

# Pigeon Notes

By Vin Blanden

## Last Tarcoola Race To Ross Burford

The winner of the S.A. Homing Pigeon Association's 370-mile Tarcoola open race averaged more than 60 m.p.h. for Ross Burford of Millswood Club.

Released at 7.15 a.m. leading birds reached Adelaide soon after 1.20 p.m. to catch some owners unprepared—one fancier shut the rest of his birds away just before 1.30 and then waited until about 1.50 to clock unaware that his first arrival was already waiting on its perch.

Others, too, found race birds in the loft waiting to be fed and watered.

Despite the fast race there were not many early arrivals and a few competitors did not get a bird until after two o'clock.

A steady flow of arrivals continued until an average return of about 80 to 90 p.c. resulted in the day.

Early birds were also few and far between in the Port Adelaide Association's open Maryborough race.

The winner of the Woodville race of 160 birds, D. Dempsey, clocked his second bird about 20 minutes later and still finished in second place.

Returns in the day were a bit better than 50 per cent.

The winner of the association's Tarcoola event for Ross Burford is a yearling Mealy cock which has now flown all three Tarcoola races.

The sire bred by Reg. Burford, carries three crosses of the good old "Picked Head" cock which is responsible for a host of good pigeons—the out-cross is Cudmore Junior.

The dam of the winner is a mixture of McCarter, Trestfall and Pryde Gits and Ferrier Junior.

T. Langsford, Oaklands, finished in second place with a blue che. yearling cock which had flown all stages to Tarcoola Derby.

The sire is Royal, bred by former showman H. A. Laffer, and the dam, bred by F. Childs is all of the old Gits, Bonami and Royal blood.

Third prize went to West Torrens owner, A. J. Allen, who clocked a red che. yearling Cock to make it five yearling cocks in the first six birds of the last two big S.A.H.P.A. fixtures.

The parents of the third prizewinner were bred by the well-known Moonta fancier, J. H. Thomas.

The cock is Peddie Barker, Jurion and Grooter and the hen is Peddie Barker.

Campbelltown owner, W. Stern, clocked a blue bar yearling hen which had previously flown all stages to Tarcoola derby to win fourth prize.

The sire is a Blanden cock, grandson of the 1953 Alice Springs winner, and the dam is a mixture of pigeons procured from A. Pearce, M. Bird and a cross of A. P. Whittington Bricaux.

### RESULTS

Tarcoola. — SAHPA (216, 2,211).—Ross Burford 1798, T. Langsford 1792, A. J. Allen 1784, W. Stern 1781, K. Badcock 1778, C. Mills 1777, T. Freak 1776, B. Baulderstone 1773, M. Baker and Son 1771, M. Harshegyi 1768, R. Coventry 1765, R. Colmer and Son 1763.4, A. Goodyer 1763.2, W. G. Allen 1763, R. Colmer and Son 1762, R. McGuire 1760, B. Baulderstone 1759.8, H. Peterson 1757.7, M. Hunter 1757.6, Bishop Bros. 1756.7—subject to check.

SAHPA National (143, 483). — A. J. Allen 1789, C. Mills 1777, T. Freak 1776, B. Baulderstone 1773, M. Harshegyi 1768, W. G. Allen 1763, K. Bright 1756, L. Cox 1751.5, B. Salter 1751.4, H. Halstead 1750.

Elizabeth (8, 51). — B. Canton 6.53.54, A. McGuire 6.54.46, E. Brocklebank 7.2.1, West Sub. Jnr. (4, 8).—G. Bojko 6.26.7, J. Bodnar 6.44.50, C. Forbes 7.39.45.

Gawler (14, 182). — L. Bott 6.8.2, J. Bergin 6.9.8, L. Naismith 6.30.23.

Maryborough—FAA (59, 1031). —W. Molik 1123.4, F. Morris 1123, F. Fraser 1122.9, D. Burgess 1122.8, Wear and Son 1122.7, L. Thamm 1122.5, R. Drew 1122.3, M. Petelski 1121.8, Wear and Son 1121.7, R. and E. Hines 1118.

South Fed. (1½, 158). — T. Tomlin 1094, D. Tomlin 1089, P. Lancaster 1085.

Woodville (17, 160). — D. Dempsey 1118, D. Dempsey 1075, D. Battams 1069, South-West (6, 32).—W. Lehman 8.52.16, I. Kutcher 8.52.44, A. Langsford 8.53.4, South-West Jnr. (5, 18).—G. Caldicott 8.52.42, T. Davey 9.37.8, R. Brown 9.45.20.

Victor Harbor (4, 16). — M. Son 8.34.12, W. Ewen 9.36.46, 8.23.46, G. Bout 8.43.26, B. Fuller 8.56.13, Angaston (7, 40). —A. Fairey 11.28.56, J. Miller 12.24.46, R. Thiele 12.44.0, Solly 8.30.31, R. Hanson and

### Acknowledgement

Mrs. K. D. Bates, of Emu Bay, Kangaroo Island, reported 20620 SA 63 (this bird has since returned to its loft in Adelaide) and Major Jordan of Hillcrest reported 19290 SAA 64.

### Country Results

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Waikerie. — From Wolseley, 160 miles (7, 39) — J. Glasson 996.2, G. Elliott 996.1, A. Noack 995 — returns almost 100 p.c. in last three races.

Murray Bridge. — From Maree (6, 43) — B. Kennett, G. Wave, W. Seibert — five birds in the day but overall return was good. Trophies by L and E. Koehler and J. Excell.

Whyalla. — From Hughes, 496 miles (10, 66) — P. Raymond and Sons 1382, Mrs. F. Preuss and Son 1368.17, M. Raymond and Son 1368.14 — trophies by E. Gregory, R. Hutchinson, Karavas Bros. PAA bird 1638 PAC 64 found dead at Whyalla.

Solomontown. — From Barton derby (13, 116) — A. Bishop and Son 1197, L. H. Tee 1186, G. Benton and Son 1184 — trophies by Central Market, Clare H. C. and Port Pirie H. S.

Mount Gambler. — From Keith (8, 117) — J. Roberts 1493, A. Walters 1482, L. Dalley 1481 — 95 p.c. returns.

Renmark. — From Lameroo, 78 miles (8, 64) — Mrs. R. Ratcliff 740, M. Carslake and Son 739.9, R. Doevendans 739.

Jamestown. — From Keith, 220 miles (5, 65) — P. C. Couzner 979.7, Smith and Son 979.5, P. C. Couzner 977 — trophies by R. Wills and Webb and Son.

Clare. — From Benalla, 458 miles (5, 21) — Wilson and

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