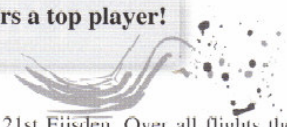


Dick Marijnissen- Netherlands. For many years a top player!

By Bart van Est.



Ask a Dutch pigeon fancier if he knows Dick Marijnissen and he shall answer: You mean the guy with his direct Jos van Limpt "Klak" pigeons. During many years namely, Dick buys yearly from the best at world-famous Jos van Limpt "Klak" in Reusel, a legend in race pigeon sport! He builds his unique collection with direct Janssen's pigeons from Arendonk- Belgium. At this moment, about 30 direct Klak pigeons are settled at the breeding loft of Dick Marijnissen. Moreover, and very important he has a lot of success with the bred of these pigeons. As well in the strong combine W&O as also in the national races Dick belongs to the champions of the race pigeon sport. He lives in the little village St Willebrord. In earlier days in this small village housed over more than 300 pigeon fanciers. Nowadays there are about hundred left. Although, let's see the positive side, very good ones! Every Dutch fancier knows in that little village fly extremely good pigeons at all disciplines. From short to long distance races. Several national race winners live there! Under such a heavy competition it's not easy to win two times the first in one race season. Dick Marijnissen is one of the fewer fanciers who did it. And more than once! He started playing with race pigeons at young age, as many among us I will say! Before his marriage with Carla his wife he was devoted to race cycling. In his village lived the very famous Wim van Est. (I'm honest he was not as good as your Lance Armstrong!) In Holland he is a legend in race cycling sport, one of his grandchildren is nowadays a good pigeon fancier. Dick Marijnissen himself makes very good results over more than thirty years. He is a very punctual pigeon fancier and always searching for very good birds with Janssen/Klak blood in the pedigree. His pigeons are well known by several pigeon fanciers in America. From Pigeon Photographer Henk Kuijlaars he heard that Vinnie Raia- New York, Brad Hoggan-Salt Lake City and John Sampson- Billerica are very satisfied with Dick's pigeons. They make very good results with descendants of them. In Dick's hometown the most prestigious champi-

1st Chantilly- 19th Chimay- 21st Eijsden. Over all flights the 968 was 6th Ace pigeon. In the combine Dick has about 200 competitors. The Blue white feather NL02- 0271970 became 7th ace pigeon short distance and 2nd Ace pigeon all races. Also a grandchild of the "Roodoger Klak", that magnificent breeder.

"Mixed Red" (NL.01- 0179763)

2nd National Orleans 2001/ 10 974 b

The National Orleans race for young birds is absolutely the most prestigious race for the newborn race pigeons. The fanciers in St Willebrord always belong to the favorites for this enormous spectacle. Weeks before the race the pigeon magazines makes prognoses who is favorite for this national race. Dick himself had in 2001 a serious competitor with his red lady "Mixed Red". This nice soft-feathered hen had already won the 16th of Creil/ 1466 birds before she was shipped to Orleans. The National Orleans race was a very tough race, hot temperature and wind blowing from the north. Father to "Mixed Red" is the 304. Dick bought this faded bird at the combination Wijnands and son. This father/ son combination belongs to the best long distance players in Europe. Father to the NL00 -1010304 is the "Vale 099", one of the most famous long distance birds in Holland/Europe. "Vale 099" was mated to daughter "Primus I" of the prominent Belgium long distance fancier Roger Florizone. The last one famous because of his tremendous Barcelona (ca 1150 km) results. Dick Marijnissen mated this faded cock to his check hen NL 99- 1066389. A direct daughter of "Roodoger Klak". (NL 91- 2660776). The last one is without doubt one of Dick's best breeders. A wonderfully build cock! This check cock is direct from Reusel, the hometown of Jos van Limpt "Klak". Father (NL82- 13424845) to "Roodoger Klak" is a grandson of "Marietje" and

with Dick's pigeons. They make very good results with descendants of them. In Dick's hometown the most prestigious championship is: 1st General Champion over all flights during the race season. (About 40 races) In 1970 Dick won this title for the first time. During the last three years the results for this title were in order 1st & 2nd and last season 7th place. The Race season 2003 was a year with serious obstacles because of the fowl plague. Finally after a few months of waiting the race season could start. Besides these troubles Dick also had three times a hospital admission. So, a year quickly to forget. Therefore the 7th place in the general championship is to be admired. The races he takes part in were very successful. Six times he became winner against an average of 400/500 pigeons. I give you some flight results of 2003.

