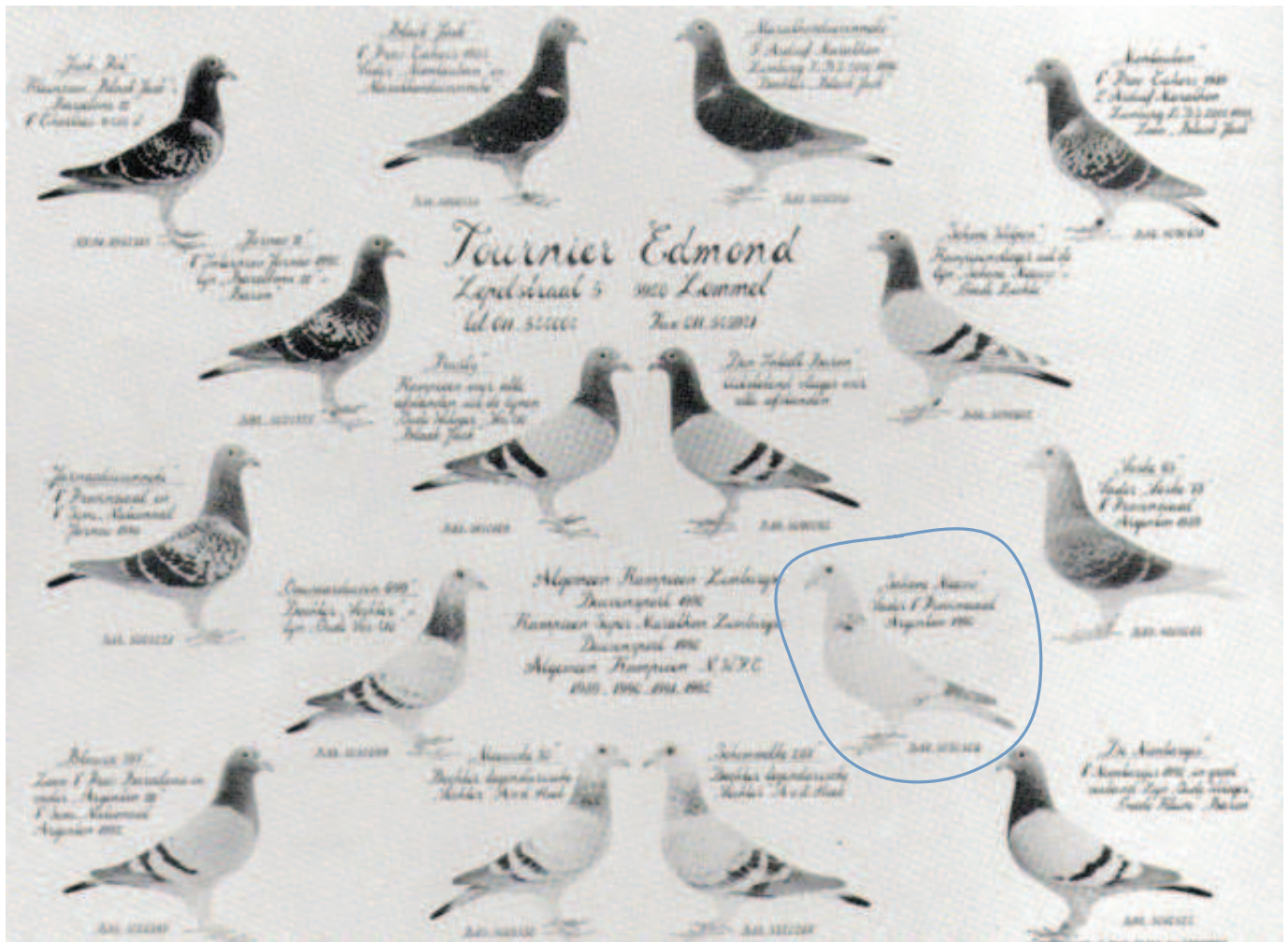


The Grizzle Janssen Tournier Line



De ‘Pommelé’ (4207842/47) and his ‘Witte’ offspring

Omer Dekeyzer from Oudenaarde was for many years invincible in the area of Oudenaarde and Kortrijk. Two of his greatest cracks were the ‘Droom’ (‘Rève’) [595308/45](#) and his son the ‘Pommelé’ (4207842/47), who came out of the ‘Droom’ x his own daughter the ‘Mosaïque’ . Jacques Tournier bought the ‘Droom’ when he had already won half a million francs in first prizes from Cambrai to Chateauroux. [At that moment the Droom might well have been the best pigeon of Belgium.](#) The acquisition had not been made easy, because at the sale of De Keyzer the ‘Droom’ and his son ‘De Pommelé’ were displayed with the mention ‘are not for sale’ . De Keyzer wanted them to die of old age in their own loft! But Jacques persisted and finally he succeeded to buy the ‘Droom’ privately. Because the ‘Droom’ was by now infertile, Jacques was allowed to exchange him for the other champion ‘[De Pommelé](#)’, [the son of the Droom](#)’ . Paired with a sister of the ‘Zolder’ they produced among others ” t Meeuwke 421’ . And out of her daughter was born ” t Goed Wit 216’ (5001216/63), that made its name with among others 2nd national Angoulême.

With the arrival of the ‘Pommelé’ the ‘ooievaars’ or ‘grizzles’ entered the Tournier family. And as so often before this transfer also turned into an enormous success. Especially through the ‘Goed Wit 216’ numerous superior ‘grizzles’ were dispersed all over the world. The ‘grijze’ Tournier pigeons brought great success for the late Arie van den Hoek, and because he introduced these ‘grijze’ pigeons again into Belgium, they are called the ‘grijze van den Hoeken’ there. But we may never forget that the family of van den Hoek was for 95 per cent composed of Tournier pigeons, and that for instance the legendary stock couple ‘[Othello](#)’ x ‘[Nel](#)’ were two DIRECT TOURNIER PIGEONS!



