-Paesen, as well as long-lived, are slower maturing with

¹¹ Described as the most difficult race of the season.

full luster achieved at 2 years. They compare in feather and balance to Devriendt from Campbell Strange blood.

In Belgium, there are several accomplished lofts that maintain a high percentage of Nouwen-Paesen for base bloodlines. Jean Connaert and Zoon, Harink-Poelmans and Hugo & Rob Celis being examples. Other good results are reported from Japan and China that return annually for the Nouwen-Paesen stock.

Results from others include but are far from limited to:¹²

- 1. 1st national St. Vincent Geussens
- 2. 1st provincial Souillac Woutens
- 3. 1st Provincial Barcelona hens Guendirueten
- 4. 1st provincial Beziers Kabergs
- 5. 1st International Bordeaux-Yearling –Dieter Tetz-Germany
- 6. 2nd National Perpignan Zone 2 Germany
- 7. 1st Provincial Pau
- 8. 1st Provincial Nevers
- 9. 1st Provincial Brive
- 10. 1st Provincial Barcelona
- 11. 1st Provincial Brive
- 12. 1st Provincial Beziers
- 13. 1st National Perpignan

In the 2003 Barcelona race alone, Nouwen-Paesen blood was responsible for 10th, 30th, 40th, 45th, 62nd, 75th, 87th, 98th and others with 11,806 entries.

THE BIRDS

The beginnings with predominately Cattrysse blood has been mentioned. From there key pigeons regarded as a base for those of today include Belg-5020214/87 her two full brothers. A Christ Nouwen pairing of Belg-5025491/85 and 5121597/86; 5065571/84 and of course the Great Narbonne 5020399/87 and Rhone Prinses.

214/87- (no photo available) was 1st International Barcelona Hens 1991. Her father was a Nouwen-Paesen 4 times Barcelona cock that in turn was a son of a 38th and 50th International Barcelona. The dam's side shows Phillippen and Nouwen-Paesen.¹³ 214 was the dam of 5055575-91 that won 30th National Barcelona hens. 575 in turn was the grandmother of 1st International Barcelona 1996 with 20,600 entries. This champion featured another base pigeon in the pedigree-571/84 that will be presented below. 214 progeny further include (and there are others) 5055514/91 mother of 1st International Marseille 2001, mother of 2nd Provincial Cahors and was grandmother of more good racers. 51341137-97 another 214 daughter was the dam of 7th Provincial Bordeaux, 11th

¹² 2001-2003

¹³ Nouwen-Paesen and Philippen have exchanged blood over the years to the benefit of both.

Provincial Cahors, and 20th Provincial Narbonne and is again grandmother of more good racers such as 41st and 71st National Barcelona (and others). 5134138-97, a 214 daughter, was the dam of 3rd National Barcelona hens, 8th National Barcelona hens 1st Interprovincial St. Vincent 1998 and many more good breeders.

A full bother to 214, 5318831/87 was the father of 3rd National San Sebastian, Spain, 11th International . This was a memorable 620 mile race in 1995 with great losses 831 is the grandfather of many good racers and breeders. This includes 2nd Provincial 22nd National Narbonne 1995 7691 entries. 51st National Barcelona hens 2158 entries. 12th Provincial Perpignan 1063 entries, 65th National hens Barcelona and others. 831 figures in the pedigree of the super champion-Zwarte Jo.

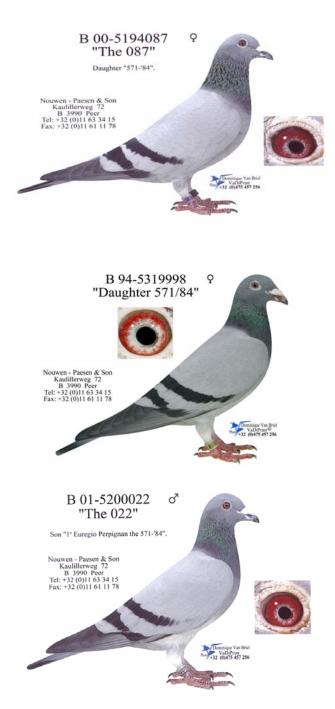
Another full brother to 214, 5025716/85 was both a distinguished racer and producer. In 7 years of competition his results included 2nd Provincial Perpignan, 6th Provincial Pau. He was Provincial First Ace Pigeon Long Distance and 6 times into the first 17 provincial. He was the sire of 5086162/93 17th and 138th National Barcelona hens. The 162 is in turn the dam of 47th National Barcelona hens and 71st National Narbonne. He is the grandsire of 2nd Provincial 14th International Bordeaux 1996 and 2nd Provincial 9th International Bordeaux 1997. These races had 5500 and 9000 entries respectively. He is also the grandsire to 2nd Provincial Periquex, 5th Provincial Yarnac and 6th Provincial Cahors.

