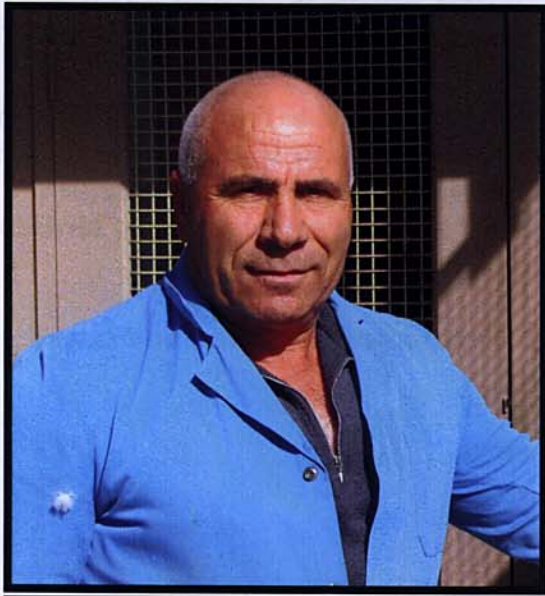


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Mike...What is the breeding of your Bird of the Year?

Fred...The Dam was a Doug Green Hen, the Sire was a Vandenebee Cock who is known as the Little Boy Family.

Mike...What were her Association places?

Fred...She was 4th Assoc from Booorban and 10th Assoc from Coleambally.

Mike...What races did she have leading up to her placings?

Fred...She flew both Ouyens leading up to the Derby, then she went to Coleambally, I mainly fly my birds every 4 weeks, but she had trouble with her flights, so that's why she had a long break between races.

Mike...What family of birds do you mainly keep?

Fred...My main pigeons are the Wickams crossed with the Dewerts, which are what I mainly clock.

Mike...How much loft flying do your birds do each day?

Fred...The maximum I like them to fly each morning is 1 hour – I don't like them

to fly any longer, otherwise they leave everything around the loft. I only fly my birds once a day.

Mike...How often do you road train?

Fred...I mostly toss twice a week, a long toss on Friday or the weekend, then a short one on Tuesday or Wednesday only 40 or 50 km.

Mike...Do you toss over the hills?

Fred...Firstly I toss North to educate my birds, then my main tosses of which are about 75% over the hills, sometimes I toss on my own and sometimes with others. When I toss my birds I toss everything, I don't leave anything at home, I believe in educating even my North birds over the hills.

Mike...Do you use a medication program?

Fred...I only worm my birds before the season starts, I don't use any other medicines, if the birds get sick they are out, but I do change the water twice every day.

Mike...What feeding pattern do you follow?

Fred...Of their feed they get about 20% Safflower every day, of the rest, they get about 75% Peas, 25% Wheat for the first 3 or 4 days, then it changes to about 50% each the rest of the week, if the weather is cold, they may get a little Corn for the last 3 or 4 weeks of the season, for a few days before a race. I will use Canola and Linseed as a trapping mix each day, so that those that come in first don't eat much before the last birds come in, and then I give the main feed. I hand feed every morning, and when I see about 25 birds go to water, I stop feeding.

I don't use Barley or Milo at all. I do get my food tested every 2 or 3 weeks.

Mike...Do you separate the sexes?

Fred...No I don't, but I don't keep the first and second round cocks.