Arlon	546 b.	2-3-8-9-14-15-16-18-31-32
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Chantilly	320 b.	3-6-7-8-11-12-14-34-35-51
Eijsden	438 b.	4-5-8-9-19-20-21-22-24-31-37-47-48
Chimay	581 b.	1-6-8-9-14-15-19-21-24-28-29-31-32-38-54
Peronne	308 b.	1-4-7-8-29-34-34-36-37-56-57

One of his best old widowers is the NL01- 2053968. A 100% "Klak" bird. In the combine Willebrord this blue cock became 4th Ace pigeon short distance with the following results:

Reusel, the hometown of Jos van Limpt "Klak". Father (NL82- 13424845) to "Roodoger Klak" is a grandson of "Marietje" and she on her turn was a super breeder at Klak. "Marietje" was one of the basic breeders from "Klak". Extremely good quality! The few fanciers who had the opportunity to buy a youngster of "Marietje" were blessed! Almost all were successful with them. "Mixed Red" has clearly taken over the race qualities of her family. By the way "Roodoger Klak" was mated to the blue hen NL97- 9780057, and that talented lady flew the 7th national Orleans and the 1st from Etampes! Spoken about race qualities! Bred out of 100% "Klak" pigeons.

After all 2001 was a very good breeding year for Dick Marijnissen. What to think of the blue cock NL01-0179755. 2nd "Golden Crack Z.N.B." and 2nd Ace Pigeon in the long distance club "Blauwe Doffer". Again a grandchild from "Roodoger Klak", in 1996 mated to "Lichte Kweckduif". A blue youngster was the result. Dick gave him the ring number NL 96- 2466706. That blue one became the father to the 755. Dick about this extremely good racer: A bird with a very good character. He has an enormous will to win and on the loft he defends his breeding place like a lion. On the flight day he always arrives from the same direction! The 755 has a very strong body, is softly feathered and has nice richly colored eyes. After the race season 2001 Dick Marijnissen gave him a place on his breeding loft. Logical after seeing the results of "De 755". He won 1st St Ghislain against 4357 b. 44th national Orleans/ 10.974 b. 5th Etampes/ 272 b. -

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3rd Morlincourt/ 363 b. - 9th Peronne/ 468 b. With this result he became 1st Ace pigeon combine W&O, 2nd Golden crack Z.N.B. and 2nd Ace Pigeon long distance of his sector Rayon II. A real champ! An uncle to him won 1st Peronne/ 1002- 12th Etampes/ 448 b and 30th Houdeng/ 1091 birds. As you can see 755 is related to a family of very good racers.

Breeding two very good racers in one year, it is the silent hope of most pigeon fanciers. Dick had this luck in 2001. (Or is it the quality of his birds?) He says, straight after the race season I had in mind to pair these two to each other. So in December as he had in thought Dick mated the 755 to "Mixed Red"? Of course he was curious what it would bring! Dick asks himself what qualities the youngsters should have. Which such two good birds mated to each other you may have expectations. What was hoped became fulfilled.

"T Asduifje" (NL02-0271955)

5th Ace pigeon combine W&O. (200 members)

This light check hen became 1st Ace pigeon over all races in the club (70 members) won in 2002 for example Houdeng 35th /1091 b, Hensies 66th / 1033 b, Creil 6th/ 689 b, Orleans 8th/ 1116 b. Very good results for this full-blooded hen. 75% "Klak" x 25% Wijnands and son. In her pedigree two times the "Roodoger Klak" as great grandfather. Believe me, the last one truly is a super breeder! At least 50/60% of Dick's birds are related to him. Already nine direct children won a first prize against at least 1100 birds. Also, before I forget to mention her, a grandchild of the "Roodoger Klak", is the blue white feather NL02- 0271970. This hen was 7th Ace Pigeon short distance en 2nd Ace Pigeon over all as young bird. Father to her is "Goede jaarling"; a blue cock bred out of the De 405 Klak and he on his turn is son of the NL94-1812778. As you now understand Dick has a deep faith in the pigeons of Jos van Limpt "Klak". He is one of the lucky fanciers who could buy a direct child of the 613. (NL89-1775613) Not so many pigeon fanciers in Holland can say this. For the matter Mr. Marijnissen has direct children out of all the best pigeons "Jos v. Limpt Klak" has on his breeding loft! Perhaps the 613 were the best racer "Klak" ever had. A super ONE! He became for example 1st Ace pigeon Z.N.B. (the whole south of the

