

K. Smoker Has Easy Win

K. Smoker (Henley and Grange) bolted away to score the easiest win for years when he won the SAHP Association's 540-mile Oodnadatta race by 127 yards a minute last Sunday.

Released at 6.30 a.m. Saturday, the contestants got away to a slow start into a headwind. The winner was clocked at about 6 a.m. Sunday.

Second bird to be clocked, homed to Richmond and Shaw (South Suburban) at about 7.45 a.m. The margin of victory calculated on a yards per minute basis amounted to 60 miles.

It is obvious that some of the birds flew on into the darkness. One contestant was reported at Port Vincent on Saturday night.

Early arrivals were few and far between with the bulk of the 45 prizewinners in the clock between 8.45 a.m. and 9.15 a.m.

About 50 p.c. were home on the perch when the race closed on Sunday night.

Kevin Smoker's winner is a very gay black pied two-year hen which was not raced at all last year and was raced only lightly this season.

She flew one Carrieton, one Pimba and homed with the clocked bird in the fast Marree open race to finish equal third in the club event.

The sire is Black Diamond and Dally Marriott and besides producing the PAA derby winner he is grandsire of First Association Benalla for Hines and Son and grandsire of A. Neisen's winner of Third Association Maryborough derby this year.

The dam is a sister to another PAA derby winner.

She is all Schumann being closely inbred to the celebrated Plum hen.

The second prizewinner for Richmond and Shaw (South Suburban) is a two-year-old blue che. hen which flew one Keith race only last year.

She won 4th Carrieton this year, was the second bird to the left from Pimba and flew the \$200 Oodnadatta race recently. She was mated four days prior to being sent to this race.

Her bloodlines are full of the noted Richmond long-distance performers. The sire flew Benalla and is the produce of a cock bred by B. Miners from the sire of First Association June out of a daughter of First Association and Second Association Oodnadatta.

The grand dam on the sire's side won Second Association brother to First Association Benalla and was bred from a Alice Springs out of First Association Albury.

The dam was bred by B. Miners from the Richmond Morrison "Blindeye" out of First Association Oodnadatta which was Morrison and Logan.

In all, the second prizewinner is an inbred combination of Richmond Morrison Minerds, Logan and Clay Barker with a dash of Quinn and Guthrie Barker.

Following his fine performance in the recent \$200 Benalla race, A. R. McLean (Oaklands) finished third with a two-year-old red che. hen which flew in the Tarcoola derby last year.

She flew all stages to the \$200 Oodnadatta race prior to this event.

The sire is Clay Barker and the dam, closely related to K. Lower's first association Cootamundra, is Chadwick Barker.

Fourth prize went to D. Briggs (Wollongong) who clocked a year's

bird from Carrieton, flew Pimba and two Marree races, and completed the recent \$200 Oodnadatta event.

He is a son of the Williams and Voyzey pair—a combination of Barker, Logan, Blanden, Harrison, Soffle, Grooter and Jurion.

The dam won 16th Association Benalla for R. Colmer.

She is similarly bred to the sire, being Williams and Voyzey, Blanden, McCarter, Stasart and E. Hampton.

A model of consistency, F. Fraser (North-West) clocked at about 8.15 a.m. to finish in fifth place. He only needs to maintain his run over the next three races to take the aggregate honors in his first year with the association.

The SAHPA Combine had a fast race from Benalla, 425 miles, when the leaders of 272 birds in the event came home at over 50 m.p.h.

Released at 6.15 a.m., the winner was clocked by A. Wear and Son (PAA) just before 2.45 p.m.

However, arrivals were spread out with almost 100 yards a minute between first and 18th places. Returns were advised as satisfactory.

