

First And Third To Don Briggs

Don Briggs, Millswood, had the best race of his career when he took first and third prizes in the SAHPA £100 Benalla race last week-end.

The pigeon responsible for recording Mr. Briggs's first major success in an association event was a yearling cock, and his winner of third prize, clocked one hour later, was also a yearling cock.

The winner, timed at about 6.30 a.m. Sunday, was the only bird before 7 o'clock.

Saturday's violent storm grounded leading birds which would no doubt have made home in the day if the weather had been more kind.

K. Badcock, Hyde Park, timed the second arrival at about 7.25 a.m. to be closely followed by H. Parker, Oaklands, and D. Briggs's second bird, both close to 7.31 a.m.

These birds were followed by a steady flow of arrivals during the next hour.

In all, about 50 p.c. of the contestants had reached home by Sunday night. Mr. G. Barker conveyed a good start when he sent the birds into the air at 6.45 a.m. Saturday.

At least two of the contestants spent the night in a wet bed. Pigeons raced by H. Parker and Walsh and Saviour returned with their feathers infested with small water snails.

Don Briggs's winner is a blue che yearling cock and brother to this year's 13th SAHPA Tarcoola derby. He has been raced hard and flew both Maryborough events before going to Benalla.

The sire is a combination of Williams and Voyzey, McCarter, old blood (mainly Barker, Logan, Jurion and Harrison) and the noted Colmer Derby strain which was founded on Williams and Voyzey, McCarter, Slassart, Hampton and Blandden.

The dam is all Colmer blood being bred from the Derby strain and the noted Junee line. The Junee pair was built with the blood lines of Williams and Voyzey, Blandden, Mifsud, Barker and D. C. Green.

Keith Badcock's winner of second prize is a grand two-year-old hen which won 2nd Keith and flew Maryborough last year.

This year she finished 2nd

Keith and 2nd Dimboola before her fine performance from Benalla.

The third prizewinner for D. Briggs is a blue bar yearling cock which was also raced hard—three Keiths, one Dimboola and both Maryborough races before this race.

The sire is of the Colmer Junee blood, as in the winner, and the dam (6th SAHPA Tarcoola) is a daughter of the noted Williams & Voyzey pair. Harry Parkers fourth prize winner is a blue che, two-year-old hen which flew both Benalla races last year and won a Dimboola race this season.

This fine hen was bred from a Tom Freak Mosaic cock (Harrison Jurion Baker and Hansenne), a brother to 1st SAHPA Benalla Open and closely related to 1st Benalla, £100, 3rd Benalla, £100, 14th Ballan, 19th SAD, &c., all association placings.

The dam is one of Mr. Parker's fine winning family which contained a lot of the blood obtained from Fred Delsar.

The Port Adelaide Association race from Marree was marred by a bad start when a lot of the contestants refused to leave the racepoint.

This was the reason for the erratic returns in the day, despite the fact that leading pigeons came home at more than 50 m.p.h.

The race was won by veteran Riverside owner Joe Burke.

RESULTS

Benalla—SAHPA (231, 1466)
—D. Briggs 1031, K. Badcock 953, D. Briggs 952, H. Parker 949, C. Bament 940, T. Freak 941, S. Gregerson 938, K. Castle 936.48, A. McLean 936.41, C. Hawke 933, A. Nielsen 923, Morton Bros. 922.9, C. Mills 922.4, S. Gregerson 920, M. Benz 919, J. Quinn & Son 918, R. Blyth 917, H. Schultz 916, H. Hamence 913, H. Ford 910 subject to check.

Hampstead Jnr. (5, 5)—B. Potter 14.0.45, G. Harvey 15.17.52.

Marree—PAA (59, 883)—J. Burke 1578.2, R. Wiles 1578.1, M. Petelski 1577, J. Axon 1576.8, Kerley Bros. 1576.4, P. Fraser 1575, D. Burgess 1573.5, P. Mathews 1573.1, P. Fraser the same Williams & Voyzey blood as Don Briggs's winner. The dam is all Cudmore, Jurion.

