

Keizer



Every once in a while, a truly special pigeon comes along, and Keizer is such a pigeon "Keizer" was bred and flown by Leo Van Rijn, one of the best in Holland. Keizer was a brilliant racer, winning three separate races. In these, he was the fastest of between 20,000 and 23,000 birds.

He is a pigeon with a great winning tradition. His full brother, King, was National ACE Pigeon, Middle Distance of Holland. His full sister, Hertogin, bred first Olympiad pigeon for Herbots of Belgium. Leo says Keizer is from the Merckx line and we do find the Oude Merckx in the pedigree twice. After his racing career he became a super breeder for Van Rijn. Leo filled his stock loft

with direct children of Keizer. In the winter of 1985, we acquired Keizer. The first youngsters we bred from him were in 1986. He immediately had an impact breeding numerous top breeders. The only youngster we flew from Keizer was "Keizer 166". He became a super star racer and an unbelievable breeder. Today we consider Keizer 166 our best breeding son of Keizer.

Throughout the following pages you can see the unbelievable results obtained from the Keizer pigeons. When we have put the Keizer pigeons back to the Oude Merckx lines, it has produced fantastic results.

The last youngsters bred from Keizer were in 1989 and in 1990 we returned him to Leo Van Rijn to live out his life. I saw Keizer this year in 2003 and he is alive and well at 15 years old.

You can be sure the Keizer tradition will live on at CBS.