The pairing of 491/85 a three time prize winner from Barcelona and 597/86 a Schaluwslate hen produced a number of extraordinary racing and breeding pigeons. The background of this pairing is Nouwen-Paesen that includes the mother of the famous "Rhone Prinses" as well as Carlen-Cattrysse blood. Products of this coupling include 5188754/93 which was one of the best breeding males for Christ Nouwen. He was the father of and grand-father of 4 birds placing in the top 10 Provincial. Perhaps the best known racer of this coupling was 5147488/88. This wonderful male took 18 prizes in races over 420 miles.¹⁴ A son of 488/88 is at stock with Nouwen-Paesen. 488/88 is the grandfather of 1st Interprovincial St. Vincent 2003 and 124th National Marseille 2004 with 5738 entries. Two other super producing males of this pairing with Nouwen-Paesen are 5116111/94 and 5012050/95. These pigeons were acquired from the total sale of the Christ Nouwen birds in 2001 along with the direct son of 488/88. 111/94 is the sire of 9th Semi-National Narbonne 1990 entries and numerous other later prizes.050/95 is the sire of 5th Brive 3604 entries 2000, 5th Brive 4153 entries 2001, 21st Brive 4108 entries 2002, 19th Semi-National and 2nd Provincial Jarnac 3579 entries. He is the grandsire of 2nd Provincial St. Vincent 2003-yearlings and others.

¹⁴ This information is taken from pedigrees. There appears to be a typographical error on the Nouwen-Paesen website that indicates 19 prizes over 700 kms (420 miles) The writer has confirmed 18 @ 700 kilometers. A photo of 488/88 and other very good birds of the late Christ Nouwen can be seen on <u>http://users.skynet.be/fa558901/nouwen.htm</u> and <u>http://users.skynet.be/fa558901/chris20.htm</u>

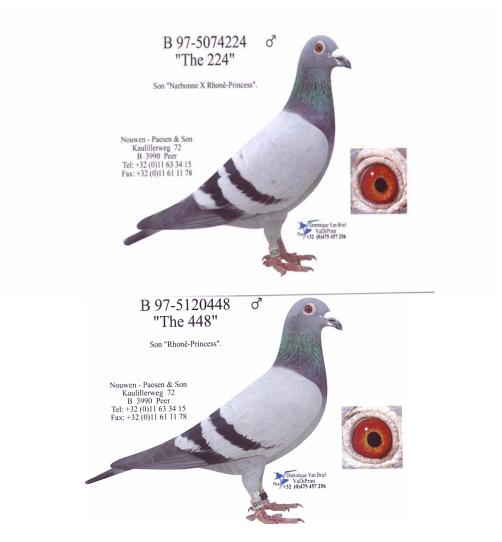


A bird present in the genealogy of a litany of successful racers and breeders from Nouwen-Paesen is Belg-5065571/84 the great Euro-Region cock. This male produced until 17 years of age. He was an excellent racer taking 1st Euroregion, 1st Provincial and 25th International Perpignan with entries of 1211, 3306 and 10,444 birds. He is the sire of "As-pigeon 1996" 1st Ace-Pigeon Long-Distance Provincial-1996. Euro-Region is a descendant of the great Cattrysse pigeons Fabiola, Mona-Lisa and the 45. His presence is indicated in contemporary pigeons with a striking red-iris but white to violet correlation. He is the grandfather to Champion Beauty Marseille, the ace breeder 2501000/93, Champion "Iron Man" 5255515/93 4th Provincial Cahors, 3rd Provincial Narbonne, 10th Provincial Montauban. Euroregion is the grandsire to 26th International Barcelona 24,908 entries and 30th and 98th International Barcelona, 7th Provincial Bordeaux, 11th Provincial Cahors, 20th Provincial Narbonne. There are many others.