‘De Schone Meeuw’ (5030526/87) really is one of the treasures of the present Tournier family. He only raced for a few years but proved his enormous talent with among others 1st Limoges (17th provincial), 4th Jarnac and so on. He is fully inbred from the legendary v.d. Hoek champion ‘De Vechter’ (NL73/718166). Edmond brought him to the breeding loft early on. He realized from the start that such a pigeon as ‘De Schone Meeuw’ is of enormous importance. And he was right, ‘De Schone Meeuw’ produced many champions. Especially in other lofts, because his offspring is so in demand that it is difficult to keep enough of them in the lofts in Lommel.

The popularity of the van den Hoek pigeons became apparent after his death. They were sold to a large crowd of very interested fanciers for a record average price in the total sale – organized by ‘De Duif’ – on 5th July 1979. Edmond Tournier spent a lot of money during this sale too. He bought three of the best van den Hoek champions, ‘Vechter’, ‘Weerlicht’ and ‘Zijspoor’ and brought them, together with the ‘Ciska’ (the only daughter of the famous ‘Zwaar’), back to the lofts in Lommel.

A real stroke of genius because ... these van den Hoek pigeons went down in history!

Especially the ‘ooievaar’ or Grizzle colour became very popular all over the world. Not only in Holland, where Dick Postma, the Boesten brothers (superstars of the year 1993 on the middle-distance), father and son Spies, Jan van Ekeren and many others raced very well with this breed. The same happened in Belgium with Alois V.D. Plas from Rijkevorsel, ex-Union King, national winner and so on, and with De Zutter in Ninove. Also for de Rijst (and through this loft with Eric Limbourg), for D’ Hondt from Semmerzake, Maurice Vaes from Zonhoven and for Lode Visschers from Kwaadmechelen. And there are many more, like in the USA and in Taiwan, they are wanted everywhere.

The famous Grizzle line of Theo de Kruijk

Janssen (Verbarth) / Tournier

Young Breeder

(Zoon Grizzle Daddy)
Vader NPO-winner
St. Quentin 4619 duiven



NL-01-1780945

Coloured one

(zoon Grizzle Daddy)
1e pr. achter holgenoot (2e prijs)
interprovinciaal Bourges 7202 duiven
1e pr. Orleans 117 duiven
1e pr. Strombeek 1151 duiven
1e pr. Strombeek 313 duiven
6e beste j. duif nederland
W.H.Z.B.



Bred by: Theo de Kruijk
Raced by: Boers-Slootjes

NL-99-5954890

Stamvader Grizzle Daddy

1e pr. Peronne 158 duiven
2e pr. Peronne 3914 duiven
2e pr. Peronne 12032 duiven
(Raced en bred by Theo de Kruijk)



NL-95-1812828

Fata Morgana

(kleinzoon Grizzle Daddy)
1e NPO-race St. Quentin
4619 duiven

Bred by: Theo de Kruijk
Raced by: Boers-Slootjes



NL-02-5241488

Grizzle Gert

(zoon Grizzle Daddy)
1e pr. Chimay 231 duiven
1e pr. Hensies 271 duiven
1e pr. Hensies 3140 duiven
1e snelste Hensies
6946 duiven Kuststrook



Bred by: Theo de Kruijk
Raced by: G. v.d. Sar

NL-02-1533927

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The famous Grizzle Line of Theo de Kruijk

Janssen (Verbart) / Tournier

Grizzle Frans

(Son Grizzle Daddy)

1e Breuil Le Vert 212 d. -7e 2771 d.
1e Breuil Le Vert 247 d. -7e 7037 d.
1e Pont ST Max 110 d. -4e 2346 d.
1e Chantilly 123 d.
1e Menen 315 d. -6e 4990 d.
2e Arras 234 d. -4e 11209 d.
2e Molincourt 183 d.
2e Laon 143 d.

1e Ace-Pigeon
speed (vitesse)
2006 federation

Breeder Theo de Kruijk
Raced by Frans van der Kruk

NL-03-1605230



Golden Grizzle

(Grandson Grizzle Daddy)

1e Nanteuil 871 d.
1e Ablis 616 d.
2e Nanteuil 3.947 d.
7e Nat. NPO Teletext 6.936 d.
24e Nat. Ablis 4243 d.

Breeder Theo de Kruijk
Raced by Comb. Boers-slootjes
NL-09-1103623



Stamvader

Grizzle Daddy

Father and grandfather
more then 30 1e winners

1e pr. Peronne 158 d.
2e pr. Peronne 3914 d.
2e pr. Peronne 12032 d.



Ashley's Wish

Gr. Grandson Young Breeder

1st Open S.N.F.G. Bovingdon 2010
vel: 1377, 306 miles, 5.223 birds
Winning The "Five Times a
Lady Trophy"
1 st. National Cock"

Owned & raced
bij S.Lapinskie

Based on Grizzle Line
Theo de Kruijk



Bred and raced by Theo de Kruijk
NL-95-1812828

Spanish Grizzle

(Old Tournier Line)

father 1e prize FCI one loft-race
from Santiago the Compostella

Owner Theo de Kruijk



Breeder F. van der Kruk

NL-07-1002135

Grizzle Sixteen

(Daughter New Breeder)

1e peronne 84 d.
1e Chantilly 182 d.
1e Arras 434 d.
1e Peronne 3184 d.
5e 7670 d.
2e Strombeek 374 d.

Breeder Theo de Kruijk
Raced by Comb. Boers-slootjes
NL-04-5400916



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Dam of 14 067

NL 1542881-12
"Nice Daddy"



Origine: Janssen / Tournier

Father: NL 1676083-08

Janssen/Tournier

21 St. Quentin 2973 p.

55 Creil 1347 p.

77 Pommeroeul 3149 p.

Son "Grizzle 508":

2 Nivelles 1344 p.

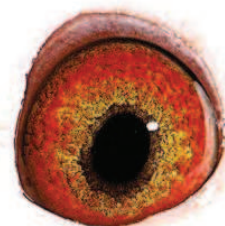
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11 Nantes 1539 p.

Mother: NL 5241529-02

Dgt. "Grizzle Daddy":

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ORIGINAL
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SIRE: ZA NOK Gillroy 1145-13
Tournier

Uit Fonty Gillmer se stamjaar
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DAM: NL 1542881-12 "Nice Daddy"
Janssen/Tournier

Line Grizzle Daddy. More than 30
times 1st prize.



