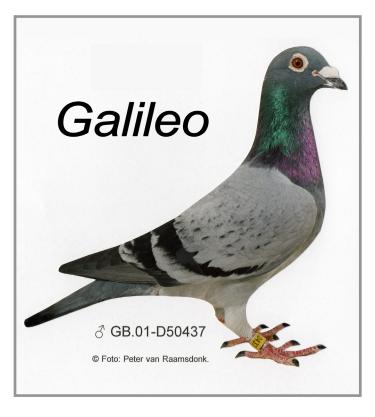
## The Young Couple





It was in the early nineties that Mike Ganus first visited Gaby Vandenabeele in Dentergem. Gaby was starting to make big headlines not only in the Provincial races of West Flanders but in the important National races.

On that first visit with Ad Schaerlaeckens he bought a two year old daughter of Gaby's great pigeon 'Picanol' that had been selected to go with a son of 'Kleinen' who was 'Picanols' father. 'Kleinen' of course would go on to produce 'Wittenbuik' and a dynasty of other great pigeons that would later achieve world renown. That two year old hen became known as 'Sissi' and that is another story altogether!

The original purchases were added to every year and grew to include ten direct from 'Kleinen', ten from 'Picanol', more than twenty from 'Wittenbuik' and many others from Gaby's latest top birds up to the present day.

All of the original purchases were shipped to America, to Mikes breeding loft in Indiana. A few years later after a severe selection, Mike selected a number of the original birds to return to Europe to the breeding loft of Peter Fox of Syndicate Lofts in North Wales.

Some of these birds were paired together and others crossed out. The

selection process continued and some remarkable birds were the result, and it was concluded that the 'Kleinen' bloodline birds could do most things asked of them from various distances and in most weather conditions.

On further visits to Belgium the name 'Kannibaal' and Van Dyke became a hot topic of conversation for fanciers in the 'know' around the Antwerp area around 1996 and 1997. This could not be ignored by Mike, Peter Fox and Peter Colijn as just the very thought of something that could possibly improve the team was enough to arrange a visit with Van Dyke and see at first hand what all of the fuss was about.

On that first visit, two things were concluded. Dirk Van Dyke and his father Louis were without any doubt the most honest and nicest men anyone could wish to meet. The second thing was 'Kannibaal' himself was not what was expected. As a yearling he won the Middle Distance Ace Pigeon Award of Belgium KBDB in 1996, but he was long necked, deep bodied, fish eyed with a couple of dropped tail flights. As he got older he filled out and became a nice bold cock, but he did not fit in with any of the traditional theories of what a good pigeon should look or feel like when he was a yearling. Despite this his father 'Rambo' was a very impressive pigeon that had won the famous Antwerp Union three times, as was 'Kannibaal's brother 'Bourges' that had finished second in the big Bourges National race against more than 40,000 entries in 2005, beaten by a whisker.

Never the less, youngsters were ordered and many other visits to Dirk Van Dyke took place, with more than twenty five children of 'Kannibaal' together with brothers and sisters finding there way to America and Snowdonia in North Wales.

On a visit just before Christmas in 2001 a selection of six youngsters was offered by Dirk to choose four that had previously been ordered. Mike picked one, Peter picked another. Then another for Mike and another for Peter. Mike persuaded Dirk to sell him a fifth one from the basket and the sixth and last one quickly followed. This last one was a small hen that still carried yellow down on her head in December. Peter decided to take her back to his breeding lofts and leave her to mature for a year or so in his aviaries. This was the best option for this little hen as she was unlikely to survive the American quarantine station at that age.

So in January she was sitting in an open aviary together with another dozen or so late bred hens that were retained to mature for the future by way of 'Survival of the Fittest'!



This was when fate took a hand and would prove a 'poke in the eye' of any reasonable theories regarding selecting successful breeding pairs.

In early March an egg was discovered smashed on the aviary floor grills that was obviously laid by the late bred blue 'Kannibaal' hen Belg 01- 6525608. She had coupled with a tiny little hen that had been bred late from a son of 'Picanol' with a daughter of 'Wittenbuik' two of the originals shipped to Peter from Mike a few years previously. The tiny little pencil blue hen GB01D50437 was cuddled up to the blue 'Kannibaal' hen in a box perch and it soon became clear that 'she' was a small cock.

