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NATIONAL SENIOR SECOND ROUNDS ROUND UP

The first of the Tri-Zone Newcomers and Horse and Hound Foxhunter second-rounds got underway and both Equissage Discovery and KBIS British novice second-rounds were hotly contested as riders chased Cushionbed British Showjumping Scope Festival places.

Old Lodge were winners in 2009 with their homebred Sultan V taking two national titles at HOYS with Bruce Menzies, and they will again contend the Horse and Hound Foxhunter final with a homebred horse.

Nicole Pavitt celebrated a great weekend with the Old Lodge owned and bred Concorde daughter Aberer. The pair had already secured HOYS grade C qualification at Herts County the week before, and at Equestrian Events summer spectacular at Towerlands Park they gained entry to two more prestigious finals. Having won the HOYS seven and eight-year-old on the first day, Nicole returned to claim a Horse and Hound Foxhunter ticket.

"I hadn't realised how talented this mare was when I first started riding her" said Nicole, "but since coming back from a break this year, she seems twice the horse she was."

The win was hard-fought as 20 reached the final jump-off in a dash against the clock. Cheshire based Irishman Anthony Condon landed the top spot aboard his boss Billy Twomey's Wild Thing, a seven-year-old Montreux daughter.

Georgie Strutton has been concentrating on producing young horses and looks to have a good one in the six-year-old Strijder IV, a son of Shearwater Olivier and out of an Emillion mare. But she had to move up a gear to outpace all rivals chasing after the

ultimate two HOYS Tri-zone Newcomers tickets.

Lola Wade, now based in Essex with John and Laura Renwick, slotted Laura's Barcadi Van Overis Z – a six-year-old by Baloubet Du Rouet and out of a Notaris mare – into the second qualifying spot.

It was a feeling of déjà vu at Area 15 when the top two places of the Horse and Hound Foxhunter second-round were taken by last year's Newcomers second-round qualifiers at the Allerton Park, Yorkshire venue.

In a reverse of last year's result, British Showjumping accredited coach Julie Andrews, who produced Michael Whitaker's three-times Hickstead Derby winner Monsanta, topped the Horse and Hound Foxhunter second-round. She was riding Sharon Whiteway's Oslo Du Pre Fleuri, a Kannan sired eight-year-old who gained vast experience competing at international level at the British Open in April.

Scottish rider Alex Barr is again HOYS-bound as he eased Carneils Wyacara S, a seven-year-old by No Limit out of a Voltaire mare that he has produced for the past 18 months, into the second spot.

It was a weekend to remember for Alex as he will make the journey from Scotland to the NEC, Birmingham, worthwhile after also claiming the second-placed HOYS finalist pass in the marathon Tri-Zone Newcomers second-round with the nine-year-old Utopie IV, a son of Oklund.

In a strike for Scotland, Greg Taylor, who rides for Kingsbarn Equestrian Centre, Falkirk, is also NEC bound after the seven-year-old Denter topped the Tri-Zone Newcomers second-round jump-off.

Peter Lear topped the first of the Equissage discovery

second-rounds on Zoe Warren's six-year-old Castaldo, beating Louise Pavitt into second place with Darco Dream, Fiona Ellett's son of Unbelievable Darco who will also contend the Marsh six-year-old final.

Cornwall based Adam Ellery brought the six-year-old Zastra to the fore at Dorset, while hospital porter Nigel Thorpe topped Hargate's Discovery with Harmonie D, a six-year-old bought from Camille Crow two years ago. Emma Stoker riding Carron Nicol's Jubilee III and Emma Shaw with Pat Ryder's Master Pleasure also claimed qualifying places at Hargate.

At Kingswood Arena, Albrighton, Staffs, Amanda Forster and Lord Castell took the top spot, with second-placed Gillian Chitty on Marros Freddy Fox and Keiron Leonard's Willow The Wisp, third, also making the trip to the Equissage Discovery final.

Michael Fursedonn claimed victory at Vicarage Farm to take a KBIS British Novice finalist place riding the six-year-old mare Carentino Van Varsi, with Lincs based Ross Hill taking second on Vivian De La Cour.

Emma-Jo Slater could not be caught at Patchetts with Mike Fortune's Renkum Valentino sired six-year-old Cosmic Savannah, but she was chased hard by Ryan McKenna on the five-year-old Rembrandt Blue and Lauren Poole's Just Albert II, who also made the trip to Stafford's KBIS British Novice championship.

Myles Browning triumphed at Bicton with New Priory Stud's five-year-old Hamilton daughter Em, pushing Rebecca James and Carethargo Z II into second spot, while at Summerhouse Equestrian Centre in Gloucestershire, Mark Lawson and the six-year-old Zimmertwirre captured first ahead of Rhiannon Lewis on Calcount Illicit Liason.