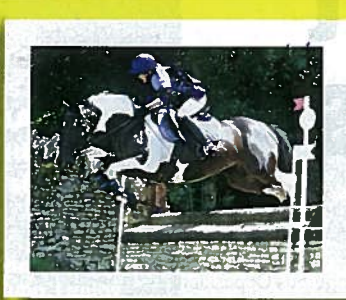
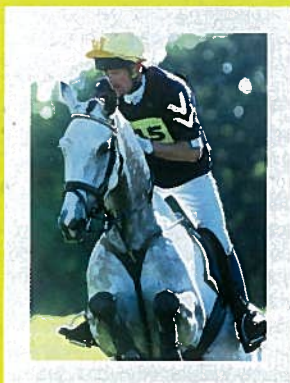




WINNERS' GALLERY



above Lucy Gasston and Smart Colours, IRF winners at Ascott left Rob Stevens at Iping

Ascott also ran four intro classes, including two IRFs. Claire Moreton (Follywood Miss Teak) took IRF section C, while Lucy Gasston (Smart Colours) triumphed in section D.

Organisers and hosts Chris and Janet Badger had gone to great lengths to produce a friendly event.

"They've done a brilliant job. They had put a lot of effort into the fences and the going," said Chris King.

Will Cursham

HOPETOUN

THE organisers of Hopetoun found themselves besieged with last-minute entries when this popular Scottish horse trials became the only event to run on the last weekend of June.

In the end, all were accommodated and nearly 300 horses started.

LITTLE MATTINGLEY

THERE should have been three action packed days of intro and pre-novice competition at Little Mattingley, but yet again the wet weather took its toll and just one day – Saturday – survived the elements.

Catherine Marsden was the delighted winner of the pre-novice regional final with Gardenia.

"It's taken a while for her to grow into herself," said Catherine, who works as a legal secretary.

Melanie Etherington's Gardenia is by Lizzel Winter's ex-advanced stallion Gardeur and out of Catherine's mare by Cruise Missile.

Francesca Brough was the runaway winner of pre-novice section H, finishing on her dressage score of 27.1 aboard Tamar Dancer.

The open novice brought a win for Katie Dun and the 18-year-old Dundrum Sam. Bought as a six-year-old, Sam was originally evented by Katie's mum. He was subsequently sold, then bought back again and evented by Katie's brother before being finally returned to Katie five years ago.

Bramham U25 winner Emily Galbraith won novice section D with TLB Strickly Private.

A recent purchase from Terry Boon, this Dutch Warmblood was being aimed at a CIC**.

Amber Mitchell and Vejas finished on their dressage score of 22.5 to win pre-novice section C, while Emily Dickson and Platinum Crackers triumphed in section A.

"He's a real family horse," said Emily, whose mother bought Platinum

"I can always rely on her to pull off a good dressage test, but her jumping can be rather unreliable. She can lull me into a false sense of security and then put in a stop," explained Francesca, who is currently in her gap year, but plans to move her two event horses to Cirencester in preparation for the start of her course there in September.

The remaining pre-novice sections brought wins for Tracey Smale (Flora S), Therese Wahlberg (Buzzy Bee) and Anthony Magee (Sonic Power).

Mattingley also played host to the first BE training competitions, which proved extremely popular with grassroots competitors. Janet Hyde, Hayley Singleton and Alison Cook claimed a section each.

Ellie Hughes

WINNER OF THE MONTH SPONSORED BY BLUE CHIP

LISA Pilbeam has taken the south east circuit by storm this season. She has notched up no less than five wins so far with her own Cullawn Celtic Queen and Cullawn Holly (right), both of whom she has produced from scratch.

Lisa partnered Cullawn Celtic Queen to victory at South of England, Nurstead Court and Borde Hill, while Cullawn Holly triumphed at Berkshire College and Iping.

The Irish-bred mares are full sisters and are by the prolific Irish sire Rich Rebel.



"They're both very different to ride, though," said Lisa, who now has her sights firmly set on the South East Eventers League, for which the winner will receive a Devoucoux saddle.

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Crackers through Sandra Low Mitchell for Emily and her sister.

Dorothy Drury, 15, took the honours in the final pre-novice section with the 14.2hh Indian Princess.

Described as an "Appleby orphan" – she came from the famous horse fair – the pint-sized skewbald is of unknown parentage.

Vicky Dalrymple

IPING

ROB Stevens' victory in the IN at Iping with The Jack Of Diamonds turned out to be particularly appropriate, for the seven-year-old grey gelding is owned by Michael Spackman, whose wife, Veronica, organises this popular West Sussex event.

"It was nice for Michael as he loves this horse," said Robert, who produced Jack from a four-year-old.

Emily Elliot and her Thoroughbred Tiffans Quest triumphed in novice section M.

"I thought the cross-country course was quite a challenge, but this phase is

my horse's strength and we had no problems at all. The ground held up really well and I had a great ride," said Emily, who was aiming to compete at the Pony Club Championships.

Daniel Leech's brief acquaintance with his novice section L winner The Lady Eleanor didn't hinder his quest for victory one bit, for the pair finished on their dressage score of 33.3 to fend off a challenge from runner-up Elsa Walsh and Welton Camelia.

Lisa Pilbeam captured the remaining novice section with Callawn Holly.

There were no intermediate classes at this year's Iping and consequently the novice track had been re-routed to incorporate some early galloping stretches and eliminate the wooded section of the course.

"We have had very positive feedback regarding the changes," said Veronica Spackman. "Following all the recent cancellations we were delighted to be able to take entries right up until the last minute."

Erin Wooddell

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