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Tournier/Janssen

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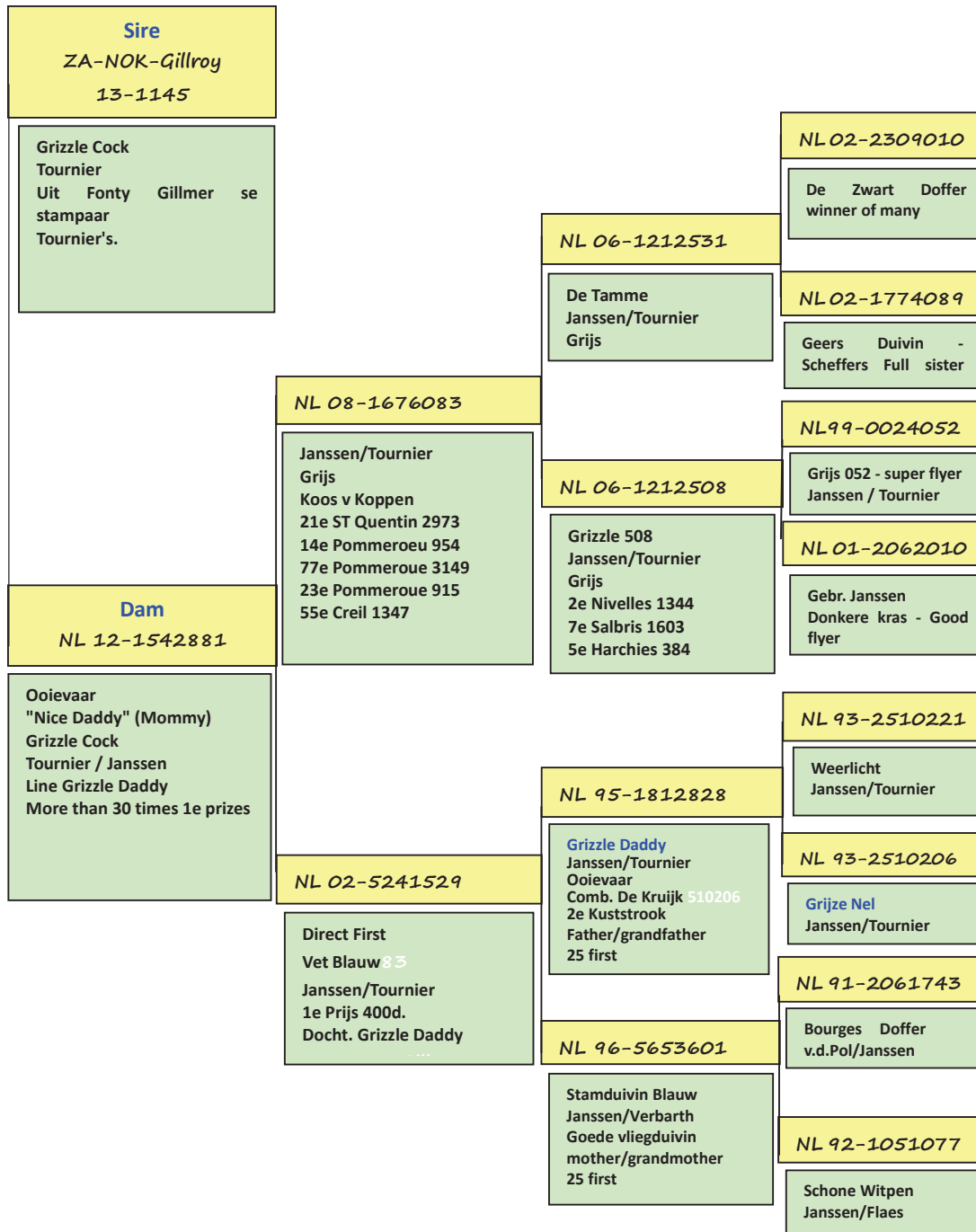
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Ring No.: **ZA VDM Hokke 067-14**

Strain: **Janssen Tournier** Origin: **Van der Merwe Hokke**

Colour: **Grizzle** Gender: **Cock**



Tournier Edmond, "Two centuries of pigeon racing"



Edmond Tournier from Lommel (BE)

Lommel

The strain Tournier is famous all over the world. The strain first conquered The Netherlands and then the whole world. You have to agree with me! Or didn't you hear from the strain Tournier yet? "Does Tournier still live and does he still race pigeons?" I hear you thinking. Well, I drove with my car to Lommel. It is only 20-25 minutes from my town. Geel can be situated on the border of province Antwerp and Lommel is on the border of province Limburg. I did not know much about Tournier myself. I did not know many about the strain and about the fancier(s). I saw the name again on a few long distance races. Tournier had an amazing result on national St-Vincent race (YL) in 2005 (nat. 10.020p: 36-37-166-195...). He won this race in province Antwerp in 2006; had good result on Bordeaux in 2006 (both old and yearlings) and excellent result on Barcelona 2006. He began with 15th national against 11.802 pigeons. My attention was drawn to this result and it convinced me to drive to Lommel. Tournier was top in the 20th century but is still top in 21st century. He is on the road to win the international Barcelona race. I could see, feel and smell it. Read and learn about the strain Tournier yourself. Tournier is almost 100 years of pigeon racing of the highest level. This is the wonderful performance of the Tournier-strain, which can only be matched by the Janssen brothers. Although it is not excluded that somewhere some traditional strain has resisted the ravages of time, it is by all means very unlikely. The Tournier-strain is of exceptional value. Perhaps less homogeneous than the Janssen-strain but this was never the aim of the founders. The late Jacq Tournier and his son-successor Edmond have always kept a certain degree of diversity in order to maintain the vitality. Continuously they have been looking for the better pigeon, either by breeding it themselves or buying it elsewhere.

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The story begins in 1901 with the birth of Jacq Tournier. He was a son of an important undertaker. Jacq has already some pigeons on the age of 10 but his father told him that studies were more important. The real start came in 1914. The neighbour had some pigeons for Jacq who immediately found a place for this youngsters. 'World War I' came and then school got priority but Jacq managed to keep his pigeons. He started in the business of his father with ready-made clothes and suits. Jacq made contact with several pigeon-fanciers in Belgium by selling this suits. He visited the famous champion Gurnay from Verviers and bought some pigeons. The young man Jacq Tournier already invested in good birds. He was sure that pedigrees only have a value when several 1st prize winners

are in the pedigree. Pigeons who can fly on their own are the best. It's an heredity quality.