As this was a cross of the new Van Dyke 'Kannibaal' bloodline with the established 'Kleinen' line, Mike wanted to try youngsters bred this way in a One Loft Race in Florida. Especially as the youngster from the 'YOUNG COUPLE' in the aviary was expected to be a small compact bird that could take the heat and headwinds that was normal conditions in the Florida races. The second egg was laid in a nest bowl while the young hen was locked in a nest box and the egg was set under a pair of feeders. The resulting youngster was rung with Mikes ring GFL02-1231 and was all set to be part of his team for the race. It would all work out well as the youngster could be shipped at the same time as another twenty youngsters for various other races and could be settled to the One Loft at up to ninety days old. The name for the young pair in the aviary also stuck and hence the 'Young Couple'.

Fate took another curious turn when the youngster was reared and turned into a big boned, double handful of a baby that would be far too big to race in the conditions as originally planned. The squeaker turned out to be a big hen and it was decided she would be entered into the Ganus-Fox team in the Europa Classic One Loft Race of 2002 in Cardiff.

GFL 02-1231 won 4th prize in the final race and won a total of £3500 in pools and prize money. She was purchased back from the auction after the race and renamed 'Lucky Charm'. A little later she was selected to couple with a new introduction to Syndicate Lofts, 'Drum' from the 'Tips' x Geschelpte Kannibaal' pair of Marijke Vink.

The first eggs from 'Lucky Charm' and 'Drum' were given to Phil and Neil Bates



Phil and Neil Bates with Darcy. Racers of the fantastic 'Foxy Pete'

the top class North Wales fanciers to be rung with Shotton Gold Rings. One of the youngsters from the eggs won 2nd prize in this prestigious race that took place from Picauville on a really hard day and was later named 'Foxy Pete'.

As a yearling he went on to win 2nd prize in the Chester 2 Bird Club race from Lessay and then went on to win 1st Portland 350 birds, 1st Wrexham Federation 3500 birds - 1st Frome 342 birds, 3rd Fed 3312 birds - 1st Eastbourne 337 birds, 7th Fed 3112 birds - 2nd Frome, 6th Fed 3300 birds, 3rd Poole, 20th Fed 2985 birds, 3rd Fourges, 12th Fed 1510 birds. Three children from 'Foxy Pete' won 10th prize Chester 2 Bird Club Littlehampton, 1st West Bay 320 birds, 6th Fed 2800 birds- 1st Chepstow 330 birds, 21st Fed 3400 birds- 2nd Frome 307 birds, 12th Fed 2980 birds plus a further 2 first club prizes from Chepstow.

George Macaloney and Son from Coatbridge in Scotland also have a son of 'Lucky Charm' when she was paired to 'Hannibaal' that was another one of the six youngsters purchased from Dirk Van Dyke in December 2001. This son bred them SU05-693 that won 1st Lanarkshire Federation from Kelso against 9151 birds.

They were later gifted another daughter of the 'Young Couple' therefore a sister to 'Lucky Charm' by their good friend George Lawrence of the Wirral. This hen GB02S58546 was named 'Georgina' and bred for them 1st Otterburn 2195 birds, 1st Otterburn 5174 birds, 1st Newark 5198 birds, 1st Otterburn 7491 birds, 1st Hexham 8593 birds, 1st Hexham 8944 birds, 4th Kelso 7332 birds, 4th Lancaster 2245 birds, 14th Kelso 7081 birds and also became the grand mother to 'Dura' raced by Alex Blyth to win 1st West Section S.N.F.C. Eastbourne 2011.

Another daughter of 'Lucky Charm' this time paired to 'Zabel' another son of 'Kannibaal', bred the 1st Section G, 21st Open BBC Old Hens National from Lamballe, then she won 6th Section G, 77th Open BBC National from Poitiers, then in 2010 this same hen in only the sixth race of her life won 1st Open NFC Saintes National against 3486 birds on another tough day for Mr and Mrs Higginbottom of Sandhurst.

