



British Equestrian Federation Media Release For Immediate Release

“Perfect 10” in season’s first Futurity

The first 2007 regional Baileys Horse Feeds/*British Breeding* Futurity Young Horse Evaluation at Arena UK in Lincolnshire on 19 July saw a record-breaking number of entries and equally dramatic high scores.

Over 60 young horses from foals to four years presented for evaluation in this rapidly-growing programme designed to identify performance potential in young horses and ponies with a view to nurturing talent for long term competitive success.

A consistent improvement in quality from previous years was apparent, with 62% of those evaluated securing a first premium diploma for a score of over 80% against a fixed set of criteria developed to assess whether these equine athletes were likely to be able to stand the rigours of modern competition. The new veterinary section proved popular with participants, enabling potential performance inhibiting issues, such as hoof trimming, to be identified early and rectified.

A first ever “perfect 10” was secured for type in the two year old dressage horse section by Furst Opera by Furst Heinrich (Westf) out of a Weltregent (Hann) mare, owned and bred in Rutland by Georgina Brett for her newly-formed Gemini Stud. Furst Opera scored over 9 in every other section giving a record overall average score of 93%.

Says Georgina Brett “All the team here at Gemini Stud were utterly thrilled to achieve the first Futurity perfect ten for our future dressage stallion Furst Opera. We were absolutely moved to tears”.

When asked how the Futurity would help underpin her breeding programme, Georgina stated “the Futurity has given all of us the confidence and support to take a long term view of our British and continental breeding programmes. We will continue to use its objective feedback as a firm foundation for the future improvement and success of our lines. Whilst the European countries have a strong foothold on the dressage market, I feel more certain than ever, after today, that we can breed world class dressage horses in the UK and in contrast to this, I believe that Britain already holds the world market for event horse breeding, but, it is ours to lose”.

Says the British Equestrian Federation’s Director of Equine Development Graham Suggett “with advance entries for all of the established Futurity venues nearing capacity, it is very pleasing that the benefits of this programme are starting to be realised. The aim is to continue to improve the quality of our British sport horses and ponies such that we can reinvigorate the British breeding industry and make it more buoyant and financially viable”.

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Further information

Full Futurity details and complete results at www.bef.co.uk in the *British Breeding* section

Arena UK Regional Champions

Dressage Foals

Champion

VOLATIS DIVA Bay Tobiano Filly dob 2007. Sire: Vincent II (KWPN) Dam: Broadstone Dingle Bell (SHBGB) by Demonstrator (Hann). Owner and breeder Volatis Stud, handler A McLeod

Reserve

CUFFLINK (BWBS) Bay Colt, 16/04/2007. Sire: Chico's Boy (Holst). Dam: Gentle Savage (TB) by Primitive Rising (TB). Owner, breeder and handler: Georgina Brett.

Show Jumping Foals

Champion

MILLFIELD CLICHÉ Grey Filly, 31/03/2007. Sire: Clinton (BWP). Dam: Grey Dawn (Holst). by Caretino (Holst). Owner & breeder: Millfield Stud, handler: Brian Thompson

Reserve

CALIBRO (AES) Bay Filly, 11/03/2007. Sire: Libro (KWPN). Dam: La Touche (KWPN). by Concorde (KWPN). Owner and breeder: Liane Smith, Handler: Lianne Smith and Martin Smith.

Eventing Foals

Champion

DUSTY MILLER (SHBGB). Dun Filly, 27/03/2007. Sire: Mill Law (NTR). Dam: Spring Fidgit (NTR) by Bohemond (TB). Owner and breeder: Sue Browne & Nicola Baguley, handler: Sue Browne.

Reserve

FUTURE FAERE ILLUSION (SHBGB) Bay Colt, 29/03/2007. Sire: Future Illusion (SHBGB). Dam: Future Faer (SHBGB) by Ben Faerie (TB). Owner, breeder and handler: Julia Hodkin.