"Rhone Prinses" was an extraordinary champion. 5051033/89 was Best Hen Europe Barcelona 5 Years 1991 to 1995. In hen competition she placed 8th National, 25th National, 39th National, 96th National and 127th National Barcelona (670 miles). She presents a very solid Nouwen-Paesen bloodline that includes her mother "Perpignan Duivan" 1st Semi-National Perpignan and was a daughter of a 1st Provincial Ace Pigeon Long Distance. Rhone Prinses had a solid Cattrysse base. She has a commanding presence in contemporary Nouwen-Paesen blood often appearing 2 or more times. Nouwen-Paesen describes her pairing with the "Narbonne" as the "Superkoppel".Rhone Prinses is the grandmother to "Rhone Prince" 3rd Provincial Ace Pigeon 2002. She is the grandmother to 6th provincial Cahors, 125th of 6522 entries Narbonne and 49th of 1442 Cahors, She is the dam of the "Goed 62" 4 times Barcelona winning 17th and 38th National Hens, grandmother 104th Provincial Perpignan, 81st National Hens Barcelona. She is the grandmother of 94th Narbonne 1990 entries, 88th National Barcelona Hens, 376th Barcelona 13,021 entries, 173rd and 177th National Barcelona and 218 Perpignan of 7198 entries. There are many others.

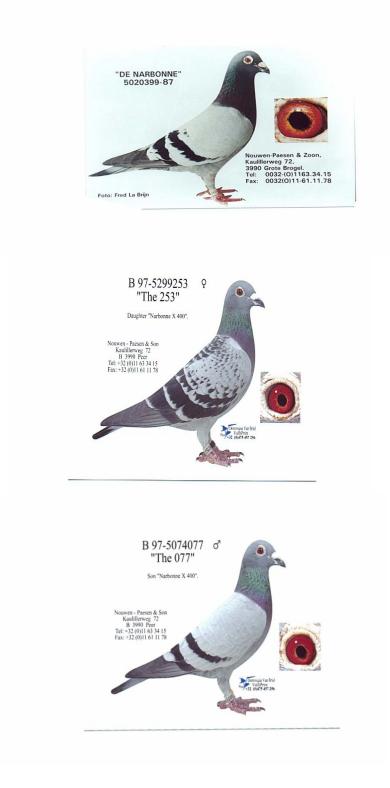




On the Nouwen-Paesen website,¹⁵ they ask: "Is this the best breeder for Belgium?" The Champion to which they refer is "Narbonne" 5020399/87. This remarkable stud is producing babies in 2004 at 17 years of age. He raced for seven years. Took 17 prizes on races over 300 miles. He was 1st Provincial Narbonne (540 miles) and 2nd Provincial Montauban (512 miles) He is the sire of 1st International Marseille (525 miles) Sired 7 top 10 provincial winners, is the grandsire to 37 top 10 Provincial winners. For instance, Narbonne is the grandsire of 1st Provincial 6th International Beziers 2004 with 6602 entries. Grandsire to 1st Interprovincial St. Vincent 2003. Grandfather to 2nd National Perpignan 2002-Zone 2. Grandsire to 3rd, 7th, 8th and others National Barcelona hens. His grandchildren have won 1st Provincial Beziers, Dax, Perpignan, St. Vincent and La Souterainne. He is the grandsire to Rhone Prince 3rd Provincial Long Distance Ace Pigeon 2002. Grandsire of other winners such as 95th Brive 3604 entries, 33rd Marseille 916 entries, 72nd Perpignan 1039 entries. There are many others. The Narbonne bloodline is essentially Cattrysse that includes Carlens and base Nouwen-Paesen Cattrysse bloodlines. Narbonne is the pride of the Nouwen-Paesen loft. He has been

¹⁵ <u>http://users.skynet.be/fa558901/nouwpaes.htm</u>

paired to new blood. There are many children and grandchildren in the Nouwen-Paesen lofts. He is kept with hens year around. His blood is much sought after in Japan and China. He has established an international reputation as a prepotent breeder.



