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Subject: Brouwer's thoughts about pedigrees etc.

I always enjoyed letting my birds participate in the Long Distance races. As a twelve year old I remember our first station was Tilburg a huge 78 km!! But as soon as we reached Orleans and the birds had to cover approx. 500 km then I got excited and I knew Long Distance Racing was for me.

I will never forget stations like Chateroux, Limoges, Bordeaux and St. Vincent.

Here in Canada you do not have the split in sections like they do in Holland. Let us say that Holland is approx. 200 km wide with a length of 400 km. Just a guess on my part. Any Dutchman who disagrees let me know next time you see me.

They have 12 sections. Normally the sections in the North of Holland (Long End) do not have much of a chance. Each section would be roughly 35 km long x 20 km wide.

What a difference with the UNC! We are looking at a section of a 100 km x 100 km!!

When you look at a pedigree with their glossy pictures, eye sign print outs, and you cannot help but be impressed, apparently birds who are all champions or daughters and sons of champions. Many fanciers think if they buy one of these birds their problems will be solved.

Every year in Ontario hundreds of birds are sold and very few new champions are born! Very few pedigrees show birds that actually did any racing. The parents are often children of some famous bird two or three generations back! I see in Holland often long distance races where all the top birds are in the West of the country or the next time in the East. Location is very important in Canada but more so in when you get 200.000 birds going North as in Holland. Pedigrees are often full of useless information. A term like "top producer" means nothing if not backed up by facts. Winning a first prize means very little if you do not know the distance or the number of birds participating. If you are looking for Long Distance birds names of Putman or Aarden mean very little if you do not have all the facts available. If a bird flies a long distance race and the velocity is 1800 m/m this might not be the right bird to build you team around. I bought some Aarden / Delbar birds, their off-spring had long distance names but short distance stamina! They both lost their heads and their impressive pedigrees filed away under the title: Stupid purchases!!

This year for the first time ever I offer for sale young birds of four very special birds. Why of four birds only? If I cannot sell of my best birds I do not want to sell at all. Taking my four best long distance racers of my team is not easy. But I sell youngsters of birds who put outstanding performance down on the long distance races in 2006. I believe if you have tried to get results on the long distance for a long time and were not successful it is time you clicked here for my web page. [www.pigeonracing.org](http://www.pigeonracing.org)  
I might be able to help you.

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