

# CUSHIONBED BRITISH SHOW JUMPING SCOPE FESTIVAL 2010

British breeding came out tops at this popular championship show. British Showjumping now has a new National Champion in Bruce Menzies and Old Lodge's Sultan V while Molly Malone ridden by Anthony Condon headed the Marsh six-year-old title.

Course-designer Dave Conway's encouraging Marsh six-year-old track saw 19 of the 35 starters post initial clears in the Grand Ring. But just six accessed the final jump-off, with Angie Thompson's Lupicor daughter Zomeroos setting an opening target.

They finished second as Anthony cut two seconds from the time with Molly Malone. The Kannan daughter was bred by Keith Doyle and produced by Sian Price before being sold to Billy Twomey during the Spanish Sunshine Tour.

"She's special; super-careful and scopey" said Anthony, who also took HOYS Newcomers and Foxhunter places here.

Over their biggest track to date – a daunting jump-off of 1.60m – Bruce Menzies recorded a career best courtesy of Old Lodge's Irco Mena son Sultan V as they were crowned Cushionbed British Showjumping Scope Festival national champion.

Nine cleanly negotiated the testing 12-fence track, including an unperturbed Joe Clayton who returned 20 minutes after a power cut caused a black-out, but just three produced second clears.

With smooth, but not over-tight lines, Bruce eased Sultan into another clear. They remained ahead as both Graham Lovegrove (Tin Tin, third) and Joe Clayton (Leonardo, second) finished on four faults each.

"Sultan was amazing, he's only eight and made it seem effortless" said Bruce, who was overwhelmed to beat big names like Whitaker and Billington. "He was keen in the last round I had to hold him back."

Siblings Louise and Robert Whitaker claimed the ladies and gents titles.

At their third show, Louise pushed Mandy Hall's Rostaar – a granddaughter of Galoubet – into a fractional lead over Laura Renwick. Laura had strenuously defended her title, but lost time when Beluga banked the triple bar, almost unseating her.

"I'm still getting to know Rostaar and kept to an even rhythm to win" said Louise.

Robert held off 12 others in the gents jump-off aboard Tim Gredley's BF Utopia, claiming victory by one sec over Bruce and Sultan V.

"It's only our second show but he's

naturally fast" said Robert.

Both Tri-Zone Newcomers and Horse and Hound Foxhunter masters went to Scotland. Youngest competitor Mark Turnbull, 16, outpaced his 17 Newcomers jump-off rivals with the homebred nine-year-old Ahorn sired Ursula XII.

"She was a late starter after having a foal, but she's bold" said Ashton Stud, Fife-based Mark.

Stacey Babes lifted the Foxhunter title with the Calvados/Lux seven-year-old Waldemar.

"The track was tricky, especially the rustic oxer with water tray, the poles blended with the surface" said Stacey, 22, also an amateur

and seven and eight-year-old finalist.

Emma-Jo Slater enjoyed a terrific week with three championship titles. Cosmic Savannah netted the KBIS British novice in a 13-horse decider, and Mick Fortune's homebred Renkum Valentino six-year-old finished second to another of Emma-Jo's rides – David Rogers' five-year-old. Mr Blue sired Rembrandt Blue – in the Katherine James 1m novice.

The hat-trick was completed when the Cavalier Royale mare Simply Billie Bunter netted the Smarter Training Group's 1.15m for Emma-Jo.

Doubling up on rugs and sashes,

Kerry Grimster captured both Equissage Discovery and Thermohomes Adventurer with One Diamond. This Irish-bred eight-year-old was a spooky late starter, but confidently won with angled turns and taking out strides in distances.

Andrew Davies' sole aim on Roy Edwards' Vjlada MW was to scoop the Halsall Electrical Grade C.

"She has loads of scope and the heart of a lion" said Andrew, who finished second in the grade B equivalent on Necker Platiere.

This title went to Kirsty Hardstaff with Bournston Equestrian's Narcos sired Omame Des Faux in a two-way jump-off.

"He's naturally quick but can be spooked by spectators, but earlier classes indoors helped" said Kirsty, who has produced this eight-year-old for three years.

On a 13 Spoint lead, Essex-based Olivia Gent's neat, consistent jumper Beau Verina impressed the judges to take the Tagg66 four-year-old title.

"In a class of its own" was judge Jane Beswick's verdict on the Contendro daughter bought four months ago by equine degree student Olivia, 18.

Simon Crippen landed the Equiport five-year-old aboard Alo Brake's impressive German-bred stallion Acco.





Nicole Pavitt & Fetiëna van Texelohoff



George Stratton and Strider  
British bred 6 year old winner



Laura Kraut and Winde III  
winners non British bred 7 year old



Shane Brown and Old Lodge Ethel II  
winners Equine Oscar of the Future

Tudor bought her after Nicole spotted her talent – and gave the Pavitt family half share at Christmas.

The win came courtesy of an eggbutt snaffle – “I changed from loose-ring to an eggbutt and she improved overnight – no snatching, in my hand and happy.”

A relentless pace and a cut across the planks handed British-based American Laura Kraut the seven-year-old title and a HOYS finalist place on Joyce Williams’ Winde III, a Numero Uno daughter out of a No Limit mare bought from Emile Hendrix in November.

“Joyce will be tremendously excited, she’s been a great owner of mine for 15 years” said Laura, who finished a sec in front of William Funnell’s homebred Billy Angelo – a clear-round bonus winner alongside Spencer Roe on the Padinus sired Wonder Why and David McPherson’s Flipper Sun, a Selle Francais Flipper D’Elle son.

Five four-year-olds jumped double clear to share the final’s spoils. Two British-bred – Louise Pavitt on Brendon Stud’s Sussex Caretino – a mare with a Caretino Glory/Hamilton pedigree – and Daryl Johnson with Pauldarys Touch of Tiger, a homebred coloured stallion son of Utah Van Erpekoum out of a mare by Pauldarys Top Tiger – the first coloured Grade A stallion in Britain.

The non British-breds were Laura Mantel with Millfield Stud’s Millfield Tina, who, although born in Yorkshire with Contender/Carthago Z bred bloodlines, has an Oldenburg passport. Aled Harding’s Harlequin Du Carel daughter Paris XI and Phillip Miller riding Di Cornish’s Berlin son Basic.