

BIG DERBY TO R. BLYTH

Hampstead chairman, Bob Blyth, scored his first major success when he won the Maryborough derby of 4,474 birds from 257 other owners on Saturday.

Flown in ideal conditions at an average of just over 40 m.p.h., the race resulted in a close finish with Dawson and Son, and G. Chinnick, also Hampstead owners, less than 20 seconds behind to take second and third places respectively.

The SAPU and SAHP Combine bodies held events from Marree. Winning birds performed well to reach home in the day.

The Union race went to R. Stuart and C. Copeland and A. Richmond both recorded fine feats to clock two birds each in the first ten.

Kohler and Newman won the P.A.A. fixture with R. Judd 2nd and 4th, and F. Morris, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, giving a fine account of themselves.

The South Federation's race was won by L. Lawson and Son.

Maryborough Bloodlines

R. Blyth, 1 R.C.H. also clocked Dimboola (2). Sire. Pape. Dam. Smalla Combe, winner of 7th SAHPA June. Dawson and son, 2 B.C.H. Sire. Saffie. Dam. Ford. Bricoux and Barker. G. Chinnick, 3 B.C.H. Sire. Barker. 13th SAHPA. Marree Derby. Dam. Pape, 7th SAHPA Maryborough Derby. F. Boron, 4 B.C.H. Sire. D.C. Green. Dam. Bricoux. Sion. W. Walford, 5 B.C.H. Sire. Thamm. Blanden. Dam 6th Finke (S.A.H.P. Combine for C Lodge. E. Elliott, 6 R.C.C. Sire and Dam. Stassart (C. Henderson). Inbred to 1st. S.A.H.P.A. Tar-coola

Club News

Owners will be pleased to know that Lew Downer sen. is now on the mend following a recent accident. Lew has been in the sport since he was 14 years old, and has been an association member for 60 years. S.A.H.P.A. president (Lance Wallace) is also making a good recovery following a recent period of hospitalisation. Northern Suburban's Tom Kingsley is in hospital. Tom has qualified for membership of the Anti-Football League twice this year he has been viewing the seconds football on TV while his race birds have been home in the loft waiting to be clocked.

Pigeon Notes

By Vin Blanden

Found Bird

Mrs. E. G. Lewis, Box 10, Linna (Vic.) 3506, writes that her children have cared for 4164 SAU 68, which arrived in an exhausted state at her home on July 17. The bird has now recovered but refuses to leave. Would the owner please contact Mrs. Lewis as soon as possible?

RESULTS

Maryborough

S.A.H.P.A. (258, 4474) — R. Blyth 1208.8, Dawson and son 1208.6, G. Chinnick 1208. F. Boron 1206.6, W. Walford 1206.1, C. Elliott 1205. J. Kostra 1204.66, H. Webber 1204.63, L. Duits 1204.5, Benson and family 1204.1, C. Beasley 120 and 1203.3, R. May 1203.4, F. Boron 1203.3, G. Miles (two birds) 1203.2, Brown and Randles 1203.1, D. Bennett 1202.75, S. Denning 1202.73, J. Earle 1202.4 — subject to check. Salsbury (14, 155) — F. Schenbert 8.9.25, C. Whiting 8.12.4, A. Devlin 8.14.3, Sals. Jr. (7.30) — T. McKenzie 8.3.23, Smithson Bros. 8.34.43, Whiting Bros. 8.41.29, North East (17, 343) — Bob Young 8.0.14, C. Ooms 8.4.45, D. Schwarz 8.4.34, S.A.H.P.A. Jr. (29, 172) — P. McKenzie 1176, P. Deplock 1163, P. Sinclair 1154, J. Bell 1151, Bilecki and Vanduyke 1150, Gawler (9, 95) — J. Bergin 8.10.45, R. Muller 8.16.9, Alex-ander (5, 44) — B. Clark 7.42.31, T. Haines 7.46.40, Mrs. L. Hains 8.0.38, Port Elliot (6, 65) — D. Hann 8.19.5, V. Clark 8.19.48, R. Stock 8.23.33, Nairne (12, 84) — C. Harvey 7.21.46, P. Liddy 7.37.48, Townsend and son 7.54.11.

Marree

S.A.P.U. (58, 789) — R. Stuart 1129.4, N. Butson 1129.1, C. Copeland 1121 and 1120, Arnold and Brown 119.7, A. Richmond 1119.4, and 1119.1, L. Candlett 1117.65, G. and H. Sheehan 1117.61, T. Freak 1117.4. P.A.A. (35, 489) — Kohler and Newman 1123.5, R. Judd 1123, J. Hoffman 1122, R. Judd 1121, F. Morris 1118, 1116, 1115.8 and 1115.3. Sth. FED. (30, 274) — L. Lawson and son 1102, T. Lerner 1098, C. Thalbourne 1092, A. El-lul 1091.9, A. Vaughan 1091.2, B. Wray 1078, R. Rosser 1071, A. Coppin 1062.

