

19 the dressage score earned by BE100 section O runners-up Kelly Turner and Talented Boy at Stratford Hills

Win is so Hunky-Dory

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SIXTEEN-year-old Beatrice Apthorp rode away with the top honours in a 21-strong junior open novice with Hunky-Dory I.

"He'd competed at three-star level a while before I had him," said Beatrice. "Last year, we had a few silly stops, but the more time I've spent with him, the better our relationship has become. Now he feels like he'll jump anything."

Beatrice, who is at boarding school in Yorkshire, travels to her family home in Cambridge to ride at weekends. She also finished fourth in the BE100JR with her six-year-old, Diamond Counter.

Beatrice Apthorp, 16, takes the junior open novice on Hunky-Dory I — Beatrice travels from Yorkshire to Cambridge each weekend to ride



Working rider Lucy Prior wins a BE100 and credits her parents for looking after Carpe Diem and driving to events

"We don't have many hills in Cambridge, so Diamond Counter struggled a bit with the terrain on the cross-country," she said.

Local rider Lisa Clarke-Spence piloted Carolyn Keswick's ex-racehorse Falcons Cliche, by the St Leger winner Classic Cliche, to victory in BE100 section F.

"He's Carolyn's son's horse, but while he's at boarding school, I get to event him," said Lisa, who runs a

competition yard in Colchester. Lucy Prior took top honours in BE100 section O with Carpe Diem with a dressage score of 23.

"I've had him for three years, but this was our first win," said Lucy, who works for the fashion boutique Hobbs. "I couldn't do it without the help of my mum and dad; they look after the horse while I'm working and Dad drives the lorry to events."

Good things come in small parcels as Susanna Morris found when she steered her recent acquisition, 15hh Trouble And Strife, to victory in BE90 section C.

"I'm thrilled and shocked," said Susanna, who bought the gelding just three weeks before Stratford. "But he's a pocket rocket and he nipped round the cross-country easily."

Organiser Gillian Aldous had plenty to celebrate on Sunday afternoon, for not only had her event run like a well-oiled machine — "thanks to my 130 unpaid helpers" — but her stunning six-year-old Primitive Prospect, by Primitive Proposal, won novice section J with Piggy French in the saddle.

First BE100 WINS

JESSICA WILLIAMS' Hutton BE100 winner, Celtic Rocstar, only learned to jump last September. Jessica juggles working for Lloyds bank in Chester with riding three horses.

"We had a run of seconds last season, which was quite frustrating, but when you win it makes all the hard work worthwhile," she said.



Jessica Williams beats seconditis

NATALIE PASSMORE scored an impressive first BE100 win at West Wilts (2) riding Roscoe, a horse she bought out of the Goresbridge sales.

"He's the ultimate all-rounder — he's also qualified for the British Dressage elementary summer regionals," said Natalie of the 10-year-old by Big Sink Hope.



Goresbridge sales buy Roscoe

BACK FROM THE BRINK

'His tooth wouldn't clear up with antibiotics so they extracted it'

SEVENTEEN-year-old Stonar student Amber Woodhouse had a weekend to remember at Longleat when she clocked up a third place in the JRN and a win in the BE100plus.

Her junior horse, White Walker (right), with whom she finished fifth in the JRN Championship at Weston Park last year, developed a deep tooth root abscess over the winter.

"It wouldn't clear up with antibiotics, so eventually Henry Tremaine from Bristol University extracted it," said Amber. "Longleat was his first event back following the operation, so I took it steady on the cross-country."

Amber's win came aboard Accolino 2, who finished on his dressage score of 28.

