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JAN & JOKE KAMAN

Wormerveer, NL



ARE THE PROUD OWNERS OF ONE OF THE BEST ONE DAY LONG DISTANCE TEAMS IN THE NETHERLANDS

by Jack van Eck

an & Joke Kaman continue to be one of Holland's leading names in the one day long distance at National level this season. They claimed several overall top results, early arrivals and numerous Ace pigeons, in what was proving to be a particularly demanding season, with hot weather and more often than not a northerly wind.

The 68 year old Jan Kaman got involved in pigeon racing already at the age of 10 but not in the way most of his colleagues got in touch with the sport. He used to catch pigeons with his brother on the premises of a flour mill in Wormerveer, which they then gave to their neighbour for a small fee. But it did draw him into the sport. When Jan's parents were on holidays, he built himself a small pigeon loft with the help of his grandparents, and he kept his best two birds for himself. When his parents returned home from vacation, they wanted to get rid of the loft right away but Jan's grandparents convinced them to

build a proper pigeon loft instead. That was the start of his career. Several decades have gone by, and today Jan and his wife Joke (66) are running a fantastic loft of about 10 metres long, where they enjoy their hobby together. Besides running a pigeon loft, they are also enjoying their grandchildren and their faithful dog Buddy.

Major successes based on the Janssen Brothers (Arendonk, BE)

Jan got serious about pigeon racing as of 1980, and he decided to get pigeons from the Janssen brothers. He was looking to create a breed that could deliver across all distances, and his birds had to be good-looking as well. He purchased pigeons from the best Janssen lofts in North Holland, namely Jan Loots and Leen Klopman, they had 17 direct pigeons from the fanciers from Arendonk at the time. He also introduced Janssen birds from Henk van Boxtel (Kaatsheuvel, NL) and from Rinus Vink, while also getting pigeons from A de Bruyn from Reusel.

Some additional reinforcements were obtained from Gerard Koopman and Hoppe through Piet Koper, and some more recent investments include R Faber (from the line of 'Black Rolex'), Anton Ruitenberg (from the line of 'Wondere Dirk'), and lastly Dave van Zon (from 'Goede Blauwe Koppel' and 'Erik').

The pairing of 'Joke' x 'Messie' has bred quite some talented birds for team Kaman as well; the best example is 'Josje', breeder of numerous talented birds for Jan. This combination of renowned fanciers, paired upto a solid Janssen foundation, has given quite a few super class birds, 1st prize winners and teletext winners over the years. It would be almost impossible to go through every important stock breeder in this loft, so we pick a few birds that have really had a big impact on this team.

NL90-2256086 'De Stamvader'He is a grandson of former champion 'Kruisdijk' of Jan Loots. He had a successful racing career with for instance a 1st Etampes





Top class breeding bird 'Joke'.

9,511 birds (and the fastest of 22,186 birds) and he developed into an invaluable breeder soon after.

NL99-5949561 'De Sterke 561'

This pure Janssen cock is a grandson of the aforementioned stock sire. He won a 1st Chateauroux (3,289 birds), 3rd La Ferte (1,591 birds), 4th La Ferte (1,854 birds), 5th Orleans (2,847 birds) and 5th Tours (1,194 birds).

NL05-1239910 'Koper Lady' This hen was obtained by Jan, which he got through a gifted

voucher of Piet Koper, and it was a life-changing investment. She developed into an invaluable hen in the further development of this loft. She was the Best Hen in the National WHZB competition in 2016. Eijerkamp asked for 'Koper Lady' to be moved to Zutphen, where she was used for a joint breeding with 'Ché', 'De Euro' and 'V Power'. These bred some very successful descendants.

NL07-5713890 'De Jonge Sterke'

This fantastic racing bird won an

impressive 18 prizes in 18 races before developing into a great breeder. His sire is 'De Sterke 561'.

NL05-1246083 'Joke'

'Joke' has grown to become the most important pigeon in this loft. She has bred numerous talented descendants, including the aforementioned 'Jonge Sterke'. She has a proven record as a racing hen as well, with a 2nd NPO Tours (4,112 birds), 6th NPO Bourges (8,328 birds), and a 7th NPO Blois (1,116 birds) to her name.

Despite having won the title of Best Fancier in The Netherlands in the Vredesduif competition already in 1987, Jan and Joke were increasingly aiming towards the one day long distance competition, in which they have been one of the leading teams in The Netherlands for years now. They had for instance the Best One Day Long Distance Pigeon in The Netherlands (three prizes) in 2017 with 'Joy Boy' in the PIPA Ranking. Another notable result was their 1st & 2nd place in the National Fondspiegel Competition (2008-2009-2010) with 'Jonge Sterke' and 'De Peter'.