Pony and Small Horse Foals

Champion

WATERMEADOW TORCHBEARER (WPCS) Chestnut Colt 23/05/2007. Sire: Diachristu Dynamite (WPCS). Dam: Poplar Lady (TB) by Doctor Wall (TB). Owner, breeder and handler: Michelle Godwin

Reserve

BATHLEYHILLS FLASHLIGHT grey filly born 19/04/2007 WPB by Thistledown Copper Lustre out of Aklah Light Star by Shamil. Owned bred and handled by Penny Walster

Dressage Yearlings

Champion

DETECTIVE (AES) Bay colt 17/05/2006 Sire: Donnersohn (AES) Dam: Private Eye (BHHS) by Pascal. Owned and bred by Anne Staley

Reserve

PRIORS PARK PREMONITION (SHBGB) Dk brown gelding 26/04/2006. Sire: Primitive Proposal (TB) Dam: Raunds Freeway (SHBGB) by Banks Fee Daniel (RID) Owned and bred by Anne Staley

Show Jumping Yearlings

Champion

MILLFIELD BALLYHOO (KWPN) Bay Colt 17/06/2006. Sire: Balou-de-Rouet (Old). Dam: Hortense (KWPN) by Wolfgang (KWPN). Owner & breeder: Millfield Stud, handler: Brian Thompson.

Reserve

TOURMALINE (EC) Roan Filly 10/04/2006. Sire: Cabri D'Elle (SF). Dam: Irish Opal (AES). by Powerswood Purple (RID) Owner & breeder: Mr & Mrs M Whitney, handler: Charlotte Esser.

Eventing Yearlings

Champion

TOPHAM TRIBUTE (SHBGB) Bay Gelding 23/03/2006. Sire: Kings Composer (TB). Dam: Savannah Bay (SHBGB) by Sportsnight (KWPN). Owner: I Anthony & P Anthony, Breeder: I Anthony, Handler: Clare Neale

Reserve

RUPERT (NTR) Chestnut Colt, 18/05/2006. Sire: Revolution (TB). Dam: My Abyssinia VII (NTR). Owner, breeder and handler: Lucinda Ainley.

Reserve

PRIORS PARK PREMONITION (SHBGB) Dk brown gelding 26/04/2006. Sire: Primitive Proposal (TB) Dam: Raunds Freeway (SHBGB) by Banks Fee Daniel (RID) Owned and bred by Anne Staley

Dressage Two Year Olds

Champion

FURST OPERA (BHHS) Black Colt, 21/05/2005. Sire: Furst Heinrich (Westf). Dam: Weltmusik (Hann) by Weltregent (Hann). Owner and breeder: Georgina Brett, handler: Craig Millard.

Reserve

AMOUR G (KWPN). Piebald Colt, 15/06/2005. Sire: Goshka Ringo (KWPN). Dam: Sigyn Torsmark DV by May Sherif (DV). Owner and handler: Pippa Childerhouse, breeder: K Hornby & T Forrester.

Show Jumping Two Year Olds

Champion

RED HARRIET ROSE (BSPA) Chestnut filly 14/03/05. Sire: Red Harvey Rose (BWBS). Dam: Arizona (Pol WB) by Rabus (PolWB). Owner and breeder: Mrs V C Redbart.

Reserve

CLASSIC PRIMITIVE (BWBS) Bay Colt, 26/04/2005. Sire: Chico's Boy (Holst). Dam: Gentle Savage (TB) by Primitive Rising (TB). Owner and breeder: Georgie Brett, handler: Emily Chandler.

Eventing Two Year Olds

Champion

CLASSIC PRIMITIVE (BWBS) Bay Colt, 26/04/2005. Sire: Chico's Boy (Holst). Dam: Gentle Savage (TB) by Primitive Rising (TB). Owner and breeder: Georgie Brett, handler: Emily Chandler.

Reserve

MAXI MILLION (SHBGB) Brown Colt 15/05/2005. Sire: Mill Law (NTR). Dam: Cartoon Time (SHBGB) by Jumbo (BSHR). Owner and breeder: Sue Browne & Nicola Baguley, handler: Jack Cochrane

Two Year Old Ponies and Small Horses

Champion

ALPHAMOON (CHAPS) Tobiano Colt, 26/06/2005. Sire: Stonegrove Ace (BWBS). Dam: Sedum Lucerne (CHAPS) Owner and handler: Georgie Rodwell, breeder: Pauline Miller.

