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New equine para stars on show

NATASHA BAKER was absent from competition last year, but has bounded back with her new ride, Emma Blundell's Mount St John Diva Dannebrog (Don Schufro x Brentano II). Natasha achieved the highest score among the para classes — 76.1% — to win the grade III individual test.

"It was a personal best for us," said a beaming Natasha. "Every time, she gets better and better. She is so settled and loves competing. I only got her in January and we had two wins at our first international in April. Hopefully we're just going to keep on improving."

Julie Payne won her grade II individual test on Pandora despite nearly missing the show.

"She was kicked six days ago and came sound only two days ago. Yesterday I took it gently and came second so today I put on some pressure," said Julie. "We have a great relationship — I trust her and she trusts me."

Julie was reclassified from grade I to II this year. "I thought I wouldn't be able to cope but she's helped me tremendously. Pandora knows me so well she doesn't worry if I wobble around!"

Sophie Christiansen also took a year out after Rio and is full of competitive spirit with a new horse, the nine-year-old Dutch gelding



Natasha Baker and Mount St John Diva Dannebrog post over 76% in grade III

Amazing Romance, plus a new yard and trainer.

"I'm thrilled with how we've all got on together in such a short time," said Sophie, who won both grade I classes.

"There's still a way to go and we need to tidy up a few things. 'Harry's' a big horse in a small arena, which he finds quite difficult at times, but we'll get there."

Sophie Wells and C Fatal Attraction were



Julie Payne's Pandora is back in action just in time for a grade II individual win

in a league of their own in grade V ranks, out in front by a substantial margin in both tests, while Nicky Greenhill won the individual grade IV class on her new ride Betty Boo, a nine-year-old British-bred Benetton Dream mare.

"She's an absolute poppet — the nicest horse I've ever ridden. I probably did a bit too much warm-up as she felt a little tired but she gives you everything," said Nicky.

Headmore Delegate regains confidence to secure the inter II under Becky Edwards



(Dramatic x Rohdiamant), showing off her lovely cadence in the trot to good effect. Trish bought her as a foal and Kate has produced her.

"She has a lovely natural elasticity and is a dream to ride. As she's matured she feels more

adjustable," said Kate. "Now we've qualified for the nationals the pressure is off so I may do some more Premier Leagues to give her more experience."

The Kröll family's nine-year-old licensed stallion KK Dominant won his first ever inter I at the

