

PIGEONS REFUSE TO FACE HILLS FOG

More than half the birds contesting the SA Homing Pigeon Association's 220-mile Dimboola races on Saturday refused to come home through the dense fog which covered the Adelaide Hills.

Reports to hand indicate a return of no more than 40 p.c. of the total convoy home in the day.

Stirling club owner Lew Hart said on Sunday morning that the fog on Saturday and early Sunday was the heaviest he could remember, and advised that hundreds of pigeons were still non-plussed in the hills.

However, when the visibility improved those which spent the night out came home thick and fast to such an extent that an excellent return in the race resulted.

Pigeon Notes By Vin Blanden

Returns in the day were also bad from the Combine's events from Parachilna and, although the leaders came home at better than 60 m.p.h. it is likely that the missing ones in the day were also fogbound. The wind was strong enough to push those a little off the line of flight into the ranges.

More than 20 years ago similar weather conditions prevailed on a day when races were being held from Keith.

On that occasion hundreds of birds were grounded on the slopes of Mount Lofty and remained from about 2 p.m. Saturday until the fog lifted at about 10 a.m. Sunday.

It took a considerable time to educate Army service pigeons, which were operating in the same area, to foggy conditions.

Returns of Parachilna birds to Stirling club lofts on Saturday were given as poor, despite the fact that these birds are bred and reared on the location and are more experienced to the poor visibility than those housed on the plains.

No details of the Parachilna follow-on are to hand.

Newcomers to pigeon racing can rest assured that there were many good pigeons among the Sunday arrivals from Dimboola and the experience in the fog will do much to improve the winning chances of young birds in some of the races yet to be held.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS Dimboola

East Suburban (16, 312)—C. Mills 6.18.5, A. Anderson 6.23.19, M. Harshag 6.27.33; South Suburban (25, 450)—J. S. P. 6.22.32, R. Colmer 6.30.23, Weightman 6.22.3; Hampstead (31, 558)—R. Dangerfield 6.22.9, C. Elliott 6.27.24, C. Dawson 6.25.54; Hampstead Jr. (7, 38)—J. Gartner 7.02.33, K. Spence 7.4.34, P. Durnag 7.10.34; Campbelltown (22, 360)—B. Burman 6.18.43, S. Shotton 6.18.53, E. Heaven 6.21.4, Nairne (7, 62)—P. Liddy 5.53.22, B. Towns- end & Son 6.15.33, C. Harvey 6.2.47.

West Torrens (19, 230)—M. Murphy 6.30.40, L. Downer Snr. & Jnr. 6.33.55, J. Dickson & Sons 6.37.7; Henley & Grange (19, 378)—D. Hawke 6.32.25, S. Ferguson 6.36.29, F. Day 6.34.54; Henley Jnr. (7, 26)—S. P. 6.52.15, R. Prestwood 6.59.49, P. Battams 7.8.0; West Suburban (27, 490)—P. Arriola 6.28.37, K. Zimmerman 6.28.53, J. Stacey 6.28.26; West Sub. Jnr. (9, 37)—J. Drewitt 6.28.43, C. Forbes 6.54.1, D. Wilson 6.52.29; North Suburban (22, 335)—R. Burford 6.23.49, T. Kingsley 30.33, R. Kingsley 6.30.48; Glynde (11, 166)—A. Coventry & Sons 6.18.5, Salter 6.21.10, L. A. 6.27.31.

Elizabeth (11, 109)—F. Schem- bri 6.48.28, E. Brocklebank 6.50.25, M. Thomson 6.50.2; Elizabeth Jnr. (7, 33)—D. Thom- Shaw 6.52.4, R. Shaw 6.56.12, J. Shaw 6.58.45; Millswood (24, 454)—J. Elmholt 6.23.56, H. Miller 6.28.53, W. Allen 6.29.5; Magill (10, 114)—B. Brine 6.25.34, J. Ferguson 6.28.13, Slo- per & Son 6.34.32; Strathalbyn (7, 47)—D. Crouch 6.13.57, H. G. Stains 6.53.13, S. Raggett & Sons 6.52.29; North East (9, 91)—Thede & Heuchan 6.34.50, H. Lee 6.35.50, M. Kakoschke & Son 6.38.36; Oaklands (16, 240)—H. Parker 6.25.0, J. Alldritt

6.27.56, E. Hawkes 6.32.51, South Sub. jnr. (10, 39)—R. Braden 6.35.4, G. Sheehan 6.38.3, Bishop Bros. 7.8.29; North West (10, 191)—C. Sewer 6.53.11, C. Sewer 6.33.23, J. Bu- gan 6.38.36; North West Jnr. (7, 30)—C. B. O'Connell 7.30.8, F. Vidan 6.4.28.