Jacq was lucky not to lose pigeons in World War II. The German enemy did not take his birds. Many other fanciers were not so lucky. So Jacq Tournier had a head start in pigeon racing immediately after the War in September 1944. He started breeding many pigeons for himself and for several fanciers from The Netherlands who wanted his birds. Lommel is on the border with The Netherlands so it was understandable that they would come to the famous Tournier. Pigeon racing started again in 1946. The year 1947 was very successful for Tournier. Jacq shattered the opponents. He basketed 8 pigeons for the provincial race from Chateauroux and won 1-2-3 in Antwerp (4th place for famous Huyskens-Van Riel). The press printed "Tournier is the best pigeon loft in Belgium". More fanciers, especially from The Netherlands, came to buy Tournier birds. Jacq wanted to look ahead. He wanted even better pigeons himself and went to : Jan Hermans (Luythaegen), Tist Geuens (Mol) where he bought his basic cock 'Blauwen Tist', Omer Dekeyzer (Oudenaarde) where he bought the legendary basic cock 'Pommelé 4207842/47'. The famous grizzle colour came into the strain Tournier with this bird. Mainly with 'Goed Wit 216' this colour got spread all over the world. Grizzles from Tournier came on the loft Arie van den Hoek and then back to Belgium. The 'grizzles from van den Hoek' were very famous. Don't forget that the most famous breeding pair of van den Hoek 'Othello' x 'Nel' were 95% blood Tournier. Arie van den Hoek and Jacq Tournier were good friends; both writing articles for 'De Duif' (pigeon newspaper in Belgium) and 'NPO' (national pigeon magazine of The Netherlands). Two grand-masters in pigeon racing and two intelligent personalities. The strain van den Hoek was popular. The public sale after Arie van den Hoek died in 1979 was a big success. Edmond Tournier (son of Jacq who became manager of the loft in 1976) had to pay lots of money to buy 3 of the best birds on this sale: 'Vechter', 'Weerlicht' and 'Zijspoor'. A good move because the grizzle birds of van den Hoek were the top strain in the world on 500-700 km. Tournier bred all-round pigeons. Edmond and Jacq raced from March until October; from 100-1100 km. Let us look to 1958 for instance. Tournier won head prizes in April on Quievrain (130 km) and had super results in May on Corbeil, Toury and St-Denis (300-400 km). He won 1-4-8-9-10-13... on Orleans in June and top prizes on Cahors, Bordeaux, Vannes and Chateauroux. Then came July... Barcelona... Jacq and later Edmond was afraid to enter the best birds on Barcelona but almost won the race. The cock 'Schalie Barcelona' won 2nd national and 2nd international Barcelona in 1958. Only the bird of Gilbert Vandeweghe (Olsene) was faster at that moment.

The best birds on speed races in 1958-1962 were 'Zolder 5016023/56' and 'Goede Kleine 5080442/58'. 'Zolder' was strain 'Kleine Blauwe Maes' (Rene Maes from Herenthout) and 'Blauwen Tist'. This cock won many speed races. But he had the blood for long distance races. The offspring proved it; 2nd -7th and 9th on Barcelona international from strain 'Zolder'! 'Goede Kleine' was line Maes x 'Witkop' (strain Liekens). It was very difficult to beat this cock on speed races. He won more than 10 times 1st prizes. He proved even better on the breeding loft. Via Frans Derks (remember this name for later!) from Geldrop (NL) came this line to the loft Jos van Limpt (De Klak) from Reusel (NL). Although we don't see many birds on loft Jos van Limpt from this line, other fanciers had very good results with Jos van Limpt line Tournier: H. v.d. Mierden (Steensel) and 'Schroevers' (Armemuiden). The offspring from 'Goede Kleine' had good results in Lepelstraat Lommel: 'Goede Donkere 315/68' was excellent racer and father of Spikkel 51/73' (1st Dourdan, 1st Bourges, 1st Brive). The basic cock of the famous Piet van de Merwe (Dordrecht) is a grandson of this 'Goede Donkere'. Another famous basic cock in Lommel was 'De Baron 5012340/73'. History repeats itself. 'De Baron' (line 'Kleine Blauwe Maes' and 'Goede Kleine') was super on speed races: he won in 1975 and 1976 about 39 prizes with 11 x 1st prize and 24 x in top 10. His offspring had equal results on longer distances: 'Jonge Baron 004/76' won on Quievrain but also 1st on interprovincial Chateauroux; 'Argenton III 5020802/91' won 1st semi-national Argenton in 1992. Several fanciers all over the world won 1st prizes with line 'Baron': F. & H. Moris (1st nat. Bourges 7750p), Jan Hermans (1st nat. Orleans + car), Van Sambeek bros (1st intern. Marseille hens), Rob Hoekstra (3rd nat. Bergerac 22.510p + car), Dr. Piaget (USA), Rudy Smids...

Another important pigeons in the Tournier history (the most popular line?) is 'Valk-line'. I cannot think of one championship or national race that is not won by offspring of 'Valk'. It started with the birth of 'Oude Valk 5083104/53'. He was born from 390/52' (direct son from Blauwe Tist x Blauw Witpen Maes) and '362/52' (strain Wegge x voske 656). 'Oude Valk' won 1st prizes and once also 1-2nd provincial together with his sir '390/52'. He got more fame on the breeding loft. His famous sons were 'Scherpoog', 'Fondvalk', 'Vale 337' and probably the most famous 'Valkje 472'. 'Valkje 472' is known as one of the best breeders even in the history of pigeon racing. His mother was 'Fondduivin 17/54' who won more than 30 races (+700 km) and 7 times on Barcelona. Some fanciers who succeeded with 'Valk'-strain: vd Hoek, Postma, Jos van den Bosch, Geyskens and even '10' of Jantje Theelen has via Jan Poels blood of 'Valk'. But 'Valkje 472' is special on very long distance: J. Offermans won 1st national Barcelona with granddaughter, Henk de Beus won 1st mid-fond ace pigeon in Holland, (2x Valkje 472 in the mother), Jan van Engelen wins 1st Etampes 13.316p with his 'Valkje 716/81. Every year won birds from this line on national

aces. In 1980 were 3 of 5 national ace pigeons in The Netherlands of strain Tournier.