STIRLING (11, 123) — G. Bourt 9.56.5, L. Hart 9.56.34, and 10.0.33, WOODVILLE (21, 218) — A. Richardson 9.32.10, T. Hesse 9.34.19, T. Wartley 9.34.13, OS-BORNE (12, 122) — P. Smith 9.33.29, R. Aubert 9.43.10, and 9.45.48, VICTOR HARBOR (8, 68) — E. Evans 12.52.25, R. Raggett 12.50.56, R. McKenzie 12.56.34.

Country, August 2

WHYALLA, from Keith St. Ledger, 265 miles (20 180) — P. Robinson 755, Mrs. E. Gibbons and son 743, H. Gregory 728 — no birds in day and about 30 p.c. returns second day. CLARE, from Marree Derby, 290 miles (8, 87) — R. Hocking 1764, Wilson and Hicks 1752, J. Lane 1746 — trophies by Clare Vale Wineries and R. O. Coles. PORT AUGUSTA (Flinders H. C. two races) from Bowmans, 120 miles (31, 316) — J. Glass 784.7, H. Grantham 784.5, S. Clifton 784.2, from Cook, 455 miles (23, 98) — R. Martin 1480, S. Clifton 1478.6, H. Grantham 1478.6.

PORT PIKE H.S. (two races) from Marree, 244 miles (20, 239) — R. Ellis 1746, M. Biekey 1722, K. Partridge 1697 — trophy by Northern Bottling Co. from Keith one bird, 244 miles (15, 15) — M. Biekey 717, A. MacDonald and sons 715, H. Jackson Jr. 714 — trophy by MacDonald.

SOLOMONTOWN, from Keith (16, 174) — J. Manfield 827, R. Sykes 825, Argent and Legg 822 — trophy by R. Doyle. MOUNT GAMBIER, from Ararat, 127 miles (13, 80) — P. Norman 994, R. Mott 985, E. Lewis and Sons 981.

LOXTON, from Naracoorte, 190 miles (8, 48) — C. Kruger, A. Bain, R. Goldney — trophy by H. Way Roadhouse. JAMES TOWN, from Kingcoonya, 250 miles (9, 65) — L. Williams 1696, W. Smith 1694, L. White 1693.

KEITH, from Murray Bridge, 90 miles (4, 50) — A. Sanderson 178, C. Sanderson 174, Caldicott Bros. 1732.

ANGASTON, from Maryborough, 311 miles (5, 50) — M. Fairay 714, R. Starick 693, L. Starick 660 — club trophy.

VICTOR HARBOR, from Maryborough (8, 62) — R. McKenzie 11.32.37, L. Franklin 11.37.25, E. Evans 13.3.7.

Endurance Feats

Reports of great courage and tenacity shown by individual racing pigeons are not common, but every now and then one comes to hand.

The latest story recorded in the "American Racing Pigeon News" is of "Medea," a blue che. pied two-year-old hen owned by C. Morris of Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Morris named Medea after she returned home and found her mate had taken another hen. Medea thrashed the other hen and killed both souseakers in the nest. (The Greek enchantress Medea, killed her rival for the love of Jason and killed her own children too).

In late 1967 Mr. Morris sold Medea to Wright Vander Wegen of Aberdeen, Washington, for stud. She was of long-distance stock with two 1,000 mile performers in her bloodlines.

Mr. Wegen settled the hen to his loft, which was 1,500 miles airline from her old home, and tried to pair her to various males without success. On Feb. 15, 1968, the urge to rejoin her mate in her birthplace apparently became too strong for the 1,500 miles between to restrain her any longer.

After crossing the Rocky Mountains and the Cascade Range including the Blue Mountains of Washington and Oregon, undertaken in the worst flying conditions of mid-winter, Medea reached her home loft in Denver on March 26.

Medea's longest flight prior to this feat was of 320 miles which she flew as a youngster.

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Pigeon Notes

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tance racer, a trait lacking in the make-up of most of our performers in shorter and faster races.

Apart from the essential physical factors, it must possess a love for home great enough to overcome its other natural impulses. This applies particularly to South Australia when the long races are held during the mating season, or springtime. At this time it is the natural function for the pigeon to seek a mate.

Those who race their birds under the natural system with the sexes housed together have an advantage in this respect, over those who race the semi-celibacy method as their birds have mates at home and others have not.

Unmated hens which are sent to the long races, and because of the distance or weather conditions are forced to spend some days away from home, need to be strong to ignore the amorous advances made by the unmated common cocks which abound all over the interior of this country.

There is little doubt that some of the losses in long events are due to the absent ones taking mates in other areas.

There is no place like home for the champion of distance. Hens which are difficult to mate away from home have the base needed for the long-distance strain. Pigeons like Medea and others who have demonstrated that home attracts them like a magnet, no matter the cost and the distance, are rare and worth their weight in gold.

Club News

Here is the Walkerie club programme. Starting on July 5 — four events from Booleroo Centre, 132 miles, four from Port Augusta, 176, three from Pimba (the derby will be held from Pimba No.1), 275, two from Tarcoola, 400, and one from Barton, 500 miles.

After this schedule is completed a novelty team race will be held from Booleroo Centre.