

Convoyers Report for week-end. 13<sup>th</sup>.-14<sup>th</sup>. May Eastbourne OB National.

Friday 5.00pm. Fleet of approx. 18,500 birds left UNC Headquarters. Arrived at Beachy Head, Eastbourne at 12.45am. Watered birds immediately, with lights one.

Saturday 07.00am. Conditions at race point very poor, low cloud with visibility less than 100yards.

09.00am No improvement, forecast was for the conditions to improve during the morning.

11.00am Still no signs of the sun.

12.30pm. Started to get some breaks with brightness and patches of blue skies, decided to hang on till 1.00pm in case the sun did appear. Constantly checking the line of flight. Receiving very mixed reports changing within minutes to low cloud, poor visb. and drizzle. 10 miles further could have blue skies and sunshine

1.00pm. All Convoyers decided to holdover.

3.00pm Fed birds. Waters were constantly monitored and refreshed.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>.

07.30am Conditions at race point very poor.

09.30am Conditions slightly improving, the forecast was for the whole line of flight to clear mid-morning, to allow blue skies and sunshine, with a possibility of a scattered shower.

09.40am. Spoke to other Convoyers all agreed to cut strings, to enable a liberation within minutes if the sun appeared. Visibility now good.

10.00am Sun appearing, broken cloud blue skies good visibility.

10.05am Full sun so commenced liberating. Birds cleared well into a fresh west southwest wind. At some points on the line of flight the wind direction was northwest and westerly

I as Chief Convoyer strongly recommend that we find another suitable race point, that is not as close to the coast and is not as exposed. The wind exposer on this site is not only effecting the birds, but is dangerous to members of my team.

Mr S Profitt  
Chief Convoyer.

### Weather Voting

EASTBOURNE

Federation	Go	Postpone
Border	1	1
Coquetdale	1	1
Wansbeck	1	1
N/umberland Prem.	1	1
Tynemouth North	2	2
Newcastle West	2	2
Gateshead	2	2
Hetton	1	1
Houghton	2	2
Mid. Tyne	2	2
South Shields	1	1
Sunderland	1	1
Sunderland Prem.	2	2
N.E. Counties	1	1
Shotton & Trimdon	2	2
Tess Valley	2	2
Teesside	1	1
Ferryhill & Dist	1	1
Middlesboro	1	1
S.E. Durham	2	2
Hartlepool	2	2