

## **World Class Development Programme Newsletter Update –September 2007**

### **World Class Development Eventing Programme**

At the biggest Burghley for a number of years, Lucy Wiegiersma produced a very good performance on Shaabrack to finish in 7th place, while Piggy French on her new horse Paris, finished in 16<sup>th</sup>. Gemma Tattersall couldn't quite repeat her Badminton performance, and finished in 36<sup>th</sup> place, after incurring 20 penalties on the cross-country course.

Ruth Edge galloped round in the fastest time of the day to win the OI at Allerton Park on her new ride Mr. Dumbledore, who she has been riding since July on the suggestion of Peter Murphy who is the show jumping trainer to the Eventing Programme.

Ruth also rode at the National Dressage Championships, finishing third in the Biotal Equine Gold Medium Open on Paper Tiger.

Kitty Boggis finished in second place in the CIC\*\* at South of England riding Kings Cross, a horse that has recently returned to Kitty, and was only one of four riders to complete on their dressage mark when also finishing 8<sup>th</sup> with General Opposition.

Piggy French won the OI at Aske Horse Trials riding Cast Away II, the combination led throughout the competition, with an excellent dressage of 24.3 to which she added just 4.4 cross-country time-penalties. This combination also won the OI section at Burnham Market and is now being aimed at Le Lion d'Angers at the end of October. Piggy also won another OI section, this time riding Royal Crown, posting the fastest time of the day.

Laura Collett goes from strength to strength and emphasised what an outstanding prospect she is by winning the CIC\*\* at Gatcombe Horse Trials. Riding Rayef, Laura headed the 102-strong leader board after dressage and never looked like being overtaken.

Kitty Boggis was also on form at Gatcombe, winning one of the OI sections riding Kings Cross.

Georgie Spence trounced her rivals in the advanced class at Burnham Market on her mare Trenear and was also placed with Song For Gull – this was both horses first advanced run.

After a very successful season, Chris King has been invited to re-join the WCD Programme at Silver Potential Level. Chris left the programme at the end of last year due his lack of horsepower, he has since acquired the ride on a couple of quality horses, one of which he has won two 3\* events this season.

### **World Class Development Show Jumping Programme**

At the BSJA easibed Festival, Paul Barker continued his good run of form by winning the 1.30m Championship title riding Temple Guess What, convincingly taking the title in the strong 20-horse class.

Meanwhile, Matthew Sampson clinched the Foxhunters Masters title in a 19-strong class on Chianti Classico, and will be joined at the NEC by Stuart Neads captured a last-chance HOYS Foxhunter ticket riding Sonara, a horse that he has been riding since May.

At the UK Arena Festival, Paul was in the money again, this time winning the 1.25 Grand Prix with Temple Ryefield.

Chris Frazer, Charlotte Platt and William Whitaker were part of the winning GB Nations Cup

team in Prague. William marked his senior team debut with a double clear riding Arielle. William's form continued into the small tour final, riding Kerball, he joined Chris Frazer in the 13-horse jump-off. One mistake put Chris in eighth place, but William went clear again to finish second.

Charlotte and William also traveled to Ungar in Slovenia to compete in a World Cup show where they were in the money. Charlotte was 5<sup>th</sup> in the World Cup qualifier, and William was the only Briton in the grand-prix line up, finally finishing in 13<sup>th</sup> after a single mistake.

Ben Maher has been in consistent form at home and abroad. At the four star French CSI, Ben won a jump-off class on the stallion Gem of India, then finished runner up in a speed-class riding Rolette and he also reached the seven-year-old grand prix jump-off on Quainton Quirifino Z.

Ben booked a last minute ticket for the grade c final at HOYS by winning the qualifier on Akoise Du Wonderland at Addington.

### **World Class Development Dressage Programme**

Simone Ward made it a one-two at Intermediaire 1 at Manor Farm, taking the top spot on Mikado with 70.8% and finishing second with Oberon VI.

At the National Dressage Championships, Darryl Thickitt was well placed in the competitions he had qualified for. In the 4 yr old Potential International Dressage Horse, he came 2<sup>nd</sup> on Warlocks Charm scoring 85.60%. In the Advanced Medium he was 3<sup>rd</sup> riding Rex scoring 68.53%, and in the Prix St Georges he came 6<sup>th</sup> riding Watson 108, with a score of 66.75%.

Simone Ward took 8<sup>th</sup> placed in the Intermediaire 1 Freestyle on Mikado VI with a score of 69.95% and in the Intermediaire 1 was again 8<sup>th</sup>, this time riding Oberon VI with a score of 67.60%.

Anne-Marie Perry has begun training with Emma Hindle in Erbach, Germany and the plan is for her to stay out in Germany until the middle of next year.

### **World Class Development Para Equestrian Dressage Programme**

In the KBIS Para Dressage Championship class at the National Dressage Championships, Natasha Baker took the Grade II title riding Waldminor, receiving praise from the judges for her accuracy and the rhythm of her test. Alex McNamara was 2<sup>nd</sup> with a score of 67.42%.

In the Grade III class, Erin Orford riding Nirvana was 2<sup>nd</sup> with a score of 68.40%.

In the overall championships results, Erin Orford was 4<sup>th</sup> with a score of 68.40% and Natasha was 5<sup>th</sup> with an overall score of 67.73%.