



British Equestrian Federation / *British Breeding* Press Release

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Futurity winners shine through – four year olds proving great promise

Further to the recent media release, the four year old section of the Baileys Horse Feeds/*British Breeding* Futurity, which is run in parallel with the South Essex Insurance Brokers/*British Breeding* Young Horse Evaluations, turned up a remarkable result with the same Futurity-enrolled horse achieving highest scores in two sections.

Jive Time Sport Horses' Master Jive Time Jubilee by Monte Carlo out of Acton Easter Present by Louella Inschallah II was victorious in both the show jumping and the dressage sections attaining the highest scores out of all the Futurity-enrolled four year olds in these sections.

Owned and bred by Debby McDowall, Master Jive Time Jubilee is destined to be retained and competed by his owner.

The eventing high scorer was Marguerite Boucher's Cotton King by Mill Law out of Royal Gem II by Sovereign King, bred by Hazel Bramley and presented by Nicola Baguley. Cotton King was placed third in the Young Horse Evaluations eventing final at Hartpury in August and won this year's Burghley Young Event Horse four year old section, capitalising upon his first premium Futurity diploma as a three year old.

Dinner presentation

The top scoring horses' (by age group) owners will be invited to the *British Breeding* Breeders' Dinner at the Grange City Hotel in London on Saturday 13 January 2007. Tickets are now available for sale and the dinner is open for anyone to attend so come along and celebrate British breeding success.

Media information

Photographs available from www.blairshots.co.uk or four year olds from janrogersequine@aol.com

Full finals result and qualifiers results www.bef.co.uk

The highest scores for each horse (taking into account qualifiers and finals) will be stored on the National Equine Database

Full colour programme www.bef.co.uk

Qualifying evaluators: Clem Somerset, Bridget Parker, Richard Stiles

Finals Evaluators: Edward Evans, Celia Clarke, Carolyn Rycroft

For 2007 qualifier dates, rules and entry forms www.bef.co.uk from 1 March 2007

Additional information

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Futurity information

The Futurity Scheme, generously sponsored once again by Baileys Horse Feeds, assesses young horses and ponies from foals at foot to six years, in conjunction with the Young Horse Evaluations scheme for four year olds, and has been developed to encourage breeders, owners and trainers of eligible young horses and ponies aimed for dressage, show jumping or eventing careers to bring their horses forward into the public eye for evaluation. The best horses stand the chance of winning a large cash prize if they are the eventual winner after participating in the Futurity for the full six years.

The Scheme's basis is that young horses are nominated for evaluation from foals, and they buy into the Scheme each and every year until they are six years old. Prizes are awarded every year, culminating in a substantial prize fund in the horse's sixth year. The prize fund is split between the owner and the breeder - and a parallel competition is run for the sires of evaluated horses, enabling stallion owners to benefit from a share of a separate prize fund.

Young horses brought forward will benefit from being evaluated by experts in a low stress environment. As far as the industry is concerned, beneficial data is gathered for the National Equine Database (NED) regarding the bloodlines of evaluated horses, enabling the identification of successful combinations at an early age.

Horses and ponies will be evaluated for type, conformation, correctness of gaits, athleticism and elasticity and overall general impression to establish where quality lies in individuals, provide a market for young evaluated horses and more importantly reveal the most talented young horses so they may be developed to realise their athletic potential and maximise their competitive lifespan.

British Breeding was established by the British Equestrian Federation (BEF) to promote the breeding of British horses and ponies.

The Baileys Horse Feeds/*British Breeding* Futurity Scheme serves to assess potential competitive and breeding success in order to:

- provide data about stallions and mares to enable identification of good stock at the earliest possible stage

- enable the development of genetic indices
- supply reliable material for research and development
- indicate where quality lies in individual horses
- provide a market for young evaluated horses
- expose the most talented young horses
- provide information about the horses entered which will be of value in subsequent training programmes

Horses and ponies will be evaluated for:

- Suitability of type for discipline
- Conformation
- Correctness of gaits
- Athleticism and elasticity
- General impression

- Ends -

