

K Buttfield Winner Boorooban Open 2



Kevin Buttfield at his Lofts

Mike...What is the breeding of your winner?

Kevin...It's pretty well all Fraser, with a little Thompson and Doyle and Bobby Drew.

Mike...How many races did she have before her win?

Kevin...She had Paruna 2 and was 4th club, at Ouyen 1 she was 2nd club, then to Ouyen 2 but not clocked, then Boorooban 1 was 2nd club after a 5 minute trap, then her winning race.

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

Kevin...If they don't do an hour to an hour and a half each morning they go out again in the afternoon, but most times they do the right thing, as I don't like to flag them I would rather fly them twice if they are not doing it right.

Mike...How often do you road train your birds?

Kevin...2 or 3 times a week, it depends if I race a bird in a distance race they don't get tossed for 10 days, then they get tossed the Wednesday, the Sunday and the Tuesday or Wednesday again then into the race. I usually give them a spell then 3 quick tosses and into a race. The Wednesday toss is usually about



Kevin's Race Loft

40 miles and the Sunday toss is about 60 miles into the wind of at least an hour.

Mike...What feeding mixes do you use?

Kevin...I buy a pigeon mix from Gilbertsons to which Maize as the standard mix has a lot of Wheat in it, and also some Vetch. When the birds come home I only feed small seed and Wheat for the first hour.

Mike...Do you vary your feed during the season?

Kevin...not really I may not add the Maize until the last couple of days, and then I only do that after the Derbies.

Mike...Do you follow any medication program?

Kevin...I practice preventative medicine after a race with a water sterilizer on a Sunday or Monday. After 350 miles onwards I give my birds some Parishes Chemical Food or something like that, other than that they only get their Iodine drops once a week.

Mike...Would you like to see any changes in the sport.

Kevin...I am happy enough with the way things are but I liked the year we raced 3 lines, North, Northeast and East.