

Pigeon Notes

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First Race On Saturday

The SA Homing Pigeon Association will fly its first race for this year on Saturday when the first of three events from Carrieton, 170 miles, will be held.

Starting one week earlier than last season's schedule, the current programme also differs inasmuch that the Carrieton race will be followed by an event from Keith and alternate racing from the North-West and the South-East will continue from week to week until the programme ends.

Because of the early start and alternate racing, entries for the initial Carrieton and Keith races are not likely to be as many as those competing in the second and third series from these racepoints.

If good results eventuate in the first four races there is little doubt that entries in the last Carrieton and Keith events will be a record.

Starting one week later than the association, the SAHP Combine will conduct its first race on Saturday week.

Country fanciers are reminded to report all found Association and Combine birds to the respective ring secretaries without delay.

Successful Flight

The association's eye-opener from Port Victoria last Saturday resulted in an ideal loss for young birds which will later compete in races from across the gulfs.

About 3,000 pigeons were freighted to Port Victoria late on Friday night.

Released at 12.30, the leaders reached Adelaide at about 1.30 p.m. to fly the distance in an hour.

Reports to hand indicate an excellent return, with just the odd bird here and there which failed to make home in the day. Isolated reports of bad results in South line training have been received, most of them from points on the far side of the Murray River.

Murky weather conditions created big patches of fog and rain can be the cause of losses, especially among inexperienced young birds.

Until recently, the continued spell of fine weather deprived young birds of the chance to become used to wet weather flying even when exercising around the loft.

Consequently, when conditions of poor visibility are met with for the first time during a training flight, the result can prove a bad one with young birds.

Broken Hill

The Broken Hill Homing Club recently fixed its race programme for this year.

Made up of 22 races, 18 from the West and four from the South, the schedule will open on June 26 with the first of four events from Mannahill. 90

the programme: —
Mannahill (90 miles);
Mannahill; 31

Rail, Tuesday, hammering 14 hens, 14 cocks. Wednesday, hammering 18 hens, 16 cocks.
Road, Thursday, hammering 10 hens, 35 cocks. Friday hammering 45 hens, 40 cocks.

U.S. 1,000 Milers

The Association will attempt to fly the 1,000 mile from Western Australia on September 17. The project is the first to be tried by the S.A.H.P.A. over this distance.

The following particulars of fair US cock birds of the "Abilene Jr." family will be of interest to intending competitors in the long race from WA.

The "Abilene Jr." strain was built by Milton E. Haffner of Fort Wayne, Indiana on a mixture of the old American Trenton blood, Groot's, Basin and Briceux.

"Abilene Jr." is a blue che cock, a late hatch in 1954, and was never trained a mile.

In 1955 he flew 100-150-220 and 400 miles.

1956 — 100-150-275-400-500-600-220 miles.

1957 — 100-150-220-600-500 miles.

1958 — 100-150-220-275-1,000 miles to win the 1,000-miler at 844.49 yards a minute.

Another blue che cock "Ditto" full brother to "Abilene Jr." flew the 1,000 twice. Here is his record: —

1955 — 100-100-150-100 miles.

1956 — 100-150-220-275-500 miles.

1957 — 100-220-275-220-500-275-500 miles.

1958 — 100-150-275-500-600 miles.

1959 — 100-150-220-275-500-1,000 miles.

1960 — 275-1,000 miles to win the long one at 798.20 yards a minute.

Still another brother "Sooty" flew the 1,000-miler no fewer than five times.

His remarkable record is as follows:

1955 — 100-100-150-220 miles.

1956 — 100-220-350-500 miles.

1957 — 100-150-220-350-275-500 miles.

1958 — 100-150-220-275-500-00 miles.

1959 — 100-150-220-275-500-000 miles.

1960 — 275-1,000 miles to finish second to "Ditto."

1961 — 1,000 miles to win.

1962 — 1,000 miles.

1963 — 1,000 miles.

"Kennedy," son of "Abilene Jr." flew as follows:—

1960 — 100 miles.

1961 — 100 miles.

1962 — 150-275-500-500-500 miles.

1963 — 500-1,000 miles to win the long one after flying 100 and 275 miles in 1964. "Kennedy" was lost at 1,000 miles.

In seven years racing Mr. Haffner sent 29 birds to the 1,000 miles races and homed no fewer than 25).

Race Result

Hampstead Junior (14 owners, 135 birds) from Port Victoria 15/5/65 — T. Daly and G. Jenkins (dead-heat) 1 h. 6 min. 40 sec., R. Miller 1.8.1.

Cudmore JURION CLEARANCE

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Cudmore Jurions

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