EXAMPLES

Super racers include "Asduif Fondmarathon 96". Belg. 5075736-92, this remarkable son of Euroregion and champion raced for seven years. He was a prize winner 17 times at 300 miles or more and was 13 times into the first 10%. He flew Jarnac, 444 miles 2 times, Cahors, 500 miles, Narbonne 543 miles 3 times, Brive 438 miles 2 times, Montabon, 512 miles, Pau 588 miles, Marseille 525 miles, Perpignan 578 miles in national and international competition.



Asduif

Zwarte Jo, NL 1614877-98 2nd Provincial Ace Pigeon Long Distance 2001 posted super results. These include 4th Provincial, 12th National, 15th International St. Vincent 600 miles. 72nd National Perpignan 578 miles and 69th, 387th and 78th National Barcelona 670 miles. For the three year period 2001 to 2003 he was awarded 2nd Best Racer Barcelona all Belgium. These are spectacular results with a bird heavy in Cattrysse- Nouwen-Paesen Cattrysse blood. The Jo was late from Barcelona 2004 which convinced Jaak and Dirk that his place is in the stock loft after six years of racing rather than risk one race too many. The Jo in retiring to stock will leave his own loft. The first daughter to be tested on the long distance took 19th Provincial 147th International Beziers 2004 (533 miles).



Beauty Marseille, 5295724/95. This super son of Narbonne took 1st International Marseille 2001 against 19,622 entries. Other prizes for this grand champion include 6th prize Provincial Dax, 12th prize Provincial Marseille (2000) 29th, 47th and 56th prize Provincial Perpignan (all extreme long-distance) He was retired to stock beginning 2002.



Frigo Christ 5188792/93. This was bird bred and flown by the late Chris Nouwen and purchased at his total auction. His bloodlines are van Wanroy and Carlens-Cattrysse. He is he sire of 31st National Barcelona hens. His young bred back to Rhone Prinses blood are now showing other good long-distance prizes. The Frigo as a racer was exceptional He was 8th place World Champion 1996; 1st Provincial Ace Pigeon IFC 4000 1996, 2nd Provincial Ace Pigeon Total Providence 1996, 3rd European Ace Pigeon Long Distance 1996. His individual results included 231st Brive National 16,560 entries (438 miles) 27th prize Dax International 6491 entries (576 miles) 316th prize Pau International 6494 entries (588 miles) and 370th prize Perpignan International 12,551 entries (577 miles).



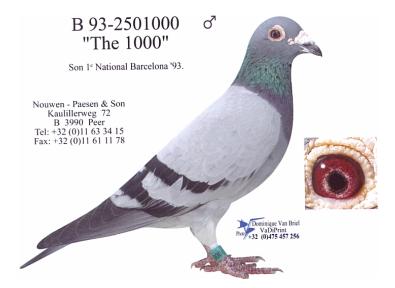
Rhone Prince 5165831/98. This great male is solid Nouwen-Paesen flown by Jean Geusens. He is a grandson of the mother to Rhone Prinses as well as the Narbonne when paired to the Rhone Prinses. He was 2nd Regional Ace Pigeon long distance 2000 and 3rd Provincial Ace Pigeon Long Distance 2002. He was 949th of 4153 entries from Brive, 20th Provincial 103rd National Cahors with 1763 and 5223 entries. 46th Montauban Provincial 903 entries 72nd Provincial and 216th National Narbonne with 802 and 2432 entries. Beziers 11th of 889 Provincial 28th of 6522 National. Cahors 107th of 1442 Provincial and 1314 of 9989 National. Jarnac 96th Provincial 1713 of 10,645 National. Cahors for the third time 6th of 1478 Provincial 80th of 11,211 National. Jarnac for the 2nd time 10th of 1225 Provincial 71st of 4499 Semi-National. Rhone Prince was 3rd Asduif Fond Provincial 2002. He was in the Nouwen-Paesen stock loft 2003.



