

OODNADATTA WIN

M. Benz (North Suburban) scored an easy win in the S.A. Homing Pigeon Association's 540-mile event from Oodnadatta last Saturday.

Clocking at about 6.21 p.m., Benz had the first of the six birds to reach home in the day and won by 20 yards a minute from A. Goodger, Hampstead.

The other four included two from the Elizabeth and Salisbury area owned by Nys and Son and R. Fleming, one to T. Quinn, Hyde Park and one to Hampstead owner, B. Strange.

However, between closing time Saturday night and opening time Sunday, several other birds reached home in the moonlight.

D. Briggs, Hyde Park, who did not have a bird at 9.30 p.m. found two arrivals home just before 5 a.m. Sunday to finish third and fourth.

Returns were about 60 p.c.

The Combine and Union held a joint event from Junee. W. Downing won the race, clocking Sunday morning.

A return of 30 p.c. was recorded.

1,000 Miler At Port Elliot

The first of nearly 300 birds released north of Barrow Creek, N.T. on Sept. 13 was found in its loft at Port Elliot early last Saturday morning.

Raced by N. Clark, the two-year-old B.C.H. won the Marree-Port Elliot race earlier this year.

Not competing in the main Association 1,000 mile race, this grand hen took part in the joint Port Elliot, Victor Harbor and Strathalbyn event.

Her bloodlines will be included in this column as soon as full particulars are obtained.

Up to last Sunday night she was the only bird to reach home.

Oodnadatta Bloodlines

M. Benz, R.C. two year H. A most consistent racer over two years. She is a combination of Trezena 1st and 5th, Harrison and Jurion bred down from stock procured from H. Hobby, C. Lodge and R. Aubert some years ago.

A. Goodger, B.C.P. yearling H. Sire. Combination of Ford, Blanden and Pape. Dam. Winner of 17th and 24th SAHPA. Marree is from a Blanden cock out of an Colmer-Eitzen hen.

D. Briggs. The two birds to home in the night are a black two-year hen and a yearling B.C. hen. Both are a combination of the successful Williams

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and Voyzey and R. Colmer's derby and Junee strains.

T. Quinn, B.C. yearling H. The same old Solly Queen blood as the Benalla winner this year. The dam won 2nd S.A.H.P.A. Oodnadatta in 1963. B. Strange, B.B.P. two-year H. sire. H. Porter's strain. Dam. Barker, Black Diamond (Kennett).

B. Van Rooy 6th Benalla (not available last week) B.C. yearling H. Sire. Gits, Harrison, Jurion, Eitzen. Dam. Jurion, Gits, Bonami, Royal, Baker, Logan.

S.A.H.P.A. (217, 2,023) — M. Benz 1309, A. Goodger 1289.6, D. Briggs (two birds) 1289.4, T. Quinn 1289.15, B. Strange 1289.10, K. Wickham 1284, Nys and Son 1271, Graham and Rogic 1267, R. Fleming 1265.9, M. Benz 1265.8, C. Beasley 1254, S. Gregerson 1244, G. Miles 1239, K. Wickham 1236, C. Hawke 1234.9, H. Hunt 1234.1, M. Hatch 1233, W. Schumann 1231, H. Ford 1229 — subject to check.

North-East (13, 100) — Thede and Heuchan 1266, K. Dearman 1243, L. Todd 1192, Port Elliot (5, 17) — D. Hann 15.22.59, R. Stock 17.40.39.

Junior

SAHPC and SAPU (85, 276) — W. Downing 997, D. Dempsey 995, D. and G. Edwards 990, R. Murray 984, J. Fletcher 974, Arnold and Brown 973, L. Thamm 967, E. and N. Hawkes 962, W. Richardson and Son 956, R. Judd 954 — subject to check.

Country, Sept. 20

Clare. From Benalla, 458 miles (4, 16) — A. Gertau 774, J. Boyd 726. Only lofts to clock — trophy by S.A.H.P.A.

Loxton. From Mount Gambier, 232 miles (8, 32) — H. Hobbs, R. Goldney, A. Bain — trophy by Loxton East Packing Shed.

Jamestown. From Barton St. Ledger, 400 miles (7, 24) — L. Williams 1326, E. Swearse 1322, L. Davis 1300.

Murray Bridge. From Benalla, 392 miles (12, 88) — H. Juergens 908, G. Rowlands 904.7, R. and S. Smith 904.4.

Solomontown. From Barton, 364 miles (12, 112) — J. Manfield 1434, E. Taylor 1433, L. Tee 1432 — trophies by M. Raymond and Little Para Printers.

Strathalbyn. From Benalla, 408 miles (5, 21) — E. Dugmore 813, R. Davis 749, J. Allen and Son 739.

Port Augusta (Flinders HC). From Dimboola, five birds, 363 miles (24, 112) — P. and L. Johnson 701.8, Frank Grantham 701.7, Fred Grantham 701.1.

Waikerie. From Tarcoola, 400 miles (7, 42) — G. Elliott (two birds) 1317, R. Curtis 1288.

Port Pirie H.S. (Two races). From Maryborough, 420 miles (14, 77) — D. Laube and Sons 15.37.43, T. Manfield and Son 17.34.49, J. Dormer 17.47.4 — trophy by Mrs. N. Ellis. From Oodnadatta, 418 miles (15, 75) — H. Jackson Jr. 1176, S. Staker and Son 1115, Poschkens and Waters 1111 — trophy by R. and D. Baverstock.

Whyalla. From Horsham, 365 miles (16, 150) — A. Elliott and Sons 917.4, R. Herbert 917.3, J. Darby 916.