

World Class Start & Potential Newsletter - September

Eventing

Laura Collett won the individual gold medal at the Junior European Three-Day Eventing Championships in Necarne, Northern Ireland. Emily Llewellyn was 5th individually and both riders were part of the GB team that won the silver medal. This was the best result by a Junior European team for 7 years.

Congratulations to Sharon Hunt who performed so well at the World Equestrian Games to finish 9th riding Tankers Town. Riding as an individual, Sharon was the best placed Brit after Zara Phillips.

Kitty Boggis won the CIC** at Gatcombe International Horse Trials riding Kings Cross and was 3rd in the OI riding General Opposition.

Also at Gatcombe Nick Gauntlett finished 6th in the CIC** riding Suspence IV.

Lucy Wieggersma and Nick Gauntlett were third and fourth respectively in the CCI*** at Blair Castle, with Lucy winning the CCI* riding Porloe Alvin.

Kitty Boggis riding Imperial Master romped home in the AI section at Highclere, leading from start to finish with a dressage score of 25.4.

At Spring Hill, Emily Llewellyn finished ahead of Laura Collett in an Intermediate section, and both riders are part of the GB Junior European Championship team.

In the dressage phase at Burghley, Ruth Edge and Lucy Wieggersma were the best placed Brits in joint ninth on a score of 44.1 with Cressy Clague-Reading riding Carousel Quest on a score of 46.5. Lucy withdrew Shaabrak before the cross-country phase. Ruth rode an exceptional round on Marsh Mayfly to lie 6th and Cressy excelled on Carousel Quest to lie 9th. The show jumping phase was very influential and with 4 fences down Ruth dropped 11th places to finish 17th. Cressy showed a very cool head to only incur 4 penalties and finished in 4th place and the best placed Brit.

Show Jumping

Andrew Mizon recently achieved two major wins when he won the James Sharp 1.40m Open at Chester Racecourse riding Taifun and the £500-to-the-winner 1.30m class at Kenyon Equestrian Centre.

Robert Whitaker was part of the GB team that finished 3rd in the Samsung Nations Cup at Gijon, jumping only one of the three clear rounds in the 1st round.

Vicky Young is making the most of her new post as Franke Sloothaak's stable jockey, picking up several good placings at the CSIO**** in Chernyakhovsk in Russia.

Hannah Paul was in very good form in Valkenswaard, Holland competing in the young horse section and small and big tour classes.

Paul Barker jumped a double clear on Blue Chip Quinton as part of the triumphant Nations Cup team in Bratislava and he won the grand prix in Kiskunhalas.

At this year's BSJA Scope Festival, Robert Whitaker won the national 1.30m championship on Rudeski II, Paul Barker won the Petplan Newcomers Masters and Sophie Heaven won the George Babes YR B&C championship.

Dressage

Maria Eilberg was first reserve for GB dressage team at the World Equestrian Games and traveled out to Aachen.

At this year's National Dressage Championships, Spencer Wilton riding Dolendo won the Grand Prix Freestyle and was 2nd in the Grand Prix, just missing out on becoming the National Champion. Spencer was also 2nd in the Elementary Open with Dea II. Spencer will now travel to Saumur to compete in the International Big Tour classes.

Maria was 4th in the Intermediare I class with Topscore and Annie Perry 8th with World Classic. Maria was 4th in the Grand Prix with Two Sox.

Darryl Thickitt riding Urban Hit was 4th in the Novice Open.

Henry Boswell, Annie Perry and Joanna James performed in the Young Riders Quadrille on Saturday and Sunday.

At Hickstead in July where a number of riders from Europe were competing to give their horses a last run before the World Equestrian Games Spencer was 12th and Maria 16th in the Grand Prix.

Andrew Gould had a good run in the Small Tour classes.

Para Dressage

Sophie Wells and Derwen Rendevous competed against able-bodied riders at Sheepgate and won the advanced 100 and Prix St Georges classes.

In the KBIS Disabled Dressage Rider Championships, held at the National Dressage Championships, the riders performed very well, with some pleasing results.

In the Grade 1 class, Emma Sheardown was up against the experienced Performance riders, but came a very creditable 5th. In the Grade II class Start & Potential riders filled 2nd – 5th places. In the Grade III class Toby Pawson was again up against the Performance riders and produced a score that warranted him 5th place. In the Grade IV class, Sophie Wells excelled, with a score of 70.22%, beaten into 2nd place by Performance rider Michelle Crunkhorn with a score of 72.04%, and the other places were filled by older and more experienced rider