RESULTS

6 June: PSG Q (S Leitch, A Tissot, S Pidgley). — 1, Exquisite-D (V Thompson Winfield) 71.54; 2, Extra Time (L Army) 68.81; 3, Shamwari Debonair (L Beckett) 68.72. **BD 4yo (D Hunt, J Loriston-Clarke).** — 1, Centre Stage (D Henson) 7.82; 2, Kayos Capriccia (T Goode) 7.72; 3, Sharyar (N Nilosaari) 7.7. **BD 5yo.** — 1, Imhotep (S Smith) 8.38; 2, Bode Miller (L Tomlinson) 8.22; 3, Ippolito (E Ward Hansen) 7.98. **BD 6yo.** — 1, Hocus Pocus (E Creamer) 8.16; 2, Fandango V (J Smith) 7.82; 3, Hormela (J Palmer) 7.78. **7 June: inter I (S Pidgley, A Tissot, S Phillips).** — 1, Headmore Davina (A Oppenheimer) 70.57; 2, LG Alicante Valley (J Dunn) 69.82; 3, Exquisite-D 69.07. **BD nat 5yo (J Loriston-Clarke, P Hayler).** — 1, Woodcroft Icon (B Bexon) 8.5; 2, Ippolito 8.44; 3, Headmore Figaro (D Morgan) 8.36. **BD nat 6yo (J Loriston-Clarke, M Assouline).** — 1, Headmore Bella Ruby (A Oppenheimer) 8.14; 2, Donaulted (K Lawrence) 7.86; 3, Virtue V (A Towle) 7.8. **FEI int 5yo (P Hayler, J Graham).** — 1, Woodcroft Icon 8.22; 2, Headmore Figaro 7.72; 3, Woodcroft Valentino (T Reeve-Smith) 7.6. **FEI int 6yo (M Assouline, J Graham).** — 1, Virtue V 8.36; 2, Headmore Bella Ruby 7.82; 3, Lucky Times (A Young) 7.3. **8 June: adv med FSM (P Watts, D Lush, L Wall).** — 1, Hawtins Rossana (D Skeates) 72.05; 2, Suspension Giraldo (A Hutton) 70.05; 3, Zion E (V Pengilly) 69.15. **adv med Q (A Duck, L Whetstone, K Ratcliffe).** — 1, Zion E 69.86; 2, Folt (H Boswell) 69.82; 3, Langley (T Goode) 69.38. **PSG Q (S Leitch, J Graham, C Halsall).** — 1, Dramatic Conquest (K Cowell) 68.68; 2, World Exclusive (K Lister) 68.59; 3, Dancer Khan (H Cheetham) 67.54. **inter II (J Loriston-Clarke, S Phillips, A Tissot).** — 1, Headmore Delegate (R Edwards) 72.85; 2, Behrooz (S Millis) 70.92; 3, Belmondo III (P Hutton) 68.94. **9 June: pony team (J Loriston-Clarke, S Leitch, J Graham).** — 1, Ine (A Pidgley) 71.92; 2, Cognac IX (A Pidgley) 70.76; 3, Donna Schuffo (O Wrennall) 69.29. **PSG FSM (J Harvey, A Tissot, J Graham).** — 1, Florentina VI (C Dujardin) 78.79; 2, Headmore Davina 72.83; 3, Keystone Dynamite (S Smith) 72.62. **GP Q (C Halsall, D Trott, J Loriston-Clarke).** — 1, Aldborough Rubenhall (R Hayler) 71.63; 2, Mango Jacaro (V Thompson-Winfield) 69.9; 3, AMD Don Rosso II (M Frost) 69.8. **inter I Q (N Goodman, P Lang, D Lush).** — 1, KK Dominant (G Hughes) 70.78; 2, Sirocco (K Cowell) 70.57; 3, De Galles (L Davison) 69.78. **BD pony 4yo (M Hicks, P Hayler).** — 1, RSC The Ogoogo (B Goodwin) 7.84; 2, Dazzle II (C Rollinson) 7.72; 3, WD Rossini (A Perry) 7.4. **BD pony 5yo (M Hicks, P Hayler).** — 1, Hilkins Showgirl (J Turney) 8.6; 2, Cynheidrefawr Holly (V Pengilly) 7.72; 3, Peasedown Diablo (S Dowding) 7.38. **BD pony 6yo (M Hicks, P Hayler).** — 1, Don Deluxe (O Wrennall) 7.66; 2, RS Starsky (E Cooper) 7.62; 3, Tangaluna (C Pickles) 7.56. **10 June: pony indiv (C Gardiner, P Hayler, J Graham).** — 1, Rober (C Neal) 67.25; 2, Fin C WE (B Bourne) 66.89; 3, Classic's Charmeur (H James) 64.81. **PSG Q (N Goodman, J Loriston-Clarke, P Lang).** — 1, Keystone For Real (D Poynter) 70.48; 2, Finero (Z Sleight) 70.04; 3, JB Dukaat (J Bennett) 69.91. **adv med 91 Q (J Firmston-Williams, A Tissot).** — 1, River Rise Nisa (C Dujardin) 79.53; 2, Langley 72; 3, Fernando (C Whitworth) 71.32. **inter I Q (L Whetstone, F Turner, J Harvey).** — 1, Roman Noir Himself (P Friday) 72.93; 2, Sabatini (C Dicker) 72.41; 3, Don Dante II (O Cooper) 71.93. **paras: gr V team (M Robins, P Watts).** — 1, C Fatal Attraction (S Wells) 73.25; 2, BamBam (C Cundall) 67.96; 3, Diadem (S Wells) 67.5. **gr IV team (K Ratcliffe, A Duck).** — 1, Touchdown M (I Palmer) 69.18; 2, Ferrari (N Naylor) 69.06; 3, Zavallantika (H Bennett) 67.31. **gr III team (K Ratcliffe, A Duck).** — 1, Mount St John Diva Dannebrog (N Baker) 75; 2, Dior UKH (E Orford) 72.14; 3, New Princess (A Shirlcliffe) 69.19. **gr II team (K Ratcliffe, A Duck).** — 1, LJT Enggaards Solitaire (S Hext) 72.65; 2, Pandora (J Payne) 71.74; 3, Chico 3 (G Wilson) 69.69. **gr I team (K Ratcliffe, A Duck).** — 1, Amazing Romance (S Christiansen) 74.46; 2, Gunstone's Pride (D Green) 67.67; 3, D'Artagnon III (S Wade) 65.8. **gr V indiv (A Duck, K Ratcliffe).** — 1, C Fatal Attraction 73.15; 2, BamBam 69.88; 3, LJT Simply Red (C Cundall) 67.2. **gr IV indiv (A Duck, K Ratcliffe).** — 1, Betty Boo (N Greenhill) 69.57; 2, Touchdown M 69.45; 3, Ferrari 68.78. **gr III (S Leitch, P Watts).** — 1, Mount St John Diva Dannebrog 76.1; 2, Dior UKH 73.08; 3, New Princess 71.61. **gr II indiv (S Leitch, P Watts).** — 1, Pandora 74.7; 2, LJT Enggaards Solitaire 72.86; 3, Zion (L Pearson) 72.57. **gr I indiv (S Leitch, P Watts).** — 1, Amazing Romance 72.32; 2, Sky O'Hara (M Durward-Akehurst) 70; 3, Gunstone's Pride 69.1.