

Pigeon Notes

By
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Season Starts Well

When they won their respective club races from Keith last Saturday, Messrs. M. Peake, West Suburban, G. Buckley & Son, Campbelltown and Thede & Heuchan, North East, each completed two wins in a row.

Other owners to perform well in both events held by the SAHP Association to date include L. Wallace, East Suburban, T. Butcher, Campbelltown, L. Platten, Oaklands, D. Dempsey and F. Fraser North West, M. Antoniwi West Torrens, S. Ferguson, Henley & Grange, W. Schumann, Glynde, M. Benz, North Suburban, C. Kolenberg, Vietesse, and Brown & Randles, Le Fevre Peninsula.

Messrs. M. Baker & Son, East Suburban, scored their first win on Saturday since joining the sport two or three years ago.

The SAHP Combine held its first race for the year when a fast result was gained from Stirling North — leading birds averaged about 55 m.p.h.

The Association's events from Keith were flown at about 38 m.p.h.

Returns were reported thick and heavy from Stirling North, but although returns in the day were between 80-90 p.c. from Keith, early arrivals in most cases were few and far between.

In the main those still missing were young birds with an isolated proven old stager not back on its perch at night-fall.

SHOTGUN

The Keith contestants again came home on a broad front with winning pigeons clocked at Edwards town, Payneham and Gumeracha between 2.19 p.m. and 2.23 p.m. — only 3 minutes separated the three winning birds.

One bird which was clocked from Keith carried four shotgun pellets home, two in the thigh and two in the wing.

Under the circumstances, it is obvious why some failed to return.

Some owners are still experiencing a bad training result here and there, mainly on the southern route.

One who reported a bad result from near Monarto had two birds later reported found, one at Truro and the other at Brighton.

Association will hold its Baker for the season when all race from Carrieton, Henley & Grange, W. Schumann 3.29.36; Oaklands (23.402) — H. Parker 3.19.34, L. Platten 3.23.17, K. O'Connor

3.28.35; Campbelltown (21.243) — G. Buckley & Son 3.20.42; W. Stern 3.29.20; T. Butcher 3.36.58; North West (14.158) — F. Fraser 3.34.37, R. Elliott 3.34.24, D. Dempsey 3.33.54. North West Jrn. (17.87) — G. Whitehorn 3.31.11, D. Pentland 3.33.19, E. Twowosky 3.40.27; West Torrens (17.181) — M. Antoniwi 3.22.42, J. Butfield 3.30.40, M. Murphy 3.29.48; West Torrens Jrn. (9.26) — G. Piper 3.31.45, M. Higgins 3.36.5, E. Setchnow 3.49.45; Nairne (5.39) — C. Patterson 3.18.41, P. Liddy 3.21.25, G. Harvey 3.34.33; Hampstead (35.482) — Harvey Bros. 3.25.57; C. Croxton 3.26.30, D. Wing 3.29.54; Millwood (23.321) — F. Considine 3.21.29, W. Giddings 3.22.36, R. Roberts & Son 3.22.23; Strathbyn (9.64) — D. Crouch 3.5.7, B. Clark 3.44.8, T. Hains 3.7.19; Strath Jrn. (4.30) — M. Dugmore 3.6.50, I. Hart 3.7.7, T. Hoffman 3.10.10; North East (15.200) — Thede and Heuchan 3.25.54, B. Moores 3.45.53, B. Sinclair 3.42.10; Magill (9.98) — J. Ferguson 3.29.59, W. Fraser 3.31.17, R. Rowe 3.28.9; Gawler (11.115) — R. Randles 3.22.53, V. Kirk 3.36.57, B. Wilson 3.22.42; Henley & Grange (20.416) — W. Jackson 3.25.11, S. Ferguson 3.28.57; P. Bell 3.29.28; Le Fevre Peninsula (8.130) — Brown and Randles 3.42.39, B. Hammond 3.43.43, G. Benson and Son 3.49.52.