Pigeon Notes By Vin Blanden

1572.9, D. Searle 1572.3, Sth. Fed. (17, 137)—A. Copplin 1545, B. Ames 1539, C. Alexander 1538; Victor Harbor (5, 39)—Hann Bros. 8.36.26, R. Burdon 11.33.6, R. Hanson & Son 12.48.33; South-West (9, 57)—A. Langsford 6.57.21, A. Scutherson 7.21.39, F. Glaser 7.26.36; Sth. West Jnr. (11, 53)—G. Sare 7.21.19, P. Lambert 7.30.2, B. Collett 7.39.12.
Woodville (39, 162)—D. Dempsey 1578, D. Dempsey 1564, R. Waye 1563; Angaston (7, 56)—A. Fairley 7.8.30, A. Roessler 8.18.4, R. Thiele 8.24.35; Plympton Jnr. (7, 40)—G. Hodson 7.5.45, P. Elul 7.40.20, K. Saunders 8.20.50; Stirling (5, 27)—B. Fuller 7.0.0, G. Bart 6.58.25, L. Hart 6.57.32.

Royal Show Homers

Many fine birds were exhibited at the Adelaide Royal where most of the winners were outstanding specimens.

The grand champion showed to perfection. She is a grizzle hen which lost nothing in the hand or in the cage and is one of the most faultless of her variety seen at the "Royal" in many years.

The awards for the best of each sex in the young birds went to the winners of the Red or Red che cock and the blue or black che hen classes—both beautiful birds with a grand show future if shown in the same condition.

The winner of the young red hen class was so close behind the black che hen winner that it hardly mattered.

Another lovely bird, which showed grandly was the winner of the adult pied hen class.

Country Results 28/8/65

Murray Bridge. From Maryborough, 285 miles (13, 77)—R. Appleby, 1137, B. Rawlinson 1134, G. Leighton 1070—trophies by A. Barker and R. Appleby.

Mount Gambier (Two races). From Alawoona, 233 miles (9, 55)—A. Wilson 1617, A. Walters 1604, J. Butler 1603, 95 p.c. returns. From Enbigo, 206 miles (7, 25)—A. Wilson 2.5.34, J. Butler 5.9.0, A. Walters 7.15.40—only five birds homed.

Solomontown. From Horsham derby (12, 101)—Champion and Pavlich 1052.6, R. Sykes 1052.5, Argent and Legg 1052.4—trophies by Central Market, Mr. A. Wade and PPWHC.

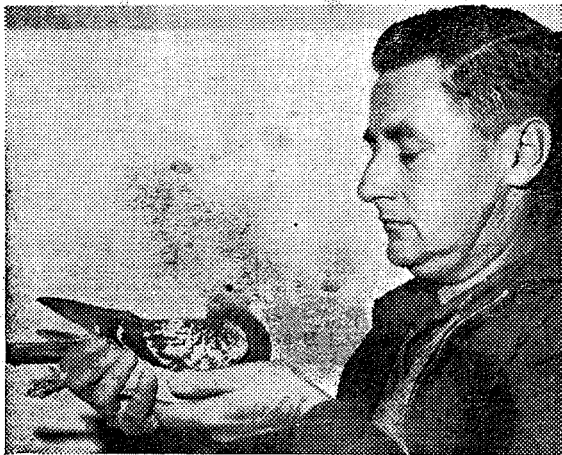
Port Pirie HS. From Edward Creek derby, 364 miles (13, 117)—S. Staker & Son 1042.1, D. C. Laube & Sons 1042, H. F. Jackson jnr. 1040—trophy by Northern Bottlers Co.

Clare. From Cook, 530 miles (7, 33)—J. Lane 792, M. Hancock 733, A. Gertau 704—trophies by Jim Curtis and P. D. McColl. Three birds Sunday and two Monday. Three wins in a row to Jim Lane.

Crystal Brook. From Mt. Gambier, 351 miles—E. L. Hickey 1036, J. Wohling 1012—trophy by Mr. Fred Lindner.
Port Augusta. From Bowmans Ladies Bracelet (39, 139)—Mrs. R. L. Nayda, Mrs. R. Digance, Mrs. H. Grantham, From Keith (32, 199)—K and E. McDonald, B. Medwin, J. Webb.

Whyalla. From Keith, 265 miles (15, 112)—F. R. Willard and Son 1113, M. Raymond and Son 1111, P. Raymond and Sons 1110—trophies by Keith Wilson, Tom Baker and S. Mathews.

Denmark. From Lamerook, 75 miles (9, 90)—Mrs. R. Ratcliff 794, R. Jonker 174, R. Ratcliff 799—Mrs. Ratcliff has now won two races straight and five in all.



Don Briggs with his winner of the rich SAHPA Benalla race.