

World Class Start & Potential Newsletter Update – July 2006

News

Eventing

Sharon Hunt has been called up to represent GB at the forthcoming World Equestrian Games. Due to an injury to Pippa Funnell's horse, Sharon has come off the first reserve list to take Pippa's place.

Lucy Wiegiersma riding In The Purple came seventh in the Mayback Barbury Castle CIC***.

Nick Gauntlett aboard Nyali Beach secured his first international win in the CIC** at Brightling Horse Trials while Oliver Smith retained his dressage lead with The Magic Moment to head the OI.

Nick was also in the money at Stockland Lovell, where he won and Intermediate section riding Bubbling Brook.

Kitty Boggis had a very busy day at Tweseldown (3), where she triumphed in one OI section taking first and second places with Imperial Master and Kings Cross respectively and a second place on Five Boys in another OI section, with Laura Collett riding Fernhill Sox slotting in third place behind Kitty.

Alex Postolowsky won and Intermediate section at Great Witchingham.

Start riders enjoyed a training day at Gill Watson's in Great Missenden, where dressage trainer Nick Burton worked with the riders on improving the presentation of the horse and rider in the arena. Yogi Breisner used jumping exercises to improve jumping techniques and Becky Rawson spoke with the riders on any media or sponsorship issue they had.

Show Jumping

At the Junior and Young Rider European Championships in Athens, Will Whitaker won the Junior individual title and along with team-mates Andrew Mizon and Hannah Paul won a team bronze medal. , Charlotte Platt secured the young rider individual bronze medal and was part of the silver medal winning team.

At the DFS Derby meeting Ben Maher won the Speed Derby riding Mercurius, and at the BSJA Area 38 show Ben won the Area Trial on the Russian-bred Vento who he says is the best horse he has ever ridden. At the same show, Emma Shaw captured the £2,000 first prize in the grand prix class on the stallion Crown Rhodonite, and Hannah Paul booked her Foxhunter ticket riding Sirius, who gave the credit for this performance to dressage rider Richard Davison, who two days previously Hannah had attended a flatwork squad training session with.

Robert Whitaker successfully defended his Great Yorkshire Cock of the North title, after going head to head with Paul Barker in the final jump-off. However Paul deservedly won the Natwest Private Banking Challenge on Blue Chip Quninton.

At Rowallan Paul accumulated more than £4,500 in prize money over four days, where he won the £2,000 to the winner grand prix, the 1.30m class and the Scottish open class.

At this year's Royal Show Robert Whitaker finished second behind his father in the International Trial riding Lacroix.

Dressage

Becky Moody won the prix st georges and intermediaire 1 with High Fashion at Hartpury's Premier League show and finished second in the Grange Hotels Grand Prix riding Humble Pie. Spencer Wilton and Dolendo took the intermediaire II in their warm-up for the international big tour, where at Hartpury CDI*** they ripped up the formbook to win on their international big tour debut with a score of 70.44%. Maria Eilberg who is reserve for WEG finished fourth in the Grand Prix and second in the special.

Para Dressage

Alex McNamara was selected to compete at the Hartpury CDIP, where he finished 3rd, 4th and 5th in the Grade II classes he rode in.

At the Junior and Young Rider International CPDIJ at Millfield School, Somerset the Start & Potential riders excelled themselves, with Daniel Manning winning the individual competition in the Junior section with a score of 77%.

In the Young Rider section Sophie Wells dominated the class with a winning score of 77.5%, Emma Kent came 2nd with a score of 73.33%, Grade 1 rider, Emma Sheardown was 3rd with a score of 72.16% and Natasha Baker tied for 4th place with a score of 71.11%.

The combined scores from Day 1 the warm up classes & Day 2 the individual were added up for the overall results, with Sophie Wells coming out on top with a combined score of 76.04%, 2nd was Daniel Manning with a score of 75.67%, Emma Kent and Natasha Baker were 4th and 5th.

