

ACE OF THE SHOW

Proud owners, top animals and striking breed products

Part 2



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42th Pluiske Show – Dessel, Belgium 27 and 28 September 2014

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Each year traditionally many fanciers from all over Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany come to the annual 'Pluiske Show' of the Poultry Club Witgoor in Dessel. Although the show is very early in the show season, we usually have fine selections of top animals in the cages. For instance, this year a superb collection of Belgian Hares entered by Leo Vervecken and his grandson Mathias; of their 15 entered hares, 12 were awarded 96 or even 97 points! Another impressive collection were the utmost perfectly conditioned Muffed Saxon Shield pigeons in various colours of Louis Verelst.

PIGEONS



Dessel is located in the North of the province of Antwerp, and Antwerp is known for its Top Pigeon Breeders! Known breeders as Karel Verdonck (Genuine Homer), Louis Verelst (Muffed Saxon Shield), Guy Roefs (Giant Homer), Karel Minnen (Ghent Cropper), René Diels (Lahore, Helmet and King) en Jozef Bossaerts (Antwerp Smerle), entered their birds, each and everyone being a top animal. The Winner was a perfect ash red chequered cock by Guy Roefs. A nice collection Figurita Owls, Best of Breed winner Jeff Bols, completed this section.

Left: Giant Homer, ash red chequered. Best cock of foreign breeds. Owner: Guy Roefs.

**Right: Giant Homer, ash yellow barred.
Owner: Guy Roefs.**

**Below: Ghent Cropper, white, hen.
Best Hen of Belgian breeds.
Owner: Karel Minnen.**



**Right: Best Hen of Belgian breeds,
Antwerp Smerle. Owner: Jozef
Bosschaerts.**

**Below, right: Antwerp Smerle, red.
Owner: Jozef Bosschaerts.**

**Below, left: Best Hen foreign breeds,
Saxon Shield, muffed.
Owner: Louis Verelst.**





Above: Belgian Highflyer.
Owner: Linda Guns.

Right: Belgian Show Homer.
Owner: Hubert Monissen.

Below: Dutch Helmet.
Owner: René Diels.

Below: Belgian Tumbler.
Owner: Linda Guns.



Right: Italian Owl.
Owner: Leon Zegers.





Above: Figurita-Valencian Frill. Owner: Jeff Bols.



Left: King. Owner: René Diels.
Below: Lahore. Owner: René Diels.



Below Left: Altenburg Trumpeter.
Owner: Erwin Haemhouts.



Below: Head study Antwerp Smerle.





Left: Genuine Homer.
Owner: Karel Verdonck.



Right: German Modena.
Owner: Marina Mostmans.

LARGE FOWL AND BANTAMS

Pity the number of Bearded bantams has diminished in recent years. This used to be different in the past. Hopefully next year more Bearded bantams will fill the cages. Although it is early in the season, the fans know to bring some beautiful animals. Just think of the Silkie bantams by Jurgen Coninckx, or the Sebright and Rosecomb bantams of Roger Struyf. Or what about Joseph Vingerhoets (NL) who participated in four breeds and 4x won Best of Breed its name. Aces of the Show in the Bantam Section were the white Wyandotte bantam pullet by Johan Blockx and the black breasted red Mod. English Bantam Game cockerel by Pierre Huijbers. In the large fowl section, a Tuzo by Klaas Ooms, a Brahma by Geert Geudens and an Australorp by Joseph Vingerhoets competed for Champion. The judge had, moreover, considerable work to the class of Australorps, because here was only top quality! Eventually the Brahma won the highest honour.



Left: Brahma hen, white black columbia.
Owner: Geert Geudens.



Right: Australorp hen.
Owner: Jozef Vingerhoets.



Left: Tuzo cockerel. Owner: Klaas Ooms.

Below: Mod. English Game bantam cockerel. Owner: Pierre Huijbers.



Left: Wyandotte bantam pullet, white. Owner: Johan Blockx.



Right: Bassette cockerel, lavender quail. Owner: Rudi & Linda Wijnants.

Below, right: Freddy Hannes, Best Cochin bantam (Pekin).

Below: Best of Belgian breeds, Brakel pullet. Owner: Pieter Wouters.





Left: Antwerp Bearded bantam pullet, quail.
Owner: Paul Bleux.

Below: Rosecomb bantam pullet, birchen.
Owner: Roger Struyf.



Below: Sebright pullet. Owner: Roger Struyf.



Below: Sussex bantam pullet, silver.
Owner: Niels van Ginneken.



Below: Bearded Silky bantam, black.
Owner: Tim Fahner.



Below: Right: Phoenix bantam cockerel.
Owner: Paul Ooms.



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In the 'fur' section the honour of winning Best of the middle size rabbit breed was for Michel Jansen with his Holland Lop. Willy Kreydt enjoyed the same honour at the small breeds with his Stone Rabbit. Absolute Top animals were the Flemish giant of Sus and Agnes Wouters-Miechielsen and the white (with red eyes) Dwarf Hare of Mathias Vervecken. His grandfather Leo showed a wonderful collection of Belgian Hares. Within the group of guinea pigs, there was a varying quality, with beautiful animals by Robert Rennen and Axl Moonen. All Champions and vice-champions were presented with a wonderful keepsake at the end of the show.

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