Mr and Mrs Rogers from the Wirral bought a daughter of 'Lucky Charm' when paired to a son of 'Mascotte' at the Chester 2B auction in 2007. She bred the 1st prize winner in the Shotton Gold Ring Race from Eastbourne winning over £1100 a year later.

A full brother to Mr and Mrs Rogers hen from 'Lucky Charm' x 'Son Mascotte' bred 1st German Open One Loft Race in 2009 for the Scottish fancier Mr Alistair Hogg.

So 'Lucky Charm' was the first one



Mr and Mrs Froggatt the breeder and racers of 'Gale Force'

bred from the 'Young Couple' that had paired themselves together in the aviary.

Another two daughters from the 'Young Couple' bred in their first year were entered in the Sun City Million Dollar Race in 2002. 'Elegance' GB02S58401 won 1st U.K. 243 birds,-2nd International 1690 birds in one of the races and her nest sister GB02S58400 'Mistress' won 1st U.K. 3rd International Hot Spot Ace Pigeon and 1st U.K. 2nd International Knock Out Competition against 1205 birds. She also won 6th U.K. 62nd International in the final race against 1632 birds from a distance of 632 k.m. (Approx 400 miles) flying over 11 hours on the wing in a 100 plus degree heat.. After the race she was purchased by Mr.Tibor Szaray from Hungary and bred him HU04-0202351 that won him the 1st Ace Pigeon in the Albatross One Loft Race, Hungary 2004 winning a car.

Another nest pair from the 'Young Couple' were gifted to and raced by the famous fanciers Mr. and Mrs. G.W.Kirkland. One of them GB02S58330 won 1st Poole 222 birds, 2nd Salisbury 165 birds, 3rd Kempsey 112 birds and the nest mate GB02S58329 won 1st Salisbury 165 birds, 1st Salisbury 3B club, 2nd Poole 222 birds, 3rd Cheltenham 96 birds and 1st Cheltenham 122 birds.

Another son of the 'Young Couple' GB02S58467 owned by Mr. Tom Shaw and Son from Stoke on Trent, bred his GB03-362 winner of 1st Section, 7th Open Midlands Championship Club from Picauville, 8th North Staffs Fed Wincanton 5235 birds, 8th Fed Cheltenham 7598 birds, 3rd Fed Picauville 3460 birds. She won a total of £2647 racing. Her nest brother "361" won 1st Club and 9th Fed Wincanton against 6085 birds. This cock has continued year

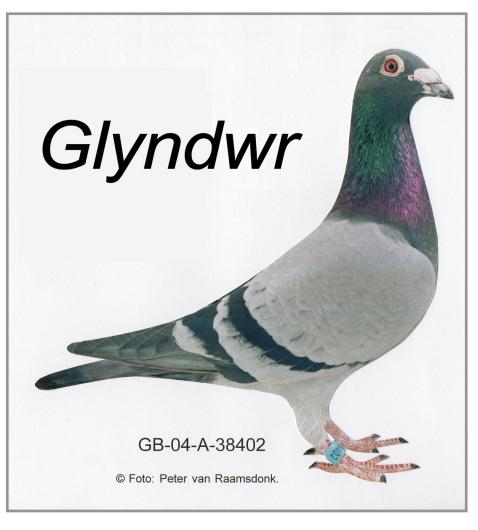
after year to produce winners at the very top in the very best competition.

Mr and Mrs Len Hopton from Wednesbury had a son in the following year. GB03C53845 bred 1st club, 2nd Worcester Fed against almost 3867 birds in his first nest.

Bob French of the French Connection Lofts of Arizona, purchased GB03C53777 'Lucky 7's' a direct son of the 'Young Couple' by auction at the Blackpool Show in January 2004. He was shipped back to America and bred many winners for the French family including the first prize winner in the 2005 Las Vegas Classic Race.