A new addition of new blood on the Tournier loft, came with 'Oude Witoger' 6108857/65. Jacq bought the cock from Ceulemans from Berlaar and he became new basic cock. Famous sons of him were 'Goede Donkeren 555' , 'Goede Blauwe 55' and 'Blauw 192' . It were champion flyers from 100-1000 km and all bred several good racers. 'Goede Donkere 555' is father of 'Geschelpt 569' . He is the father of 'Bourgeske 037/76' (1st provincial Bourges and 5th national St-Vincent). She is also the mother of 'Barcelona IV 5010386/77' (1st provincial Barcelona, 10th national Barcelona, 16th international Barcelona). This basic cock of the 80' s is grandfather of 'Montauban 631/86' (1st provincial Cahors and 4th provincial Montauban) and 'Jackpot' (1st Chartres 18.499p).

The strain Tournier has a variety of colours. I still notice it on the loft in 2007. Vitality, character an endurance has always been more important than a certain type or colour of racing pigeon. Jacq and Edmond were looking for a 'sport-pigeon' that could win in every race and all weather. The red colour in the colony of pigeons came from several strains but mostly from 'Rooie NL2560919/77' van Sijefke den Oude uit Halsteren NL. I will tell more about this strain later.

The end of the 20th century is coming in my story. I already talked about some special Tournier pigeons: 'Valk' , 'Goede Kleine' , 'Zolder' and 'Baron' . There were more pigeons but I cannot talk about them all. Edmond Tournier was born in 1948. He was the youngest of 9 children. In the beginning his brother, Jacq Jr., was also interested in pigeons. But it was Edmond who married in 1976 and started managing the colony of Jacq Tournier senior. He became the owner and Jacq only raced on a small loft with some speed pigeons. The biggest competition came from Luc Vermeijen, brother-in-law of Edmond. It wasn't easy to follow in the footsteps of a famous man like Jacq Tournier. Son Edmond managed to keep the fame of the strain Tournier high. He kept on winning championships and provincial victories. De Lepelstraat in Lommel was still the pilgrimage place for pigeon fanciers all over the world. It was in the beginning of the 80' s that another main pigeon was born in this loft. It was 'Black Jack 5061335/81' . The father was 'Goede Geschelpte 010/69' and the mother was '426/70' . Many pigeons were still vital on old age. 'Black Jack' won many races but managed to win 1st provincial Cahors in 1984 with headwind and 30 ° C. He won 30th national against 5007p. 'Black Jack' became a really important breeder. His son 'De Montauban 631/86' won 1st provincial Cahors 1989; his daughter 'Marathonduinneke 700/87' won 8th provincial Pau and 18th inter-provincial Perpignan; son 'Cahors II 5150305/88' won 2x 1st prize on Cahors in the club (nat. 513-266) but also 196th national Perpignan. Other sons were 'De Brive' (9th provincial Brive), 'De Neger' (1st Vervins)···etc. Offspring were very successful for other fanciers: Johan Bergsma won 1st provincial Bergerac with grandson 'Black Jack' and 'Jackpot' won 1st Chartres 9486p. I still found some blood 'Black Jack' in the top-birds 2007!



The new Edmond Tournier in the 21st century

Jacq Tournier died in 1989 but Edmond was already the manager of the loft Tournier since 1976. He made the strain Tournier into a business. Where his father gave a pigeon when a customer bought a suit, Edmond turned it around. He gave a suit when a customer bought a pigeon. When Edmond took over the birds in 1976, he put the best speed racers on breeding loft and entered 6 of this speed birds on St-Vincent race. All 6 pigeons had prize on this long distance race. Edmond specialized on the races 500-600 km. He also entered the very long distance but was afraid to put the best birds on Barcelona. Edmond won from 1976-1989 30 times a provincial race; also Barcelona! Edmond knew that Holland had excellent racing pigeons for the very long distance. He knew that he had to add this excellent strain into his own strain. The 'Zilvervosje' from Meesters, the '38' and '49' from Jan Aarden, the '90' and 'Spin' of van Wanroy. The 'Dolle' from Van Geel and 'Oud doffertje' from van der Wegen were birds that made history in pigeon racing and breeding in Holland. The Netherlands also had two extra breeding pairs in their history: '07' son Spin x '69' Sister Pau of Kuypers bros and 'Ijzeren 44' Braakhuis x 'Oud Zwart' Braakhuis. The hen from 'Golden Pair' Marcel Braakhuis was 'NL978664/73'. She was bred from 'NL1557419/68'. This cock won 3rd national Dax for Braakhuis. The brother 'NL295023/65' won 3rd national St-Vincent 10.983p + car in 1967 for Marcel Braakhuis. These brothers were 100% Tournier from line 'Valk 472'. Edmond bred on his lofts in 1983 with a direct daughter of this Golden Pair. She became a good breeding hen. A grandson of her was 'Perpignan I 5010116/90'. He won 125th nat. Narbonne '91, 134th national Barcelona '93 and 54th national Perpignan '93. The red colour in the strain was mainly from 'Rooie NL256+0919/77' from Siefert den Ouden (Halsteren). This 'Worldchampion' (said Piet de Weerd) won 1st nat. St-Vincent 30.683p +car, 8th national St-Vincent 14.645p and 16th national dax 6981p. He was really one of the best long distance racers ever in The Netherlands. Edmond bought this cock (with partner Jan Hermans) and bred several youngsters before selling him to MR. Kaku from Japan. This proved to be a success in his strainbuilding. Also a son of 'Kuypers 57' x 'Smaragd I' moved from Jan Hermans to Lommel. Edmond and Jan were good friend and shared some birds. Edmond got via Jan a son and a daughter of 'Oud doffertje I' from Albert Simons. Tournier x top birds from The Netherlands matched together superb.