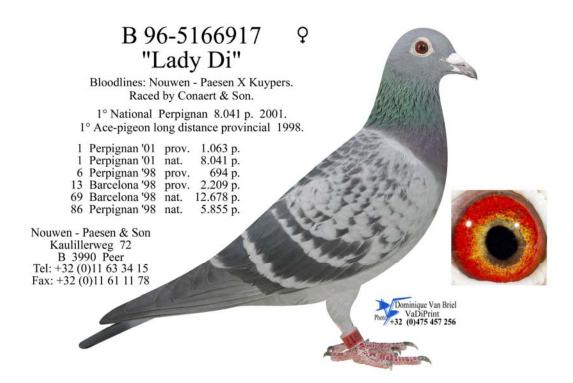
"Son First International Barcelona" 5043974/99. This breeder was a product of a Kipp and Son (Germany) pigeon "King Barcelona" that took 1st International Barcelona 1998 versus 20,000 pigeons paired to a Nouwen-Paesen breeding hen –"Superke Barcelona" for a youngster exchange. The Superke was a product of a similar exchange that paired the Rhone Prinses the best hen all Belgium to the then best male Barcelona the "Barcelona Verscheure." His record from Barcelona was over 5 years 4th, 72nd, 94th, 105th and 691st National Barcelona. The Superke 4291521/96 produced 94th of 1990 Narbonne, 88th National Barcelona Hens with 2927 entries, 376th National Barcelona 13,021 entries, 177th and 173rd National Barcelona Hens and 218th Perpignan 7198 entries. "Son First International" is the sire of 12th Perpignan 1063 entries, 95th Perpignan 3604 entries and 65th National Barcelona Hens 2927 entries and 283rd National Barcelona 13,021 entries.



"The 1000", 2501000/93 is a product of a Nouwen-Paesen based bird that took 1st National Barcelona 3rd International Barcelona versus 13,343 and 33,045 in 1993 paired to split youngsters with a daughter of the base pigeon Euroregion when paired to the mentioned 214. This hen, 5134137/91, also produced 7th Provincial Barcelona, 11th Provincial Cahors and 20th Provincial Narbonne. The 1000 has been a diamond in the stock loft producing 130th Perpignan 7198 entries, 473rd Barcelona 13,161 entries, 218th Perpignan 7198 entries, 251st Barcelona 12,678 entries, 47th National Hens Barcelona 2143 entries, 71st National Hens Barcelona 2599 entries, 238th National Barcelona 13,966, 349th Perpignan 7198 entries and others.



"Lady Di" 5166917/96. This is another example of Nouwen-Paesen based blood returning to the Nouwen-Paesen stock loft. This remarkable hen was bred and raced by Conaert & Son. She compiled a remarkable racing record. She was 1st Perpignan Provincial 1063 entries, 1st Perpignan National 8041 entries (2001). In 1998, She was 6th Perpignan Provincial 694 entries, 13th Barcelona Provincial 2209 entries, 69th Barcelona National 12,678 entries and 86th Perpignan National 5855 entries. She 1st Ace Pigeon Long Distance Provincial 1998. She is the grandmother to 1st National St. Vincent 2004. Lady Di is a daughter of the Nouwen-Paesen blooded Pau-Man. This remarkable bird took two 3rd Provincial places at Pau and a 4th. She traces back to the Nouwen-Paesen "Olympiade". This was remarkable racer and breeder that was 4th Provincial Ace Pigeon 1985, 2nd Provincial Ace-Pigeon 1986and 13th Belgium pigeon at the Olympiade 1987. Lady Di also shows the blood of Kuypers and Linden. Lady Di is planned to be the primary mate for Beauty Marseille with which she has been coupled in the past splitting young.



CONCLUSION



Narbonne 2004

The Nouwen-Paesen & Son presence in the sport has been a benefit to fanciers worldwide. They have a keen wisdom that allows them to place consistently in the championships. This includes not only the ability to win races but pick their birds. They give full support to new fanciers. They have the remarkable presence of mind not to dissipate their culture of racers. They are willing to say this or that pigeon is not for sale unless someone is willing to offer "crazy money." Narbonne and Rhone Prinses could have been sold many times over. The Prinses and Euroregion died at their lofts. The same destiny is for Narbonne. This is not to mention the genuine warmth of this family in meeting new persons. They readily share their knowledge and wiliness to learn new things.

To close, better people better pigeons there are not.

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