

# World Class Start & Potential Newsletter Update – November 2006

## News

Riders for the 2007/09 World Class Start and Potential programmes have now been decided following the selection trials that took place between November and December 2006.

With a new three-stage process to the selection procedure, Viewing Days and Viewing Trials were held in the four programme disciplines. Selected riders from the Viewing Days were invited to attend an informal discipline World Class Viewing Trial, from where successful candidates were invited forward to the final discipline selection trial.

The concept of 'Viewing Days ' allowed rider's who were within the age range of 14-30 to be assessed in a competitive environment, in particular for event riders on the cross-country phase.

The funding structure for the selected riders will again be a tiered system incorporating Gold, Silver and Bronze levels within each of the Start and the Potential programmes. Whilst all riders on the scheme will have the same World Class benefits, the level of individual funding will vary between the levels. These levels are primarily set on the rider's performance at the selection trials, although movement between the levels (up and down) may be possible throughout the year.

Several pony riders have been selected onto the Pre-Start programme, although they do not receive any funding, will be invited forwards to attend a couple of squad sessions in the year to introduce them to the World Class system and services it can offer.

A number of training grants were also awarded this year to a few riders who although not selected onto the programme, the selectors felt they justified financial support.

We have pleasure in announcing the following successful riders:

## **Dressage** (Chief Selectors: Francis Verbeek and Peter Engel )

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### **Start:**

#### **W C Gold Level:**

Anne-Marie Perry (Hartlepool)

#### **W C Silver Level**

Henry Boswell (Warwickshire)  
Natalie Allen (South Yorkshire)  
Lara Griffith (Oxon)  
Charlie Hutton (Glos)

### **Potential:**

#### **W C Silver Level**

Sarah Millis (West Sussex)  
Becky Moody (South Yorkshire)  
Simone Ward (Essex)  
Andrew Gould (Surrey)  
Lisa Hopkins (Buckinghamshire)

#### **WC Bronze Level**

Darryl Thickitt (Nottinghamshire)

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## **Show Jumping** (Chief Selectors: Derek Ricketts and Bert Romp )

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### **Start:**

#### **W C Gold Level**

James Billington (Cheshire)  
Chris Frazer (Herefordshire)  
Gemma Paternoster (Berks)

#### **W C Silver Level**

Hannah Paul (Herts)  
Jemma Kirk (Wales)  
Louise Saywell (Nottinghamshire)  
William Whitaker (Huddersfield)  
Stuart Neads (Scotland)

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### **Potential:**

#### **W C Gold Level**

Ben Maher (Herts)  
Robert Whitaker (North Yorkshire)

#### **W C Silver Level**

Paul Barker (North Yorkshire)  
Richard Robinson (York)  
Charlotte Platt (Surrey)  
Jackson Reed-Stephenson (York)

#### **W C Bronze Level**

Lee Williams (Wales)

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### **Pre-Start**

Matthew Sampson  
Daniel Neilson  
Jason Smith

### **Training Grants**

Sophie Tobin  
Chris Smith

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## **Eventing** (Chief Selectors: Flatwork: Jennie Loriston-Clarke and Christian Llandolt; Jumping: Ian Stark and Commandant John Ledingham)

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### **Start:**

#### **W C Gold Level**

Gemma Tattersall (East Sussex)

#### **W C Silver Level**

Laura Collet (Glos)  
Ben Hobday (Lancs)  
Georgie Spence (Wilts)  
Amy Young (Co. Durham)  
Izzy Taylor (Oxon)

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### **Potential:**

#### **W C Gold Level**

Cressida Clague-Reading (Surrey)  
Lucy Wieggersma (Devon)

Ruth Edge (Cumbria)

**W C Silver Level**

Abigail Walters (Bucks)

Kitty Boggis (Oxon)

Piggy French (Norfolk)

Laurence Hunt (Leics)

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**Pre-Start**

Sienna Myson-Davies

Libby Soley

Chole Kirkpatrick

Eleanor Barnes-Graham

**Training Grants**

Emily Chandler

Jade Lazenby

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**Para Dressage** (Chief Selectors: Stefan Keisewetter and Alison Mastin)

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**Start:**

**W C Silver Level**

Alex McNamara (Lincs)

Erin Orford (Bucks)

Natalie Povey (Wrexham)

**W C Bronze Level**

Daniel Manning (Oxon)

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**Potential:**

**W C Gold Level**

Denise Shawns (West Lothian)

**WC Silver Level**

Emma Sheardown (Lincs)

Sophie Wells (Nottinghamshire)

Emma Kent (Kent)

Natasha Baker (Middlesex)

David Herron (Northumberland)

**WC Bronze Level**

Felicity Coulthard (Lancashire)

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**Pre- Start**

Anna Gill

Stephen Wagland

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# **London International Show at Olympia**

## **Show Jumping**

Ben Maher, Robert Whitaker and Paul Barker rode in several classes. Ben won the Accenture Stakes with Robert in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Paul in 9<sup>th</sup>. In the puissance, Robert shared the honours with two other riders, who all cleared the wall standing at 7ft 4in. In the Christmas Cracker Stakes, Robert was 4<sup>th</sup> and was also equal 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Christmas Masters. In the Mitsubishi Ride and Drive, Paul was 3<sup>rd</sup> and Robert 4<sup>th</sup> and in the Welcome Speed Stakes, Paul was 3<sup>rd</sup>

## **Dressage**

In the FEI World Cup Dressage Qualifying class Spencer Wilton riding Dolendo was placed 6<sup>th</sup> with 69.042% and the best placed British rider.