The big bang came in February 1994. All the Tournier pigeons (except youngsters 1993) were sold in a public auction by 'De Duif'. It was a big success. Edmond wanted some rest in his life. He had been living among pigeons and pigeon fanciers since he was born. Visitors every day. He was tired of this. He wanted less pigeons, less business in pigeons. The racing results were not as good as before the auction. Edmond decided to sell all his birds in 1999. Not one bird was on the loft after this auction. He was happy but it did not last very long. He started to miss the pigeons rapidly. Frans Derks has been a good friend of Jacq and Edmond for many years. He visited Tournier weekly. Frans Derks was a rich business man from Geldrop (NL) and owned many pigeons. He bought pigeons at the best long distance lofts in Belgium and The Netherlands. One could not name one famous fancier who did not have Frans Derks on his loft. He

also had many Tournier pigeons in his strain, and Tournier had several pigeons Frans Derks in his pigeons. These fanciers made a agreement. The best breeders of Frans were put on the loft Tournier. Edmond Tournier would breed, Frans Derks would race. But this plans could not take place. Frans died on 30th December 1999. About half of the famous breeders were in the loft Tournier. The family Derks made an agreement with Edmond that he could keep this birds. Tournier entered the 21st century with mainly birds from the best long distance fanciers in The Netherlands. Edmond got some of his own strain back and started breeding with all the birds in 2000 and 2001. He had new plans. He wanted to enjoy pigeon racing and enter a few very long distance races in the future (mainly Barcelona, St-Vincent and Bordeaux). He would think about a new simple system. (I will tell you this later in another chapter.)

Edmond started tossing youngsters again in 2002. He entered a few races in 2003 and 2004. Just to see which pigeons were the best. The big exams were in 2005 and 2006. He entered with many pigeons on a few very long distance races. He was astonished of the result. The birds (Dutch blood x Tournier) did very good. The Tournier-strain is back. We haven't seen the last of him yet. Edmond does not have the breeders of Frans Derks anymore. These old birds were sold because he does not want breeders anymore. He only wants pigeons that can fly out of the loft every day. All the birds are on the loft on the second floor. The lofts on the ground removed. Less work but more pleasure!

New system

Everything can be easier as most fanciers think. The method that Edmond uses proves this. I visited him on February 15th. He wanted to let his old cocks and old hens out of the loft again. They had been staying on the loft since July 2006. These birds did not fly out for 7 months. But I think they looked great, just a little to fat maybe? Hens and cocks were on different compartments in this loft. It is one big space with a walk around the compartments. Cocks can not see the hens. The boxes are closed and the birds sit on small shelf's that hang on the boxes. Edmond has a light burning during the whole day. There is only one entrance. They can go via a walk into the different compartments. I see about 70 old cocks and 70 old hens in February. I notice about 200 yearling birds. These birds are bred from July until October 2006. Edmond only breeds youngster so late in the year. He wants only late-breds from his best racing birds. He started tossing these youngster when they know the surroundings of Lommel. He tosses them every day. He starts 5km...5km...5km...until this youngsters fly straight home. He does not let this birds train around the loft anymore. Only tossing them every day. The birds go via a walk into the basked. (+/- 30 birds) Edmond does not have to catch the birds. They are used to this system. It's routine for both owner and pigeons. It only takes about 15 minutes to put 150-200 pigeons in the basked and on the trailer. (see photo)

Edmond separates this 'late-breds' in March. He puts them with the old cocks and old hens. Now he starts tossing them both (old and yearlings), daily work and daily training. The boxes of the cocks are opened and they can choose a box. The old cocks take the same box, the yearlings can pick the other one. Cocks and hens are not matched. This method changes a bit in racing season. The cocks (old and yearlings) are not tossed anymore but the train around the loft once a day in the morning. The hens (old and yearlings) are still tossed every day and do not train around the loft. The distance to the loft is 50-80 km daily. The hens come into the loft by themselves. Edmond can check on the electronic clock to see when the birds have arrived. They go to the compartment and can eat/drink. The job for the day is done.

The yearling birds race Sens (300 km), Chateauroux or Bourges (500 km) and than have to do the exam on Bordeaux and/or St-Vincent. All the old birds race have the same preparation and than go to Barcelona.

Edmond does not give drugs to his birds. He gives a good mixture and some natural supplements from vet F. Mariën. 'Pigeon racing must be simple so I can enjoy this sport now' , says Edmond.

Top birds in 2007

St-Vincent-duivinneke 5120838/05

St-Vincent ' 06 provincial 675d-1

National 4679d-9

Intern. 5409d-9

Bordeaux ' 06 provincial 406d-31

Euregio 6223d-422

She won provincial in Antwerp 2007. She was bred from 'NL02378433/00' x duivin 'NL9794548/97'. The father is direct from Frenken bros via Frans Derks. He bought him from NL369/96 (24-89 nat. Barcelona and is vd Wegen x daughter Turbo) x 864/93

(sister 10de nat. Barcelona from H. Peeters x line Turbo x daughter Pau 2). The mother is also from the late Frans Derks. He was bred from 'NL973/96' (direct Frenken bros) x 'NL337/92' (Kuypers bros x Jan Theelen).

Gaudi Barcelona 5067151/03

Barcelona ' 06 Molse Fondclub 257d-1

Provincial 1329d-4

National 11.802d-15

International 22.887d-80

This top hen from Barcelona is bred from cock '5252672/01' . She was bred by Edmond Tournier from 2 pigeons from Frans Derks. The sire is: 'NL427/00' (direct Frenken bros with blood Kuypers) and the mother is: 'NL662/99' (75% Theelen and 25% Jaak Steketee). She is granddaughter of 'NL743/87' . This hen is a granddaughter of famous '10' Jantje Theelen and is in several pedigrees in the top list Tournier 2007. The mother of 'Gaudi Barcelona' is '5252514/01' . She is old strain Tournier. Sire is twice line 'Montauban 631/86' and also famous 'Black Jack 335/81' . The mother is also line 'Black Jack' x line 'Baron' . Crossbreeding old strain Tournier x long distance strain from the Netherlands!