RESULTS

Oodnadatta. — SAHPA — K. Smoker 1,247, Richmond and Shaw, 1,120, A. R. McLean, 1,067, D. Briggs, 1,066, F. Fraser 1,064.7, Theede and Heuchan 1,064.4, M. Zawitzkowski 1,063, W. G. Allen 1,050, M. Harshegyi 1,037, G. Forrest 1,035, A. Pearce 1,034, M. Bird and Son, 1,030, A. Tieste 1,022.9, W. Strongman 1,022.2, R. Watson 1,019, H. Ford 1,017, H. Ford 1,016.8, S. Gregeron 1,016 W. Strongman (two birds), 1,015, H. Schultz 1,014.8, K. Watts 1,014.7, W. Matthews, 1,014.6, R. Cossey and Son, 1,014.3, W. Schumann 1,014, V. Fape 1,013, J. Stacey 1,012.6, W. Schumann 1,012.4, W. Thomas 1,010.6, L. Pitt 1,010.1—subject to check.

Strathalbyn (4, 6)—M. Dugmore 19.36.6, B. Clark 20.19.0.
Benalla—SAHPCA (62, 272)—A. Wear and Son 1,494, G. and

D. Edwards 1,493, A. Wear and Son 1,484, R. Wiles 1,482, H. Whaite 1,477, N. Richardson 1,474, L. Thamm 1,458, M. Edwards 1,441, A. Morris 1,405, J. Burke 1,404, H. Simmons 1,401, R. Wiles 1,400, E. Wille 1,399, R. Wilson 1,398 L. Thamm (3 birds) 1,396.8, C. Lodge, 1,396.1, Victor Harbor—3, 8)—D. Hann 10.40.48.

Angaston (7, 38)—A. Fairey 9.30.6; L. Parish 9.32.13; J. Miller 9.35.10.

COUNTRY 17-9-66

Renmark. From Bannockburn 340 miles (13, 75)—M. Carslake 988; D. Matulick, 943; R. Lockett, 901. Combined event with Mildura Club. Comb winners:—T. Warburton, 1082; T. Fleming and Son, 1061; C. Cathercole, 1080.

Solomontown. From Horsham 340 miles (13, 169)—C. S. and M. J. Connor, 1054; H. Warner 1049; Argent and Legg, 1046. Trophies by J. Pearce and Peterborough HC.

Port Pirie HS. From Horsham 340 miles (14, 167)—G. Bowering, 1053.9; J. Dormer, 1053.7; H. Jackson Jr., 1052. Trophy by D. Berry.

Clare (two races). From Benalla, 458 miles. Open race—J. Lane, M. Hancock, Wilson and Hicks. Trophies by Harris Scarfe Ltd. and J. Collotti. Five-bird-limit race—Wilson and Hicks, J. Lane. Trophies by the Patron and A. Pink.

Whyalla (two races). From Cook, 450 miles (15, 120)—L. and G. Raymond, 1134.3; A. R. Willard, 1134; H. Gregory, 1132. Trophies by Mr. and Mrs. R. Clayton, W. Forrest and Mr. and Mrs. F. Spencer. From Mount Gambier (10, 70)—D. McLaren, 1170.4; M. Clayton 1170.3; J. Virgo and Son. Trophies by B. Gerlich, R. Mepstead and Mrs. A. Ekblom.

Waikerie. From Mount Gambier (championship), 256 miles (6, 112)—E. Elliott, 1124; A. Noack 1079; L. Searle, 508. R. McDonald, 1006; J. Webb 986; R. Dobbs 983.

Port Augusta (Flinders). From Dimboola, 366 miles (24, 142)—R. McDonald 1,000, J. Webb and R. Dobbs 983.

"U.N." Line-Up Of Jockeys

Lester Piggott (UK), Yves St. Martin (France), Marcello Adreucci (Italy) and Kazuma Sugimura (Japan) have accepted invitations to ride at Morphettville on January 2.

The secretary of the SAJC (Mr. F. W. Keen) on Monday announced these arrangements for the glamor International Stakes.

In addition, everything possible was being done to bring Willie Shoemaker (US) over for the series.

Mr. Keen said he had been told that Bill Pyers, his wife Becky and daughter Sandra would travel to Australia with St. Martin and his wife.

Mr. Keen said that his committee was almost certain to ask Pyers to take part in the International Stakes at Morphettville.