

DAY 2 – THE OPEN CLASSES

“It’s Like Winning Olympic Gold!”



Pat Footer and Xanthus III, Medium Champions

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Claire Dyett and Don Marcello Prelim Champions

Sunday's classes got off to a great start with young rider, Lauren Ruffle taking first place in the Prelim Warm Up on her nine year old, Bobby Dylan. "I've only had him four months, so it's really good to be here. I think we have lots of good times to come because he has been a really good boy so far. Can I say a big thank you to my trainer, Amanda

Hughes, who has helped us a lot." It was a day of mixed emotion for Sarah White and Floriana B who took the lead in the Elementary Warm Up but had an unlucky moment in the Championship when her mare was spooked by some excitable children. "I've spent the last year and a half de-spooking her.

Recently she's been brilliant, today was just unlucky."

Big Plans for Prelim Champions

"I didn't think I would do that well today, so I am really pleased!" said a very happy Prelim Champion, Claire Dyett who scored 69.58%. Claire's six year old Hanoverian gelding, Don Marcello, is "such a character" according to his proud owner. "I bought him for Dressage, we do a few jumps at home but my BE days are over" she said. "This year everything has really come together, he's got over his baby wobbles and is going very well." Close on Claire's heels with a score of 68.95% was Kelly Turner and London's Playtime. Red, as he is known at home in Mill Hill, has just come back into work following an injury but Kelly has high hopes for this five year old. "He is a really, really nice horse so I am quite excited for the future with him. My ultimate aim for him is going to be Badminton." Kelly is evidently a very talented rider, having won the BE100 class at Badminton Grassroots this year on her other horse, Talented Boy. The pair even graced the front cover of



Nice salute from India Sheridan and Crugmelyn Tincer Bach

CT Rider in June, issue 230, so keep an eye out for this local combination!

Imogen Ablett and eight year old Reitlands Helena wowed the judges to beat the best senior score with 72.91% to win the Prelim Junior section. "It's like winning Olympic Gold!" said a truly thrilled Imogen. "We've had her four years, which has been so much hard work. I know today is only one day, but we really feel like we have turned a corner." It was Stacey Munson at Ace Dressage who really helped Imogen to turn her around



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