Parachilna

Riverside (42, 903)—J. West and Son 4.11.44, D. Searle 4.10.5, Capel & Son 4.12.18; Peterhead (15, 263)—R. & M. Woodhead 4.9.46, C. Dunstan & Son 4.9.53, G. Edwards 4.10.28; Victor Harbor (10, 113)—Hann Bros. 5.59.11, M. Sally 6.4.18, N. Clark 6.10.18; Woodville (22, 377)—A. D. Richardson 4.9.40, M. Keyhoe 4.11.45, W. Richard- son & Son 4.12.49; Stirling (8, 84)—L. Hart 4.50.14, C. Hart 4.52.21, D. Roberts 5.42.28; Anston (8, 100)—R. Thiele 4.37.18, A. Fairay 4.50.27, J. Miller 4.59.30; South West (11, 114)—A. Lapsford 4.18.58, I. Kitcher 4.23.23, A. Southeron 4.24.48; South West Jnr. (18, 86)—G. Caldwell 4.23.0, H. Castles 4.24.5, B. Watts 4.26.58; Plympton (11, 137)—J. Crummy 4.20.32, R. Tomlin 4.19.52, R. Fullgrabe 4.24.18; Plympton Jnr. (14, 83)—R. Elui 4.19.50, G. Saunders 4.23.26, M. Whittholz 4.23.46; Glenelg (14, 195)—Tomlin 4.19.29, T. Lerner 4.21.1, A. Darke 4.21.59; Osborne (19, 319)—R. Underdown & Son 4.8.0, W. Morrison 4.8.39, M. Fridham & Son 4.8.59.

Country Results 3/7/65

Murray Bridge. From Keith, 90 miles (15, 115)—G. Way 96.4, P. Ellis 96.2.88, B. & J. Harris 96.2.11, trophy by Mrs. Kennett. Solomontown. From Tailem Bend (11, 115)—Champion and Pavlich 87.8.76, C. S. 87.8.4, Honner 87.8.74, L. J. Tee 87.8.4, trophy by Mr. P. Raymond. Clare. From Pimba, 209 miles (8, 68)—Wilson & Hicks 1518, M. Hancock 1515, A. Gertau 1190—trophy by Messrs. McKinnon & Whelan. Whyalla. From Two Wells, 120 miles (18, 181)—F. Willard and Son 843, P. Raymond and Sons 842.6, R. Couzner 842.2, trophies by George Smith, D. Davis, S.A. Brewing Co. Renmark. From Bordertown, 145 miles (10, 85)—D. Matulick 899, R. Doevendaus 898, R. Jonker 897. Peterborough. From Connal- pyn, 200 miles (9, 50)—C. Water-

man, 6.3.57, L. Noble 6.4.3, F. Olsen 6.4.10. Broken Hill H.C. From Man- nahill, 90 miles (34, 315)—D. Turley 1461, F. Hale, E. Rob- john—Trophy by Torpy's Shoe Store.

Port Pirie H.S. From Para- ohina (W. Field Memorial), 145 miles (16, 136)—H. Jackson Jnr. 1115, L. H. Tee 1109, S. Staker and Son 968.

Port Augusta (Blinders). From William Creek (38, 206)—H. Cranham, D. Press, S. Giffon. Crystal Brook. From Connal- pyn, 193 miles (5, 52)—E. L. Hickey 932, D. & T. Hendry 912, J. Wohling 843.

Around The Clubs

Youth is taking its toll in the Campbelltown club this season following two successes gained recently by 15-year-old Stephen Shotton, 17-year-old Norbert Murman, also in his first year, won the Dimboola event on Saturday and Stephen Shotton finished second.

Ron Hanson, formerly of Spring Vale (Vic.), and now racing at Victor Harbor, is also enjoying a winning run. He won at three Keith events to Victor Harbor and finished second in the three Stirling North events.

Strathalbyn owners, S. Rag- gatt & Sons, won the Pimba race with the same bird which won a Carrieton to Strathalbyn event.

When they won the Dimboola race on Saturday A Coventry and Sons made it their third win for the year in the Glynde Club.

North West senior club member, C. Sewer, repeated his first and second prize-winning performance from Pimba when he did likewise from Dimboola.

C. Whitehorn, North West Junior, has now won all three events in which he has com- peted.