



The Flandria Canucks

FLANDRIA LOFT - Ozzie VanHaverbeke

Canadian & North American Loft of the 21ST Century

Due to severe spinal injuries, Ozzie VanHaverbeke is forced to sell his ENTIRE RACING PIGEON EMPIRE

THREE CONSECUTIVE 2-WEEK AUCTIONS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 13TH 2011

on **www.choicepigeon.com** & **www.ipigeon.com**

The champions will be divided equally between Choice Pigeon & IPigeon.



Center photo:
OZZIE VANHAVERBEKE
& grandson Lance
with some of their
Flandria Canucks
team.

The Canadian home-bred, super strain of the Flandria Canucks blow away the competition, year after year, for more than two decades. Critics claim that you must introduce new blood to remain at the top, the present day Flandria Canucks, prove them wrong. Yes, Very Wrong!

Flying a tough northeast course, they leave the competition and all of the offspring of the so called world class imports in their wake. They stand out at all distances, from 100 to 1000 km, but excel at the distance races. After racing for 8 hours plus, they have the ability to recuperate instantly. Their vitality is unbelievable.

Flandria birds are medium in size with a long and soft mass of muscles,

very silky feathering, and are intelligent and alert. They do not like to be handled, that is what Piet DeWeerd claimed to be "Wringers"

Although Ozzie is not an advocate of the eye sign theory he has been told by many experts, including Nigel Cowood, of Blackpool fame that they are second to none in all categories.

A LITTLE HISTORY ON FLANDRIA LOFT, AND HOW THEY ORIGINATED

In the early fifties, being born and raised in Belgium, Omer VanHaverbeke, toured the pigeon world, in search of the best that money could buy. He was well respected by all the legends of his time. He had that canny ability to

separate the grain from the chaff. He was determined to some day develop his own strain. It is too bad he could not experience the fruit of his hard labour and pigeon knowledge. He suddenly passed away in 1985, but his legacy will live on.



OMER VANHAVERBEKE

In the spring of 1985 Ozzie, picked up the reigns and retained about 30 pairs of favourite and hand picked birds. The remainder of the flock was disposed of in two successful auctions, in Boston, and New Jersey.

THE ORIGIN

Omer, being a personal best friend of Valere Desmet-Mathys of Belgium, obtained and imported a substantial number of top quality birds, including 3 sons and 2 daughters of the world famous “Klaren” 3060539B46 “Groten Dikken” The “Capoen”, the “Genaaiden”, “Kousje” hen, etc. The nucleus of the Flandria strain is based on these famous Desmet-Mathys birds, and remains so to the present day. There was no money exchanged between Omer and Valere, the birds came free and gratis.



Bottom left is OMER VANHAVERBEKE, and standing directly behind is VALERE DESMET-MATHYS



OMER VANHAVERBEKE AND HIS DAUGHTER

In 1968 the best of Louis VanLoon birds of Poppel, Belgium, were imported. That was the era when VanLoon birds were world famous. Another famous bird, the “Deladier” of Hector Desmet, Belgium, put his stamp on the future of the strain.

Then there was a direct daughter of the most famous racer in the world, the Legendary “Gouden Bol” of Raoul Verstraete of Oostakker, Belgium, the 26000 hen, Jannsens Bros. of Aarendonk, Belgium, 3 hens from the DeBaere Bros also the best of Jan

Grondelaers, of Oglabeek, Belgium, plus many other proven champions.

In 1981 Omer made a masterful move and purchased 7 pairs of birds from the master flyer of Twello, Holland, J.B. Henriks, winner of the Barcelona and other Nationals. This was the loft that owned the Creme Dela Creme of the Jan Aardens strain. He also obtained the best of Sjef Vanwanroy loft, included were direct sons and daughters of “The Spin”, the Barcelona winner (H76-1194042) 2x 1st Dax winner, 2x 1st St Vincent (H71-482807) “the Heyden”, etc.