Show Jumping Three Year Olds

Champion

TEMPLE NAVERRA (AES) Black Filly 31/05/2004. Sire: Temple Croesus (AES). Dam: Ravienna (BWP) by Wiensender (BWP) Owner: Roger Strawson, Breeder: James Small, Handler Alexandra Esser.

Eventing Three Year Olds

Champion

COOPERS LAW (SHBGB). Bay Gelding 09/05/2004. Sire: Mill Law (NTR). Dam: Miss Cooper (SHBGB). by Kildalton Gold (RID) Owner and breeder: Nicky Dickson, handler: Jack Cochrane.

Reserve

MILLTHORPE (SHBGB) Dk Brown Filly 29/04/2004. Sire: Mill Law (NTR). Dam: Wenthorpe (SHBGB) by Louella Wenderkreis II (Hann). Owner, breeder and handler: Rosemary Myers.

Pony and Small Horse Three Year Olds

Champion

WOODWALTON BHALTAIR (SPSS) Bay Gelding, 22/05/2004. Sire: Bernwode Brokat (DRP) Dam: Saffron of Woodwalton

Horses and ponies securing 9s in certain sections

ELICE (BHHS) by Elroon (Hann) out of a Donnerschall (Hann) mare owned and bred by Katy Holder-Vale in Lincolnshire

VOLATIS DIVA by Vincent II (KWPN) out of a Demonstrator (Hann) mare owned and bred by the Volatis Stud in Lincolnshire

FUTURE FAERE ILLUSION (SHBGB) by Future Illusion (SHBGB) out of a Ben Faerie (TB). Mare owned and bred by Julia Hodkin in Lincolnshire

FUTURE MAGICAL ILLUSION (SHBGB) by Future Illusion (SHBGB) out of a Song mare owned by Louise Mackie and bred by Julia Hodkin in Lincolnshire

DUSTY MILLER (SHBGB) by Mill Law (NTR) out of a mare by Bohemond (TB) owned and bred by Sue Browne & Nicola Baguley in Nottinghamshire

WATERMEADOW TORCHBEARER (WPCS) by Diachristu Dynamite (WPCS) out of a mare by Doctor Wall (TB) owned and bred by Michelle Godwin

FURST CHORUS (BHHS) by Furst Heinrich (Westf) out of a mare by Weltregent (Hann) owned and bred by Georgina Brett in Rutland

RUPERT (NTR) by Revolution (TB) out of My Abyssinia VII (NTR) owned and bred by Lucinda Ainley

TOPHAM TRIBUTE (SHBGB) by Kings Composer (TB) out of a mare by Sportsnight (KWPN) Owned by I Anthony & P Anthony and bred by I Anthony

PRIORS PARK PREMONITION (SHBGB) by Primitive Proposal (TB) out of a mare by Banks Fee Daniel (RID) owned and bred by Anne Staley
QUEEN'S COUNSEL (Trak) by Grafenstolz (Trak) out of a mare by Welton Crackerjack (SHBGB) owned and bred by Alexandra Mundy
CLASSIC PRIMITIVE (BWBS) by Chico's Boy (Holst) out of a mare by Primitive Rising (TB) owned and bred in Rutland by Georgie Brett
MAXI MILLION (SHBGB) by Mill Law (NTR) out of a mare by Jumbo (BSHR) owned and bred by Sue Browne & Nicola Baguley in Nottinghamshire
RED HARRIET ROSE (BSPA) by Red Harvey Rose (BWBS) out of a mare by Rabus (PolWB) owned and bred by Mrs V C Redbart in Bucks.
WALK ON BYE (TB) by Beat All (TB) out of a mare by Jendali (TB) owned and bred by Laughton Manor Stud

Other Futurity Young Horse Evaluations

Osbaldeston, Lancs 26 July
Sunnybank, Caerphilly 2 August
Oatridge, West Lothian 9 August
Catherston Stud, Hants 16 August
Heart of England EC, Stone, Staffs 23 August
The Grange, Okehampton, Devon 30 August

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