

My journey from Modenas to flying Tipplers:

I have been keeping pigeons for over 12 years. For me, pigeons are more than a hobby. They help me to deal with stress as they are my coping mechanism. I bought my first pair of Modena pigeons about 12 years ago from a flea market which does not exist anymore. I started keeping them in a small 3x3 homemade box. From Modenas' I moved on to Turkish tumblers then to Pakistani pigeons, then eventually during 2021 I met the humblest person, Sikander Bal who introduced me to tipplers. Until the day I met Mr. Bal, I was under the impression that tipplers do not fly in the summer. I considered them as winter birds but Mr. Bal changed my perspective quickly. I got two pair of tipplers from Mr. Bal and started breeding them and stocking them.

Things did not go well and in October 2021, weasel got into my coop and killed eighty-one birds in fourteen minutes which pushed me back to square one again. Once again, I started getting new birds and building the shed again. Unfortunately, new birds came with sickness. They brought salmonellosis, canker, E-coli and things got so bad that I started losing four-five birds per day. I was informed that, the only way to deal with the issue was to treat my entire flock and burn down the old coop. Hence, in winter 2021, I burned every piece of wood that came out of the old cage and built a brand-new coop. Mr. Bal came to rescue again as he gave me more pairs and two youngsters. He walked me through the process of training and feeding them properly. In 2022, things fully changed for me and my birds started making me proud. During my first competition, my birds did twelve hours and fifteen minutes and that was one of the best days for me. I went from struggling to keep my birds alive to finally participating in competitions. During the summer of 2022, I participated in several competitions and my birds gave me good hours. So far, my best timings are fourteen hours and fifteen minutes for young birds.

At the end, I just want to say that this is a beautiful hobby. This helped me to stay in position, help new people and guide new people so everyone can enjoy this hobby. If it was not for Mr. Bal to walk me step by step, I would have given up on this hobby long time ago.

Goodluck for 2023 season.

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