The 2018 season was another



'Wondere Anton'.



'Mooie Jan'.

great success, with an impressive 69 top 100 prizes National/NPO (and 45 top 100 prizes National/NPO last year). Here is a look at their top 10 prizes of 2018:

1st NPO Chareauroux 669km 2,217 birds 3rd NPO Argenton 698km 2,853 birds 3th NPO Melun 458km 674 birds 4th NPO Chateauroux 669km 2,217 birds 123-148-etc (26/45) Chateauroux 669km 2,217 birds: 1-4-6-10-23-24-26-30-36-58-71-72-74-etc (32/35) Fontenay 513km 2,265 birds: 16-28-32-37-39-53-66-79-87-88-89-90-97-etc (32/44)

Needless to say, this list of achievements led to quite a few championship titles again this season. The pigeon Championships in the one day long distance and the middle Best One Day Long Distance WHZB-TBOTB in The Netherlands, 3rd pigeon champion one day long distance district 4 Prov 6, 6th pigeon champion one day long distance Fondclub NH, 3rd pigeon champion one day long distance Prov 6 district 4 ZCC.

NL16-1408373 'Zoon Jonge Beer': 5th pigeon champion one day long distance district 4 Prov 6, 13th pigeon champion one day





'Zoon Jonge Beer'.

4th NPO Melun 458km 674 birds 6th NPO Chateauroux 669km 2,217 birds 6th NPO Fontenay 513km 2,074 birds 7th NPO Pithiviers 514km 5,717 birds 7th NPO Chateauroux 669km 4,067 birds 10th NPO Chateauroux 669km 2,217 birds

The following prizes were won in the 5 one day long distance races of 2018 in Province 6 North Holland:

Pithiviers 514km 5,717 birds: 7-33-47-128-145-167-189-190-193-etc (30/51) Chateauroux 669km 4,067birds: 7-29-58-59-97-98-136-141-156-etc (33/53) Argenton 698km 2,853 birds: 3-11-17-20-35-39-43-95-112-114distance really speak to the imagination:

NL17-1150553 'De Willy': 1st pigeon champion olds district 4 Prov 6, 2nd pigeon champion middle distance Prov 6 district 4 ZCC, 9th pigeon champion one day long distance Prov 6 district 4 ZCC.

NL16-1408436 'De Wondere Anton': 3rd Best one day long distance pigeon WHZB-TBOTB in The Netherlands, 2nd pigeon champion one day long distance district 4 Prov 6, 2nd pigeon champion one day long distance Prov 6, 2nd pigeon champion one day long distance Prov 6 district 4 ZCC, 2nd pigeon champion one day long distance Fondclub NH.

NL17-1150701 'Mooie Jan': 7th

'Lei'

long distance Fondclub NH, 5th pigeon champion one day long distance Prov 6 district 4 ZCC.

NL16-1408396 'Lei': 6th pigeon champion one day long distance district 4 Prov 6, 6th pigeon champion one day long distance Prov 6 district 4 ZCC.

NL16-1408430 'De Eddy': 8th pigeon champion one day long distance district 4 Prov 6, 8th pigeon champion one day long distance Prov 6 district 4 ZCC.

NL16-1408529 'Roxanne': 9th pigeon champion one day long distance district 4 Prov 6, 12th pigeon champion one day long distance Prov 6 district 4 ZCC.

NL16-1408557 'Tamaran': 10th pigeon champion one day long distance district 4 Prov 6, 14th pigeon champion one day long distance Prov 6 district 4 ZCC, 19th pigeon champion one day long distance Fondclub NH.

NL16-1408436 'De Wondere Anton'

The number one star of last season in the long distance is 'Wondere Anton'. He won the following ace pigeon titles this year:

3rd Best One Day Long Distance Pigeon WHZB-TBOTB 2018 in The Netherlands, 2nd pigeon champion one day long distance District 4 Prov 6 2018, 2nd Provincial pigeon champion one

day long distance Prov 6 2018, 2nd Pigeon champion one day long distance Prov 6 District 4 ZCC 2018, 2nd pigeon champion one day long distance Fondclub NH 2018.

His best results in the one day long distance in 2017 and 2018, as listed below, make him a serious candidate for the Olympiad long distance:

4th NPO Chateauroux
669km 2,217 birds (2018)
11th NPO Argenton
698km 2,853 birds (2018)
12th NPO La Souterraine
736km 2,875 birds (2017)
32nd NPO Fontenay
512km 2,265 birds (2018)
33rd NPO Phitiviers
514km 5,717 birds (2018)
35th NPO Argenton 698km 4,137
birds (2017)
59th NPO Chateauroux 669km
4,067 birds (2018)

The sire of 'Wondere Anton' is a grandson of the world famous 'Kleine Dirk' of Gerard Koopman (Ermerveen, NL). He is related to Jan's most valued stock breeders from his mother's side, 'Joke' and 'De Sterk'.

