

Top SA flyer

Thirty - eight - year - old Lefevre flyer Allan Brown won the distinction of being SA's top pigeon racing owner last season.

He took out the points aggregate of the SA Homing Pigeon Association — the State's largest pigeon racing body.

His win was a popular one.

Birds from the Brown loft recorded impressive race performances.

These included placings in both derbies, which are races open to yearlings only.

Allan owns the bird placed 15th in the Tarcoola derby, and the pigeons placed fourth and fifth in the Booroorban derby against all other SAHPA flyers.

Among his other placegetters was the winner of the Oodnadatta \$200 Special — a premier event of the SAHPA calendar.

In other long distance events the Brown loft achieved association placings in Morundah (twice), and a fourth position in the Temora event.

Allan, a very well-liked character in the Lefevre club and in the association, is well known too to the flyers in the SA Homing Pigeon Combine — many of whom live near him.

The latter body has affiliated with the SAHPA and will be competing in longer distance races this year.

Allan has had pigeons since his youth, but he has been involved in racing only for the past 15 years.

Before taking up the sport he played football for Port Adelaide junior colts, amateur league extras and the Port Adelaide B Grade.

Allan, the officer in charge of wool pre-lotting for Southern Farmers at Port Adelaide, gives much of the credit for his success in the sport to his wife, Kathleen.

The present Brown loft is founded on birds from the lofts of the late Frank Boron (Lefevre) and Roy Aubert of the Osborne Club.

Bloodlines include Harrison-Jurion-Sion from the Boron birds and Stassart from Roy Aubert's loft.

Other birds have been introduced from the lofts of other well known flyers Alec Wear (PAA), and association



Allan Brown

owners Fin Fraser and Laurie Lloyd.

Allan points out that more than half his placings in his career have been recorded by cockbirds.

He feeds a half-and-half wheat and peas mixture most of the season, with the percentage of peas being increased as the races become longer.

His training includes a daily exercise for his birds around the loft in the morning, and this lasts about 1½ hours.

Then once a week they are sent on a training toss of no more than 30 air miles.

All birds are sent — north and south performers — to Tarlee on the North of Monarto South—**GRAHAM BADGER.**

BROKERS HOLD OFF

I hear that woolbrokers have not joined the rush of applicants to the Prices justification Tribunal for an increase in brokers' charges to woolgrowers.

Many brokers have approached the PJT for increases in charges relating to their activities outside the woolbroking sphere, but no broker has yet formulated a proposal on wool charges, although all agree that substantial increases in costs make an application inevitable — **TREVOR JOHNSTON.**