Mr and Mrs Froggatt of Abbots Bromley have a remarkable record in National and Classic racing going back many years. They own a really top breeding hen in GB03C53741 a daughter of the 'Young Couple'. She has bred them "winners, one after the other" since 2004. In 2008 her good racing son 'Galeforce' won 1st Section I in the NFC race from Alencon considered the best result in the Midlands due to the wind direction and strength. Also in 2008, his full sister won 2nd Section I in the NFC race from Fourges. She was beaten on a decimal, and also won the Yearling Championship over 300 miles. Another brother to 'Galeforce' bred the winner of the Coalville and District S.R.H.S. 2008 Breeder/ Buyer race from Portland. Bred by Mr and Mrs Froggatt and raced by Mr and Mrs J.Dodd.

In 2004 a young cock GB04A38402 was bred and he was raced at the Syndicate Lofts partnership racing loft in Nieuwendijk, Holland. He was later named 'Glyndwr' after the legendry Welsh hero when he won 1st Ace Young Bird Long Distance in the Union de Baronie Combine that had over 1000 competing



members at the time. He won 1st Etampes 459 birds, 7th Fed 1354 birds, 20th Combine 4396 birds - 2nd Hensies 707 birds, 24th Fed 2834 birds, 41st Combine 9565 birds - 2nd Creil 602 birds, 15th Fed 2323 birds, 23rd Combine 7723 birds - 2nd Houdeng 692 birds, 6th Fed 3179 birds, 22nd Combine 9535 birds - 6th Houdeng 735 birds, 6th Fed 3030 birds, 8th Combine 10,315 birds - 98th National NPO Etampes 17,724 birds - 116th National NPO Orleans 9001 birds - 311th National NPO Etampes 13,401birds. In 2005 "Glyndwr" bred NL05-1547849 and he won 1st Pithiviers 420 birds, 4th Combine 8931 birds, 8th Combine Brabant 2000 against 36,249 birds -12th Creil 1705 birds - 12th St. Quentin 2303 birds 28th Combine 7724 birds.

In 2004 a nest pair were bred from the 'Young Couple'. The hen GB04J76528 'Greta' was retained by Syndicate Lofts and when paired to a Pieter Veenstra cock she bred GB06L27654 that won 3rd prize in the Channel Challenge One Loft Race 2006 winning £3500. With another cock 'Passendale' a son of 'Keizer' of A and H Reynaert she bred NL08-1679198 the winner of 1st Ace Middle Distance Pigeon of the Combine as a yearling against over a thousand members.

The nest brother of 'Greta' was GB04J76529 and he was gifted to Geoffery Douglas of Lurgan, Northern Ireland where he bred GB06-010 flown in the Northern Ireland Chanel Federation which is a 3 bird limit club and won 1st Tullamore 629 birds, 36th Open N.I.P.A. 5607 birds - 1st Thurles 747 birds, 24th Open N.I.P.A. 12,229 birds - 1st Five Bird Limit Club Mallow, 7th Open N.I.P.A 534 members sending 2272 birds - 1st Section E 103 members sending 466 birds winning £230. Another bred from the same cock GB07-146 also won 2nd prize Portadown Breeder Buyer Race winning £400.

Another son of GB04J76529 is GB08X37078 and he was the father of a pair of nest mates in 2009 taht were raced by Geoffery. One of them GB09X37024 is 'Foxy Jack' and he won 1st Section E 914 birds, 1st NIPA Rosscarberry Young Bird National 4399 birds in 2009 and also 58th I.N.F.C. Young Bird National Skibbereen 3118 birds. His nest sister won 15th I.N.F.C. Penzance Young Bird National 2120 birds in 2009 as a youngster.

Barclay McCrindle and Son from Glasgow, Scotland own GB05T29870 a direct son of the 'Young Couple'. This cock was gifted to them as a youngster to couple with a daughter of 'Atilla' that they had purchased earlier in the season. This father and son partnership coupled them together and formed 'The McCrindle Pair' that bred for them a whole legion of winning children and over the following four years the pair bred them 15 first prize winners in the Glasgow Federation

and 3 section winners in the S.N.R.P.C. This did not include duplications and was from various distances up to Ypres. These were raced as old birds, yearlings and youngsters, and they could safely be claimed as a good pair especially as the loft location was in the far west of the radius. Some of the star performers from the pair including a son that won 1st Cockenzie 698 birds,3rd Otterburn 456 birds.4th Cockenzie 1149 birds.4th Kelso 989 birds,5th Otterburn 407 birds, 9th Kelso 871 birds,11th Otterburn 801 birds. A daughter won 1st Kelso 511 birds, 2nd Otterburn 407 birds,2nd Catterick 380 birds,3rd Cockenzie 698 birds,5th Kelso 989 birds, 10th Otterburn 801 birds, 12th Kelso 871 birds and another direct son won 1st Cockenzie 1149 birds,4th Otterburn 407 birds,4th Otterburn 456 birds,4th Caterick 721 birds,11th Kelso 871 birds.