Biarritz 5067015/03

Biarritz ' 05 Molse Fondclub 75d-1

Provincial 326d-7

Euregio 2067d-41

Barcelona ' 06 Molse Fondclub 257d-3

Provincial 1329d-26

National 11.802d-243

Father is '5252535/01' . Bred from 001/94 (from 'Perpignan I' Tournier x granddaughter 'Montauban 631/86'), also father of 14 nat. Barcelona 1999 Tournier X 'NL995/97' , direct Jan Theelen (Cor de Heyde x Th. Hermans). Mother is 'NL222/96' bred by

Frans Derks from '242/87 Wijffelaers' X '743/87', that good granddaughter of '10' Jan Theelen.



Franske 5243056/02

Sens '04 773d-3

Jarnac '04 4508d-597

Bordeaux '04 2098d-27

Orleans '04 226d-34

Sens '05 192d-15

Gien '05 131d-1

Montelimar '05 nat. 10.195d-29

Bordeaux '06 Euregio 5710d-33

He is mainly old strain Tournier and so an excellent all-round bird. The father '004/98' from blood Jan Theelen (again 743/87, Kuypers x daughter '10'), Argenton III, Hans Peter Verkooyen. The mother 'NL760/96' is from Frans Derks but line Tournier Valkje-Baron, De Vechter of vet F. Mariën.

Schone Witpen Barcelona 5147656/02

Barcelona '06 Molse Fondclub 257d-2

Provincial 1329d-23

National 11.802d-229

The long distance strain from The Netherlands on top. Father is 'NL039/95' via F. Derks from. Hagens bros. Mother is NL726/96 via F. Derks from vd Wegen.

Barcelona VII 5147635/02

Barcelona '04 national 12.245d-904

Barcelona '05 national 12.998d-2004

Barcelona '06 national 11.802d-860

This cock is from 'NL454/99' a direct Eijerkamp-Muller via Frans Derks. Father is a son of 'Willem II' and mother is a daughter of 'Mona Lisa'. The mother is 'NL268/99' direct from A. van Haaren via Frans Derks. Baroneske Barcelona 5242914/02

Barcelona '04 nat. dv. 3012d-298

Barcelona '05 nat. 12.998d-548

Barcelona '06 nat. 11.802d-423

This hen is bred from '020/01' x '173/99'. The first one is breeding Tournier x Derks. Father is 'NL151/93' Pau - cock Frans Derks (van der Wegen x Wijffelaers) and mother is a daughter of 'Argenton III' line 'Donkeren 555' x again line 'Donkere 555'. The mother of 'Baroneske Barcelona' is again Tournier from Hans Peter Verkooyen, voske 317, Perpignan II and AGAIN '743/87', Kuypers x daughter '10' Jantje Theelen.

Schone Barcelona XI 5147633/02

Barcelona ' 04 nat. 12.245d-482

Barcelona ' 05 nat. 12.998d-789

Barcelona ' 06 nat. 11.802d-2743

The father is 'NL 595/98' Frans Derks from his A. Van Haaren x Wijffelaers AND '743/87 Jan Theelen. The mother is '035/96' , Frans Derks from his line Theelen (mixed with Kuypers bros) en AGAIN '743/87' Jantje Theelen. What a special hen. She was bred from 'NL582/86' (Kuypers , Neer) x '085/86' (daughter of '1402510/82' , the famous hen '10')

Kleine St-Vincent I 5155369/04

St-Vincent ' 05 nat. 10.020d-36

Bordeaux ' 06 Euregio 5710d-389

Narbonne ' 06 nat. 6033d-533

Is beauty hen is from '956/02' , a full brother of 'Barcelona VII' (Eijerkamp-Muller x Van Haaren). The mother is '740/02' from 'NL159/00' (Tom Gucemeier) x 'NL036/00' (Frans Derks from his strains A. Van Haaren, Vd Wegen en Frenken)

Results 2005 and 2006

St-Vincent ' 05 nat. 10.020p:

36-37-166-195-406-573-647-887-892-1457-1797-1990-1992-1993-2024-2041-2054-2233-2266-2268-2342-2416-2443

Biarritz ' 05 Euregio 2067p: 41-42-81-115-293

Barcelona ' 06 nat. 11.802p:

15-229-243-423-440-731-860-963-1028-1113-1128-1487-1558-1641-1700-1706-1867-2012-2290-2341-2397-2412-2429-2743-2799-2922

Bordeaux ' 06 Euregio 5710 old birds : 33-221-291-328-358-366-389-560-583-623-663

Bordeaux ' 06 Euregio 6223 yearling birds : 50-115-146-213-422-496-497-515-568

St-Vincent ' 06 provincial 675p: 1-68-98-163-177-1832

St-Vincent ' 06 intern. 5409p: 9-445-701-1159-1343



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The Grizzle Tourniers in Scotland

Theo De Kruijk from Holland.

THE FAMOUS GRIZZLE LINE OF THEO DE KRUIJK-HOLLAND



Theo owns the fantastic National winning Grizzle Family. **The Great Grizzle Daddy** is the foundation breeder of this remarkable family. He is Sire and Grandsire of more than 30 x 1st prize winners plus 3 x 1st National and many more 1st prize winners at Provincial, Combine, Federation and club level.

Theo's loft is full of multiple first prize winners and 1st National Ace pigeons.



Top birds like,

Grizzle Frans: 5 times 1st prize and Ace-pigeon federation.

Coloured One: 4 times 1st , 1st Provincial and 6th best young bird Holland

Grizzle Gert: 4 times 1st , 1st federation, 1st Combine 6946 birds

Grizzle Sixteen: 4 times 1st federation 3184 birds

Fata Morgana: 1st NPO National Race St-Quentin 4619 birds

Ashley's Wish 1st Nationaal Bovington – Steven Lapinski

Mike's Memory 1st Nationaal Bovington- Jockey Robertson

and other pigeons, make his loft world famous. In a lot of country's the pigeons of Theo perform fantastic (Holland, England, Scotland, Taiwan, China, Italy etc). Specially in China they are fond on this family. The Color of the birds is not all Grizzle, average Theo breeds one third Grizzle's. The Top grizzle birds have full brothers and sisters, even nest mates who are blue and they also fantastic birds.



Jockey Robertson Edinburgh Scotland
1st Scottish National from Maidstone 3,500 birds.