NL17-1150701 'Mooie Jan'

Mooie Jan showed his potential in the one day long distance already at the age of one, winning four top prizes: 6th NPO Chateauroux 669km 2,217 birds

7th NPO Pithiviers 514km 5,717 birds

16th NPO Fontenay 512km 2,265 birds

29th NPO Chateauroux 669km 4,067 birds

And these results led to the following titles:

7th Best one day long distance pigeon WHZB-TBOTB in The Netherlands 2018, 3rd pigeon champion one day long distance District 4 Province 6 2018, 6th pigeon champion one day long distance Fondclub NH 2018, 3rd



'Zoon Jonge Beer'.

pigeon champion one day long distance Prov 6 District 4 ZCC 2018.

NL16-1408373 'Zoon Jonge Beer'

'Zoon Jonge Beer' is another good example of a very successful crossing recently. The grandfather of this bird is top breeder 'De Beer', himself winner of a 3rd National Chateauroux. The bloodline of 'Joke' (1st Ace Pigeon Prov 6), 'De Sterke' and a son of 'Blauwe Koppel' (Dave van Zon) can be found in his pedigree as well. He wins the following prizes in District 4 South in Province 6:

25th NPO Argenton 698km 1,894 birds

31st NPO Fontenay 512km 1,410 birds

41st NPO Gien 555km 1,748 birds 54th Argenton 698km 2,590 birds 71st Laon 330km 2,663 birds

'Zoon Jonge Beer' won the following ace pigeon titles in 2018:

5th pigeon champion one day long distance District 4 Province 6, 13th pigeon champion one day long distance Fondclub NH, 5th pigeon champion one day long distance Prov 6 District 4 ZCC.

NL16-1408396 'Lei'

The last ace pigeon in this list of one day long distance stars that we take a closer at is 'Lei'. This super class bird won a 1st NPO Chateauroux against no less than 2,217 birds. In addition, he won 3rd Argenton (2,853 birds), 11th Gien (8,513 birds) and 10th Pt St Maxence (7,490 birds). He was also 6th pigeon champion one day long distance in District 4 of Province 6 this season. The pedigree of this NPO winner shows him being related to 'Peter' (2nd Ace Pigeon National One Day Long Distance Fondspiegel 2008-2010), super class breeder 'De

Jonge Sterke', as well as 'Joke'.

NL17-1150553 'De Willy'

This team has had quite a bit of success in the one day long distance indeed, but all-round racing bird 'De Willy' not only excelled in the one day long distance. He was in fact even more successful in the middle distance, winning the following top prizes and championship titles:

2nd Peronne 1,242 birds 9th Minderhout 2,767 birds 9th Chateauroux 1,432 birds 25th Quievrain 3,040 birds 25th Asse Zellik 2,938 birds 24th Asse Zellik 2,027 birds
67th Roosendaal 2,745 birds
58th Roosendaal 2,302 birds
29th Peronne 733 birds
76th Fontanay 1,410 birds
1st pigeon champion olds district
4 Prov 6
2nd pigeon champion middle
distance Prov 6 district 4 ZCC
9th pigeon champion one day

The sire of 'De Willy' is a full brother of the fantastic 'Joke'. The dam is a 100% Heremans-Ceusters (through Wil Brouwers), and he is related to 'Rossi',

long distance Prov 6 district 4

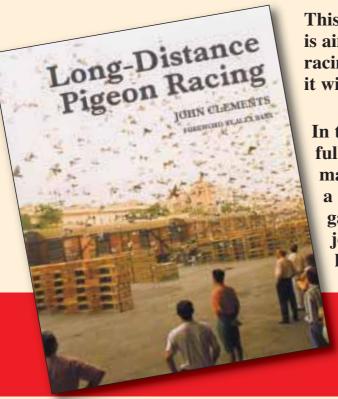
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'Spinneke' and 'Olympiade'.

One day long distance champions

Both Jan and Joke are really enjoying their pigeons, which makes this a genuine combination. They look after the pigeons together, with Joke taking care of the young birds. On race days, and especially for one day long distance races, there are often plenty of spectators, who join Jan and Joke awaiting the pigeons. Jan and Joke deliberately opted to focus on the one day long distance, and it actually turned

them into one of the leading teams in The Netherlands in this discipline. They have been getting head-turning results season after season, and their highly successful career can be attributed to a combination of hard work and a fantastic collection of birds. Jan is fully committed to his pigeon racing career. We would like to end this report with a quote from Jan that clearly shows his dedication: "As the end of the season approaches, you really have to be fed up with the game. If not, you have not really done your best!"



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