This couple were then loaned by Barclay and his father to lan Gibb and son Peter in Northern Ireland where they bredin their first season the winner of 1st Open N.I.P.A. from Roscrea against 27,087birds and the year after another son won 1st Clonmel 2506 birds and 2nd N.I.P.A. against 20,559 birds. What a pair!!

GB05R23131 is a daughter of the 'Young Couple' owned by Mr and Mrs J.Ashfield and Son of Birmingham and purchased by them at the Rhonfried auction in Birmingham. She bred for them GB06-148 winner of 6th prize in the Vanrobayes Gold Ring Classic 2006. She won a total of £1830 and 1st in the Vanrobayes Grand Prize to win a 15 night Caribbean Cruise worth over £3000. The following weekend she won 12th Open in the Midlands Championship Clubs race from Portland. In 2007 a



Van der Kruk and Son of Tiel, winners of 1st NPO Mantes La Jolie with 'Azziz' against 18,406 birds.

full sister GB07-115 won 22nd prize in the Vanrobayes Gold Ring Classic.

It was also in 2005 that GB05T29602 was bred from the 'Young Couple' that would become known as 'Kannibaal King' and was once again raced in the partnerships loft in Nieuwendijk where he became 1st Ace Young Bird in the Union de Baronie Long Distance 2005 competing against over 1000 members. So this made it the 'Double' as his full brother 'Glyndwr' had won the same award the year previously.

'Kannibaal King' also won 1st Ace Young Bird Sprint in the CC Altena & Raamsdonkveer Federation against 260 members and as a yearling he won 2nd Ace Pigeon Sprint again in the Union de Baronie. His prizes were 1st Harchies 405 birds,1st Fed 5609 birds, 1st Combine Brabant 2000 against 24,855 birds - 1st Creil 494 birds,1st Fed 1705 birds, 2nd Combine 5540 birds - 1st La Souterainne 429 birds , 2nd Section 2003 birds ,10th National NPO 8997 birds - 1st Sens 451birds, 1st Fed 1875 birds - 5th St.Quentin 2303 birds, 8th Combine 7724 birds - 14th Etampes 1329 birds - 15th Blois 475 birds - 20th Nijvel 2070 birds. 'Kannibaal King' was retired from racing as a yearling. His results were achieved from 80 k.m. To 700 k.m. in all weather conditions.

The first youngster raced from 'Kannibaal King' was NL06-0751371 Lady King' the winner of 1st Pithiviers 858 birds,14th National NPO 12,842 birds - 7th Pommeroeul 1796 birds - 11th Chantilly 5155 birds - 11th Harchies 6997 birds - 19th St.Quentin 6162 birds - 19th Morlincort 5967 birds.

In 2007 it was decided by the partnership to reduce the substantially in Nieuwendijk as Peter Colijn intended to knock down and rebuild his house and relocate the lofts from his fathers garden to his own. Obviously this would disrupt the racing for a while, however due to Peter Colijns fathers declining health around the pigeons it was important to complete these plans as soon as possible. Jan Hermans of 'De Duif' was engaged to arrange the auction and a date of 15th December 2007 was set. The sales room at the 'Buitenlust' in Rijsbergen, Holland was filled to capacity and the birds on offer sold for almost 200,000 Euro with the principle pigeons going to some top class fanciers. The 'Kannibaal King' was knocked down to the world famous Ludo Claessens for over 20,000 Euro. The underbidder was Kees Bosua and Gaby Vandenabeele and Co Verbree also gave substantial bids to own this super cock that could win at long or short distances in any weather conditions.

