

Impressive Pedigrees & Great Day for South Africa in the 22nd South African Million Dollar Pigeon Race






By Thomas Smit

The 22nd main race of the annual South African Million Dollar Pigeon Race biggest pigeon race in the world held on the 3rd of Feb 2018, at an entry fee of \$1,000 per pigeon. The pigeons were entered for the initial homing and subsequent training phase since May last year at the Loft Complex at Heron Banks Golf and River estate, on the Free State bank of the Vaal River. A South African Racing Pigeon stole the show as well as a huge chunk of the prize money in winning the final race!

\$200,000 cash prize money for the pigeon called: 'MIX', a Winner on a Mission

With an almost 18 minute break-away from the rest of the field and wasting no time to enter the loft at arrival, 'Mix, entered by Gigi Gaddin & Charl Stander (Club Sonskyn), painted a picture of a missile on a mission. I am convinced this fine Blue Cheque Pied Racing Pigeon Hen knew herself she was the winning pigeon!

The top 5 positions of the 2018 SAMDPR Final race

Country Flag	Position & Country	Pigeon Name & Entrant	Velocity in Meters Per Min	Prize Money
	1e SA	'Mix' Gigi Gaddin & Charl Stander (Club Sonskyn)	1051.374 m/m	\$200,000
	2e Kuwait	'Watri 2' Al-Watri Lofts	1015.494 m/m	\$125,000
	3e USA	'Kleine Blue' Neighbourhood Bullies	1010.274 m/m	\$75,000
	4e Kuwait	'Saad' Ahmad S Al-Juwaisri	1009.926 m/m	\$50,000
	5e Ireland	'JUNIOR 2' Donnelly and Kirkwood	1000.692 m/m	\$35,000

A Great Day for South Africa

Besides winning the final race South Africa scored the following top 50 positions against +- 38 participating Countries:

- (1) Gigi Gaddin & Charl Stander (Club Sonskyn)
- (8) Triple J Lofts (Jurie Erwee & Son)
- (11) Club Benoni Homing Society (Gert de Necker + Joe Gomes)
- (13) FW Munnik
- (22) Gaddin Bros + Charl Stander
- (25) G De Necker + J Gomes
- (39) (Unofficial unpaid reserve pigeon) - AJB Lofts AJ van Tonder

(40) Club Stellenberg Klub Cheetah Lofts –Bred by Hendrik Kotze

(45) Dirk Grobler

Zandy Meyer Car Memorial Car Nomination Winner


At an additional \$1000 fee fanciers could choose to compete for a brand new Merc SLK which was won by the pigeon 'JUNIOR 2' entered by Karl Donnelly from Ireland

	Country Ireland	Syndicate Donnelly and Kirkwood	Bred By Karl Donnelly	Color and Sex Blue Bar Cock
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The Car Race Averages Champion pigeon that was the most consistent during the 5 Hot Spot cares races was the Belgium pigeon 'Blue Jenske' (Triple J Lofts Loft from SA was 4th in the category)

 1e	Country Belgium	Syndicate Van Kerckhove - Vercauteren	Bred By Ignace Vercauteren	Color and Sex Blue Bar Hen
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The Samdpr 2018 Grand Averages Champion pigeon that scored the most consistently during the pre-final training program and final race combined was entered in the Partnership of Pieter Veenstra from Holland & Hsu Ho Chen from China – it was bred by Veenstra.

Pos	Name
 1	'Return Flojo' <i>Veenstra - Hsu Ho Chen</i>

The role-model the strain makers follow in the world of pigeon racing: - super health, extra-ordinary direction finding ability, the will to win, staying power, superb heart and muscle quality, ideal wing structure and body conformation – and early maturity- the complete genetic package! Once again the Samdpr known as the Tour de France of pigeon racing provided the outcome of the breeding strategy of participants around the world. Apart from the fact that the front-flying pigeons count amongst the fittest on the final day – pigeon breeders are being challenged with the question whether the mix of the genetic raw material they used, were good enough? The dreams of some are realized and others have to get back to the drawing-board. However, with some exception, the names of most of the big guns were again on the scoreboard. The names of a few new kids on the block also brought a few surprises to the results sheet.

The genetic profile of 'Mix' re-writes and combines the Mega-Performance Pedigree History of the work of the strain-makers into one solid gold package! Amongst the Break-away winners in her family are the Tony Dominques **Fabry hen** that flew back from Portugal to Pretoria plus numerous head-wind achievers in tough race conditions.

There are 15 One Day Loft winners, and over a **100 Samdpr Money Prize Positions** in the near Kin Pedigree of 'Mix' - besides 1000's of Top Scores Worldwide from the key birds in her genetic formation!

The Sire of Mix is: **'Boeing Doring1'** scored 36e Final Samdpr 2016 bred from **'Aces Bosman'** 35e Final Samdpr 2007 (**Super Crack Crusson/ Fabry**) when mated to ZA Lim 2527-11 bred for stock of **'Kensal Green'** 118e Final Samdpr 2010 (Full Br. of **'Hawk Talk'** 16e Final Samdpr 2010) (**Hebberecht/ Koopman**) the dam of ZA LIM 2527/11 is **'Hatatitla'** 123e Final Samdpr 2011 mainly **Janssen base** bred by Wilhelm Stoll.

The Dam of 'Mix' is: ZA NIN 0801/16 of **'Luke Donald'** 3e Final Samdpr 2012 (bred by Ruediger Schoenau) Line-bred **George Oswald Van Loon** foundation. The Dam of 0801/16 is ZA YSC LIM 6850/14 **Winner** - Dinokeng International Pigeon race. The Sire of 6850/14 is **'Der Pate'** Full Br to the Sire of **'Luke Donald'** George Oswald Van Loon foundation The Dam of 6850/14 is ZA NRU 2078/12 bred of a Gr.Son of **Bjarne** mated to a Dght of **'Bjarne'** from **Gerhard Koopman** extra-ordinary breeder Son of **'Den Dromer' De Rauw-Sablon/ Marcel Aelbrecht**