In 1983 Omer again obtained the same strains from J.M. Janssen and Zoon, Veendam, Holland. Most of them were Sjef Vanwanroy offspring. The original bloodlines were Alouis Stichelbaut, of Belgium. The most prominent imports were from the 90 and The “Maaskant” and the 90 and The “Westerhuis”. The 90 (63H1151390) was the most famous hen in the history of long distance racing in Holland, purchased by J.B. Hendriks. In the words of the world’s most famous Pigeon Scribe, Ad Scharlaekens, - “Simply the Best”.

NOW SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FLANDRIA CANUCKS

In the history of the C.P.R.U. Canadian Racing Pigeon Union, for the past 40 years, 210 birds qualified for the national award of Merit, which is a lifetime achievement. Of these an unbelievable 48 of them were bred and owed by Flandria Loft.

Since it’s inception in 1993, the prestigious national award of excellence, a yearly achievement award, no less then 70, (yes seventy) national champions bred and flown by



OMER VANHAVERBEKE

Flandria are on the honor list.

To substantiate Flandria Lofts' claim to be the loft of the 21st century, in the first decade from 2000 to 2009 no less than 8 out of 10 years Flandria Loft won the cover of the yearbook award, reserved for the best and highest point bird of the year (see the C.P.R.U. yearbooks).

Flandria Loft competes in a 25 active member club, and a Combine or Federation of 30 to 70 flyers.

2011, is again a banner year for Flandria's old bird team. 19 Pure 1st's club and Fed. + 5 qualified national Champions of merit and 6 qualified National Champions of Excellence. The awards will be attached to the pedigree and just remember all of these birds will be on the auction block.

The Flandria Flock is built upon super natural health, the birds are immune to most health problems, very seldom were antibiotics administered, and then only on the advice of a qualified Veterinarian. They are regularly vaccinated for Paramixo Virus, with PMV1. No other vaccines are used.

Ozzie believes in well ventilated and dry lofts, and never overcrowds any birds. He is a firm believer in old traditional methods of keeping them healthy. A 22 grain variety mixture is fed, twice a week they are administered,

on a regular basis, a mixture of raw garlic, honey and organic apple cider vinegar.

Once a week Iodine is added to the drinking water. About twice a year a treatment for canker (Emtryl is the method of choice).

Upon the return from the race, a light treatment for canker is added the drinkers. 3 drops of Ivomectin is used about 3 times per year. So as you can see, these birds are full of vigor, vitality and robust natural health.

Flandria Loft consist of a small team of widowhood racers (cock birds only) approximately 15 old birds and 10 yearlings. Ozzie believes that the nucleus of any strain is the female species, therefore the hens are only raced as youngsters. This loft is known far and wide for it's super producing hens. The stock loft houses 15 pairs of tested and proven champions.

Over a long period of time, these birds were selected and tested for their abilities and racing prowess. They are now known as the unbeatable Canucks. This is a strong closed knit family of birds (incest breeding was never practised).

The young birds are raced on the widely used darkening system, with great success. See the unbelievable results this loft has accomplished!

OZZIE'S DIGEST LOFT RECORD

2001	Div 4	5th place	YB
2002	Div 4	5th place	YB
2003	Div 4	4th place	OB
2004	3rd Grand Champion Loft	Div 4 1st place	OB
		Div 3 2nd place	YB
2005	Div 4	3rd place	OB
2006	5th Grand Champion Loft	Div 4 2nd place	OB
		Div 5 7th place	YB
2007	4th Grand Champion Loft	Div 4 6th place	OB
		Div 3 2nd place	YB
2008	Div 3	4th place	OB
2009	2nd Grand Champion Loft	Div 4 2nd place	OB
		Div 3 4th place	YB
2010	2nd Grand Champion Loft	Div 4 5th place	OB
		Div 4 2nd place	YB

Two web sites will be used to auction the entire flock - Choice Pigeon and IPigeon, & the champions divided equally between the two. The sale will be organized by matings, firstly the cock bird of each pair then his hen, followed by the latest offspring, in rotation.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2011....

Let the end of this Champion's story be the beginning of yours!!!



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If any Individual or group, intends to make multiple purchases to keep the strain intact, call Ozzie, for his advice and support.

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