Ludo raced at the time in Putte a club that was part of the Brabant 2000 Combine and he had raced against 'Kannibaal King' for two years although in a different section. In his own meticulous way, he conducted a 'Post Mortem' of every race whether he won or not, to establish in his own mind where the best birds were racing taking into account wind direction, drag and many other criteria. He judged his own team performances very strictly and this led him to want to own the 'Kannibaal King' if the opportunity ever arose. On the 15th December 2007 that opportunity did arise and he paid a big price to get him.

It was not to be a long ownership as in February of the following year, Ludo's loft was broken into by thieves and 'Kannibaal King' was taken. He had only bred two youngsters from the cock and this was one of the major resons that Ludo decided to finish with the sport at the end of that season. The whole incident and intrusion had taken the enthusiasm away from one of the sports greatest ever fanciers. It was small comfort to him that of the two youngsters he bred, one of them NL08-3821969 'Smart' was 3 times in the top 1% of her Provincial races and was Ludo's first nominated points bird to win him 1st Provincial Champion Young Bird and 2nd Dutch NPO National Champion Young Bird. She later sold to China in his clearance auction on PIPA for over 10,000 Euro.

Syndicate Lofts retained a number of direct children of 'Kannibaal King' before the sale and they have without exception proven to be 'Gold Mines'.

The story of the success with offspring of the 'Young Couple' continued without any let up with GB06L27602 another

direct son raced in Nieuwendijk. He won 1st Chantilly 452 birds, 3rd Fed 1497 birds, 20th Combine 4901 birds - 3rd Orleans 530 birds, 4th Fed 1953 birds, 22nd National NPO 8322 birds, 13th Harchies 2064 birds and his nest sister GB06L27603 won 4th Pitiviers 858 birds,13th Fed 3164 birds, 45th National NPO 12,842 birds - 5th Creil 1728 birds, 9th Combine 7259 birds - 8th Strombeek 2272 birds,10th Combine 6927 birds - 13th Orleans 749 birds, 117th National NPO 11,390 birds.

In 2007 another son of the 'Young Couple' was raced in Nieuwendijk NL07-3762602 now called 'The Young King'. He won 2nd Orleans 297 birds, 2nd Fed 971 birds, 3rd Section 3288 birds, 3rd National NPO against 14,014 birds, then two weeks later he won 1st Orleans 139 birds, 2nd Fed 540 birds, 4th Section 1861 birds, 21st National NPO against 9003 birds. Both races flown as a youngster from over 300 miles into a headwind. He has developed into one of Syndicate Lofts best breeders have fathered five different winners in three years in the breeding loft.

Another fantastic daughter of the 'Young Couple' is NL08-3857202 that was a consistent performer as a young bird and yearling then in a three week period as a two year old she won 1st Bourges 134 birds, 21st Section 2245 birds, 86th National NPO against 10,590 birds. The week after she won 1st Mantes La Jolie 261 birds, 3rd Section 4352 birds, 15th National NPO 16,508 birds. Then the week after she won 21st Argenton, 39th Section 1804 birds, 97th

National NPO 8310 birds. That is three races in three weeks all over 400 miles and scoring an early prize in them all.

Maurice Van Der Kruk from Tiel in Holland won 1st National NPO Mantes la Jolie in Afdeling 7 against 18,406 birds, in May 2010. The race was a very tough affair into headwinds and showers that resulted in around 50% day returns and very slow and erratic returns the next day. The winner was 'Azziz' a two year old pencil blue hen and a previous winner from Epehy, Strombeek and Nanteuil, so a really good hen. The mother of 'Azziz' is '14 Karat' a super breeding daughter of the 'Young Couple' that Maurice bought at Syndicate Lofts Blackpool auction in 2006. Her first youngster raced was 'Brenda' bred in 2007. She won 1st Pommeroeul against 348 birds and a stack of other prizes.

Another son of '14 Karat' is 'Boris', also bred in 2007 and he won 17 prizes in the OLV club in Tiel as a young bird and yearling. In 2008 'Boris' bred two youngsters for racing and one became 'Obama' a cock that scored a 100% record winning 8 top prizes in 8 races as a youngster and became the 1st Ace Young Bird of the Federation CCG 9 against 350 members and 1st Ace Young Bird of the massive Afdeling 7. As a yearling he then won 4th National NPO Salbris in 2009 against 8250 birds and then as a two year old in 2010 the 1st Ace Pigeon Short Distance Afdeling 7. He won a total of 7 first prizes in his racing career.