Aldgate (4.32) — J. Pearson and Son 3.20.11, B. Osborn 3.43.37, M. Hatherly 3.47.18; West Suburban (16.166) — M. Peake 3.24.33, Graham & Rogie 3.28.20, D. Pickering 3.32.0; West Sub. Jrn. (7.49) — P. McKenzie 3.28.51, J. Smith 3.32.53, J. Drewhitt 3.30.27; Hampstead Jrn. (17.111) — R. Miller 3.29.26, K. Shinkfield 3.34.3, B. Potter 3.37.51; North Suburban (19.272) — L. P. E. Smith 3.32.29, M. Benz 3.34.0, W. Whitrod 3.38.54; Elizabeth (19.142) —

F. Fleming 3.47.31, J. Halls 3.50.18, A. McCreure 3.53.33, Elizabeth Jrn. (8.27) — R. Davies 3.43.21, D. Devlin 3.51.30, S. Canton 3.6.30; Vietesse (8.71) — R. Burford 3.38.23, L. Falkal 3.41.20, C. Kolenberg 3.43.44; Para Invitation (3.75) — N. McLean 3.51.5, D. Bradshaw 4.6.18, M. Sims & Son 4.7.54.

STIRLING NORTH

Riverside West (11.132) — L. Thamm 3.3.19, Kerley Brod. 3.4.6, K. Butfield 3.3.1; Riverside South (13.152) — A. Wear and Son 3.3.17, P. Matthews 3.4.16, R. Wiles 3.5.20; Stirling (6.60) — F. Lean 3.16.16, L. Hart 3.19.30, G. Bout 3.21.31; Woodville (15.190) — R. W. Waye 3.4.38, J. Hicks 3.4.16, J. Miers and Son 3.5.45; Peterhead (10.120) — W. Downing 3.0.37, W. Vonderwall 3.0.38, T. Dunstan and Son 2.59.58.

South West (16.121) — P. Glaser 3.18.3, I. Kitcher 3.21.27, A. Langford 3.21.27; St. W. Jrn. (14.63) — J. Galdes 3.20.5, R. McLay 3.23.16, P. Lincert 3.24.4; Glenelg (11.153) — A. Vaughn 3.11.43, A. Darke 3.15.53, T. Lerner 3.16.15; Angaston (9.1) — A. Roosen 3.2.30, J. M. W. 3.1.1; Port Pirie (10.92) — West Harbor (10.92) — West Bros. (two birds) 4.3.30, Clark 4.4.54; Plympton (9.9) — E. Clarke 3.14.3, R. Fulgrave 3.17.16, R. Rosser 3.17.2.

COUNTRY

Clare (two races) from Carrieton, 97 miles (9.74) — I. J. Victor 861, M. Hancock 859, A. Gertau 858. Trophies by H. Balinger and Northern Argus. From Callington, 82 miles (7.74) — A. Saunders 1227, Wilson and Hicks 1223, A. Gertau 1217. Trophies by L. G. Abbott Ltd. and Mrs. R. Grace. Murray Bridge from Carrieton (18.141) — R. Ellis 963.3, B. and J. Harris 963.1, G. W. Waye 962. Trophies by Messrs. R. Appelby and B. Kennett.

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Fraser Placed 13 Times

In winning the SA Champion and the SA Homing Pigeon Association's gregate, F. Fraser (North-West) had 13 birds placed in the first twenty positions in major Association races.

Fraser's feat of being in the first twenty in nine of the 12 events was a fine one and his win by two points from K. Wickham (South Suburban) who finished extremely well, was well earned.

Wickham, with seven birds in the first twenty, was placed in six events.

Also placed in the first twenty with seven birds and in six of the 12 races, A. Pearce (Campbelltown) raced most consistently during the whole season.

Here is F. Fraser's record: Marree derby 2nd and 19th; Maryborough derby 13th and 14th; Maryborough (1) 7th and 9th; Benalla 200 19th; Oodnadatta Open 5th; Benalla Open 16th and 17th; and June 18th.