came for example 1st Ace pigeon Z.N.B. (the whole south of the Netherlands) "613" is a direct son of the "De Knook", another world famous crack from "Klak"! As a racer he won 13 prizes in one race season. "De Knook" is bred out of two direct Janssen/ Arendonk pigeons. Dick calls his descendant of the 613 the "Schoon Blauw". She is a really nice hen with full colored eyes and a strong medium sized body. "She has a very good character especially with youngsters in her nest". Dick Marijnissen has already bred very good birds out of her! Mother (NL96-9622340) to "Schoon Blauw" is a daughter of NL92-0049525. That super bird won twice the 1st in a one-day race (La Souterraine and Montlucon) at Gebr. Borgmans/ Reusel. ("Klak" is an uncle of them). During the last years the NL96-9622340 became an important breeder at Klak's loft.

The eggs of the breeders go to the race pigeons, in any case most of them. When the youngsters are about 15/16 days Dick moves them together with the hens to the young bird loft, which is split in two parts. In this way Dick can play the new generation separated from each other. He darkens the youngsters

from beginning March till end June. He races the young ones on the door, total widowhood system. With the old birds it mostly are the widowers that must bring the results and they do that with fervor. The last years Dick pairs his birds at the end of January. By the way, he put his best race birds to his breeding loft at the age of four/five years old. The race birds will hatch the eggs of the breeders. Only from the best racers Dick keeps the youngsters. By mating the couples he always kept in mind: "you must believe in the good ones. They have the right qualities to breed a strong family". Dick doesn't like inbred, but a very good breeder is often seen in as well fathers as mother's pedigree. Mostly mated to a different hen and often against a different "Klak" line. The color of the feather must be clear and this must come back to the youngsters. After the youngsters are put on their own loft the season starts for the widowers. Before the race they never see their hen, only after the race. How long they stay together depends on the intensity of the race. After the race Dick gives the widowers his basic feed mixed with a little more barley. By entering the widowhood loft he always has peanuts in his pocket. The birds fight for it! The race pigeons will never get too much races. "Now and then they need some rest to fill the battery," Dick says. As I told you Dick uses the darken system for his young birds. This method means, keeping the wintertime till about half June. After some races Dick separates the young birds and flies them on the door. Since I use this system the young birds train much more than ever. My best performing young birds mostly belong to the better at older age. So this was in short of how Dick Marijnissen enjoy his birds. His method seems to be right for his birds as you can see by the next results of the past years.

Combine W&O (200 Members)

2nd champion short distance	2001.
6th - 7th Ace Pigeon short distance 2001.	
3rd champion long distance (one day races)	2001.
1st Ace Pigeon long distance NL99-9971468)	2001.
1st General Champion overall	2001.
1st total champion short distance young birds	2002.
2nd General champion overall	2002.
1st champion short distance	2003.
4th Ace Pigeon s.d. (NL01-2053968)	2003.
7th General champion overall	2003.

Some race results of the past years.

Etampes	657 b.	1-3-10-13-31-40-54-55	33/24 pr.
Nijvel	1971 b.	3-4-5-8-9-10-12-15-	58/27 pr.
Morlincourt	1170 b.	2-3-8-19-27-46-53-55-58	54/29 pr.
St Quentin	966 b.	1-6-9-13-20-29-30-47-48-	33/25 pr.
Creil	442 b.	1-2-3-5-8-14-18-34-36	27/18 pr.
Laon	1398 b.	1-2-6-7-11-12-15-17-20-29-34	37/33 pr.
Orleans	3762 b.	3-4-8-35-65-84-	29/17 pr.
Reims	1196 b.	1-2-5-16-20-28-35-	40/19 pr.
Creil	554 b.	1-5-6-7-10-15-25-27-28-51-56	25/18 pr.
Peronne	1603 b.	4-6-10-18020-46-53-54-57	58/36 pr.
Nijvel	937 b.	10-12-14-15-16-24-29-32-50-62-65	38/27 pr.
St Quentin	1283 b.	2-3-5-8-15-17-	37/25 pr.
Peronne	966 b.	1-11-16-21-22-29-45-61-62-64-70	58/27 pr.