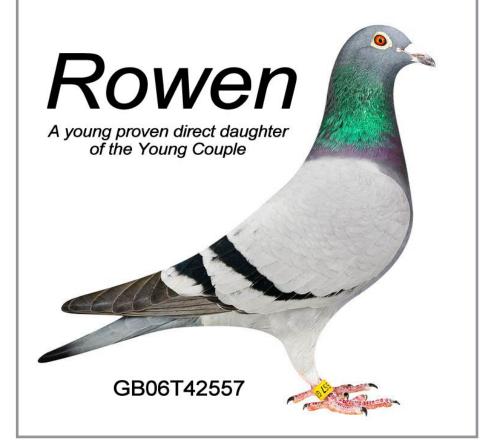
It is not only the numbers of entries that makes Afdeling 7 one of the strongest and hardest to win but also the quality of the fanciers that compete in this area, for example Jan Hooymans, Comb.Verbree, Jos De Ridder and many more big names.

The results achieved by the offspring of the 'Young Couple' have maintained a very high level up to the present day, and into the fifth and sixth generation.

Some of the latest results were achieved with GB08L24518 'Devil Woman' a direct daughter of the 'Young Couple' that won 2nd UK and 50th International Overall Ace Pigeon over all 20 races in the 2009 Sun City Million Dollar Race against more than 4000 entries.

'Rowen' GB06T42557 another direct daughter of the 'Young Couple' bred the mother of the 5th prize winner in the RPRA One Loft Race in 2009 for The Wombles Syndicate winning £4000. 'Rowen' also bred the 'Welsh Figo' of Paul Bamford, the father of 'Super Bamf' the winner of 4th prize in the Europa Classic One Loft Race in 2009 winning over £4000. In the 2010 Europa Classic One Loft Race 'Welsh Figo' bred the 7th and 9th prize winners and the 'Super Bamf' bred the 19th and 25th prize winners in the same race.

For Mark Gilbert maybe the best fancier in Europe, 'Rowen' also bred a super breeding hen the mother of his 3rd



NFC Fourges 2011...13th and 15th NFC Cholet (1st & 2nd Section) 2011...10th and 39th Open in the two NFC Young Bird Nationals in 2010 with the same pigeon 1333 that had also won the 'Mad Hatters' Open race from Guernsey.

'Rowen' also bred 'Bandit' the father of 'Emerald Ace' GB11L36129 the winner of 1st Ace Pigeon in the Emerald Classic One Loft Race 2011 for Syndicate Lofts. He was 17 minutes clear of the runner up!

'Golan' GB07L02317 is another direct son of the 'Young Couple' and he is the father of 69th International Sun City Million Dollar Race 3155 birds, 87th National NPO Sezanne 16,026 birds, 1st Pommeroeul 444 birds, 1st Federation 2183 birds, 1st Combine 7631 birds - 1st Creil 395 birds, 2nd Federation 1839 birds, 10th Combine 25,960 birds, 1st Creil 285 birds, 1st Federation 1073 birds, 23rd Combine 3892 birds - 4th St.Quentin 432 birds, 45th Combine 6350 birds -2nd Pomeroeul 285 birds, 2nd Federation 1072 birds, 3rd Combine 4502 birds, 2nd St.Quentin 540 birds, 13th Combine 6626 birds.

'Khan' GB08L24899 another son bred the 1st prize 140 mile Hot Spot winner in the South West One Loft Race.

'Frankel' GB08L24724 another direct son bred GB11L36067 the 350 mile winner of the Hall of Fame Trophy Race 350 mile winner in South Carolina, U.S.A. in December 2011.

Sadly in August 2009, 'Galileo' died much too soon. He did however leave behind a good number of children with different hens to continue the Dynasty.

So we all need a little luck to find the exceptional breeders and the 'Young Couple' certainly had a lucky start. The rest is history.