K. Wickham won 16th Marree derby, 2nd Marree (1) 7th; Benalla 200, 7th and 8th; Benalla Open, 9th; Pinke and 7th June.

A. Pearce amassed his total with 14th and 15th Marree derby, 13th Maryborough derby, 9th Marree (1), 13th Maryborough (2) 12th; Benalla 200 and 11th Oodnadatta Open. One hundred and twenty-seven owners scored points in the aggregate competition.

The first ten in the list receive diplomas of merit in recognition of their feats.

An interesting feature of this year's racing was that seven winners of association races failed to score in other events.

Although Fraser's winning total of 87 points is ten more than L. Pitts total of 77 last year, it is the second lowest winning score for the last fourteen years.

Here are the first twenty aggregate scorers: — F. Fraser 87 points, K. Wickham 85, A. Pearce 60, K. Smoker 59, W. Strongman 51, C. Sewer 48, H. Schultz 47, H. Ford 47, W. Allen 44, S. Gregerson 44, G. Forrest 41, G. Buckley & Son 40, L. Schumann 37, V. Kirk 35, M. Hatch 33, M. Harshegyi 35, A. R. McLean 35, Kingsley Clerke & Harris 33 and M. Antoniwi 33 points.

Comparisons

Since last week's outline of the Continental system appeared in this column several requests have been made for more comparisons.

As the six races of under 400 miles are the only events involved here are the details of prizemoney and number of prizes paid in these fixtures this year: —

The Association paid \$10,537.45 in prizes in the six races of which \$6,455.90 went in stake money and \$4,081.55 was paid in specials.

If the Continental system had operated and one prize for each 30 birds competing (all prizes of equal value) had been paid, 730 prizes at an average of \$8.34 each would have resulted. Note: The specials are not included as they are separate races.

On the other hand, 300 prizes were paid this year of which

and his return was bird placed in each long list would have been \$26.52 with one bird placed only three of the six events an average of 121 prizes race would have resulted. Allowing for additional prizes of \$4.50 in specials each of the six races, the costs would have been \$3.

While our present system offers the prize to the birds placed to provide advantage in the day, windfalls, if any, to the birds of equal merit, the method ensures that all worthy of a prize receive just reward.

The Association has 43 members of which nearly 40 compete in these six races, what may be argued to be a trinary, more of these 400 be better off at the end of the season under the Continental method than can possibly be under our own.

Kadina Birds

Two young Kadina bred recorded a fine performance. K. Fenton of Bulli NSW, the 8th and 9th of last year. Bred by Messrs. Jeff Smith, G. Smith and Sons at K. Fenton last February and competed in the Southern race of 70 miles from Bulli, N.S.W.

Released on Saturday, the first Kadina hen was clocked at 1.04 p.m. on October 9 and the other 44 hen was clocked at 1.44 p.m.

These were Mr. Fenton's arrivals until the following Thursday. Sixteen birds in the clock by Sunday night, the two Kadina hens finished second and sixth.

Both birds contain the bloodlines of a successful long distance strain for the family.

The strain is a combine of Cudmore and Taylor Jnr Harrison and Son, built by Smith family over the past years by mating the best formers from season to season. The feat of these fine young hens is further evidence of quality of the SA long-distance racing pigeon.

Race Result

22-10-66

Remark: — From Mount Gambier, 255 miles (6.38) — Yonker 1304, R. Lockett 1304, M. Carslake 1253 — trophy National Tyre Service.

Aggregate — R. Lockett defeated Mrs. Ratcliff by point. Mrs. Ratcliff won award in 1964 and 1965.

Alteration

Fanciers are advised that because of the high river level, Remark presentation fixture which was to be held at Plush's Bend, will now be held at Remark Oval No. 2. The date fixed is Sunday 13th. Proceedings will begin 12 noon.

BRED FOR STOCK

Here is the beginner's chance to obtain one of the 40 selected cock birds.

POPULAR STRAIN