The Scottish National from Maidstone was flown on Monday this year. The bad weather again played tricks in Scotland. Lots of rain and wind was forecasted for this inland National race, where some 3,500 pigeons were basketed. With heavy rain and a strong west wind the east side was in favour.

Only the toughest birds are able to race into Scotland due to the mountainous terrain and severe changeable weather conditions.

1st Sec B, 1st Open J Robertson from Edinburgh.

Jocky Robertson timed a 3y blue cheq cock flown on the widowhood system.

Jocky says this cock has been a very consistent pigeon to him lifting the pools a few times, and also being 5th Fed Thirsk earlier in the season. The sire of the cock is a Janssen Tournier through **Theo De Kruijk of the Netherlands**, with the dam being bred by Dougie Barnes from Crossgates in Fife.



Steven Lapinski (Scotland) – 1st National Bovingdon 5,221 birds

The first National Bovingdon (Scotland) is of a Dutch origin .. A 3 year old Grizzle cock wins the National Inland Bovingdon race against 5,221 pigeons. A 3-years old Grizzle cock of the Scottish Steven Lapinski wins the famous "Scottish National Flying Club Bovingdon Inland" The pigeons were released on Saturday with a North-East wind. The distance of the proud winner Steven Lapinski was 306 miles (489 km). Steven was living in the shortest area for this race. In all newspapers we could see his picture, a dream that came true for Steven. Steven: "Happy" is not the good word for this victory .. "SUPER happy" is more like it ...

Grizzle line .. The cock, a beautiful grizzle cock comes from the origin of the **Theo De Kruijk from Maasdijk**. The father of the National winner comes from his friend Jockey Robertson from Edinburgh. Jockey bought several Janssen / Tournier line directly from **Theo De Kruijk**, The father SU 06 ML 3114 won as a 2-years old bird already a 1st prize in his club and a 17th National (2008). In 2009 this cock won two times first prize in the club and 1 x in his district. The breeder of this pigeon, Jockey Robertson was Mentioned already many times in the British Homing World (with his Provincial victorys) with his **grizzle line of Theo de Kruijk**. The mother of the winner was a gift by W. Pryde & son. The origin of this pigeon is Eddy Wright Janssen pigeons.



The National winner was raced on widowhood and won this year already two times a 2nd prize in the club. The medical guidance is made with the products of Dr.. Van der Sluis. The winner "Ashley's wish" is named after the daughter of Steven Lapinski, who always has a great interest or her father's hobby.

The new standard for the long distance races Day **Arie Dijkstra , Oudwoude (NL) 2008**

Pigeons or Jacques Tournier from Lommel as foundation

The basis of the own strain goes back to the early 70ties. A foundation Cock then was "The Bastiaans". To inbreeding offspring of this cock with the "From Lune 971 " (Tournier) pigeons were mated from William and Piter Beerda. They mostly got pigeons from the lofts of Jacques Tournier, directly and through A. van Lune, D. Postma and A. vd Hoek. Children came from their basic pigeons like "Old Belgrade" (out of daughter "Voske 5 "), **"Stork" (out of son "Othello" x "Nel")** and "The Old 40 "(Crossbreeding Tournier x Jan Aarden). A. van Lune was someone who, in the sixties, was one of the first who had Great Successes in the high north with pigeons or Jacques Tournier. Therefore in 1967 he was the National Champion Ace Cocks "Who Does It Better" and in 1968 the National Ace Champion Hens' Who Has It Better ".

One of the best breeding pairs in the seventies was the "Old Son 40 " x "The Crone" (grd. "Old Belgian"). They became for instance parents to the 1st, 6th and 10th Provincial Bergerac '81 and grandparents to the 5th National Ace Champion Hens 80 "Who Does It Better." Another foundation pair was "The Old Breeder" x "De Oude Old Strik". They became grandparents for instance to the 3th National Ace Champion Hens '89 'Who Has It Better " , 1 st Regional Ace Champion Middle Distance, 1st Regional Ace Champion Long Distance ing 22nd National Ace Champion '86' Who Has It Better".

In 1977 a daughter and in 1980, two granddaughters and "The Adjuster Cock" came from Piter Beerda. He was equally lend in 1981 for a year. "The Adjuster Cock" was a son of "Ode Bange of '59" (Janssen Brothers, Arendonk). The crossing with the old Tournier bloodline succeeded wonderful. The "Blue Link" was created this way. More then 14 Ace Champions were bred from this couple. For instance "The Big Blue" (1st Regional Champion Ace Old '88, 1st Regional Champion Ace "Natour" '84, 2nd Regional Ace Champion Middle Distance '84), "The 400 " (3rd National Ace Champion Hens '89 "Peace Dove"), "The Beautiful 51 ' (21st National Ace Champion Hens '89 "Peace Dove") and "The Old 10 ' (20th, 46th and 66th National Ace Champion Hens '87, '86 and '85, "Who Has It Better").

In the beginning of the nineties "Tiger" and "The Strik" were mated to eachother. "The Tiger" was a racer phenomenal above 500 kilometers . He won 21 times from racing 20 times better then the First 25 percent. His father was a descendant of the old Tounier bloodline. "The Strik" was Closely inbred to the old Tounier bloodline and raced as a yearling very well from Bergerac. A year later, she raced from super Ruffec, Bourgesand again Bergerac (S4 59th National against 4.165 p.). Children are "The Ooievaartje" (1st Semi Provincial Duffel 5,851 p., 1st Ace Champion Youngsters Club), "The Grey Orleanske" (1st National Orleans prov.) And foundation them "Strik". From the last two there are still nine children present on the breeding loft.

"Gandalf"

1e Kampioen Meerdaagse Fond N.I.C. '06
6e Kampioen Meerdaagse Fond Afdeling '06
1e N.I.C. Brive 137 d. (40e NPO. 3.241 d.)
2e N.I.C. Bergerac 101 d. (77e Nat. 3.432 d.)
3e N.I.C. Ruffec 93 d. (286e Nat. 3.570 d.)
6e N.I.C. Ruffec 121 d. (211e Nat. 4.133 d.)
7e N.I.C. Perigueux 98 d. (363e NPO 2.569 d.)
8e N.I.C. Ruffec 121 d. (525e Nat. 5.075 d.)



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