

Trakehner heads young event horses

DUBARRY BURGHLEY YOUNG EVENT HORSE FINAL, BURGHLEY, LINCS 2 September

By Carole Mortimer

AN eclectic and fascinating mix of types and bloodlines — as is now generally the case — made up this year's Dubarry Burghley young event horse finalists. In what is probably a first for this competition, a German-bred Trakehner came up trumps in the five-year-old class. This was Sara Fowler's gelding Zeno Das Gluck under Piggy French.

The pair led going into the final section and were then called in first after the "suitability and potential" phase, adding another 10 to their score. This left them 4.5 marks ahead of the rest.

By the now British-based eventing stallion Grafenstolz, Zeno Das Gluck is out of a mare from the line of the famous eventing Trakehner sire Habicht. He proved a shrewd buy for Chloe Newton, who bought him on a German shopping trip two years ago, before breaking and selling him on.

"I like him a lot," said Piggy. "He has been beautifully produced and I didn't have to do a great deal to get him here."

Shadow Boxer, also German-bred, owned in partnership by Dawn Grundy and rider Ben Hobday, came closest to stand a good second. The good-looking dark bay, last year's four-year-old winner, is by Quidams Rubin, a highly rated jumping son of Quidam De Revel, who died



Piggy French steers Zeno Das Gluck, by Grafenstolz, to five-year-old honours

when he was just eight years old.

The highest mark for jumping was awarded to Cameron Crawford's Irish-bred Up Up And Away ridden by Caroline Powell, who dropped just one mark in this section. This lovely grey is another by the much-admired Irish sport horse sire Puissance, out of a mare by the selle Français Almé son Paris Lights, who stood alongside Puissance at stud in Co Kilkenny.

Cekatinka takes four-year-olds

DUTCH breeding headed the four-year-old section with another win for the breeder-producer partnership of Dutch team vet Jan Greve and Judy Bradwell. This

year the mare Cekatinka, with Rosalind Canter in the saddle, gave them victory in a closely contested final of quality horses.

By the international showjumper King Kolobri — a son of Kolobri, who is the damsire of four-star stallion Chilli Morning



Champion four-year-old Cekatinka

— Cekatinka, now owned by Joanne Pullan, is out of a mare by the thoroughbred Julio Mariner.

Matthew Wright and Tockie McKie's Irish-bred Ask The Boss was a close second. This eye-catching gelding is by the Irish-based Dutch-bred Silvano, a son of the Holstein Corland.

"We bought him unbroken out of a field and chose him because he had so much presence and star quality," said Tockie.

The next three placings gave British breeding a boost, with Pippa Funnell and Sarah Jewson's mare Billy Cuckoo, by international jumper Billy Congo, in third. As befits her sire, the attractive mare gained the highest marks in the jumping section.

John Johnston's home-bred stallion Opposition Supremacy, with Mark Todd on board, was fourth and Vin and Elizabeth Jones' home-bred Treveat fifth. The gelding by Catherston Liberator is out of Welton Edwina, a full-sister to the 2000 Kentucky winner Welton Envoy. **H&H**

Results

5-y.o. — 1. Zeno Das Gluck, by Grafenstolz (P French) dressage 33.5, jumping 38, conformation 11, suitability and potential 10=92.5; 2. Shadow Boxer, by Quidams Rubin (B Hobday) 31.5,36.5,13.7=88; 3. Up Up And Away, by Puissance (C Powell) 28.3,39.10,8=85.3; 4. Bulana, by Tygo (L Brown) 30.3,35.14,6=85.3; 5. Obos Cooley, by Obos Quality (L Collett) 29.8,34.11,9=83.8; 6. Fernhill Luxury, by Vechta (D Seabra) 31.35,12.5=83. **4-y.o.** — 1. Cekatinka, by King Kolibri (R Canter) 29.37,3.12,10=88.3; 2. Ask The Boss, by Silvano (M Wright) 28.8,36.5,13.9=87.3; 3. Billy Cuckoo, by Billy Congo (P Funnell) 29.38,12.8=87; 4. Opposition Supremacy, by Fleetwater Opposition (M Todd) 31.36,12.6=85; 5. Treveat, by Catherston Liberator (S Cohen) 29.35,3.13,7=84.3; 6. Perusing, by Puissance (O Townend) 28.38,14.4=84.



The filly foal Woodcroft Hirtin stands champion and is also best British-bred

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IN a repeat of last year, Woodcroft Stud took supreme honours. This year it was the filly Woodcroft Hirtin, one of two foals bred this year at the small Cambridgeshire stud, who did them proud.

Hirtin was also judged best British-bred. She is by the stud's graded stallion Garuda K (EH Munchausen-Angard) out of the German-bred mare Hirtenfreude (EH Tambor-Consul), who was bought as a two-year-old from the Elite sales at Neumunster, where her daughter heads next month.

Breeder Bernadette O'Sullivan said: "She is the first UK-bred foal to be accepted for the elite sales."

The champion riding horse — Holme Park Kashmir (Holme Grove Solomon-Kostolany) owned by Emma Partridge — was the reserve. This six-year-old chestnut, a full-sister to the stallion Holme Park Krug, has enjoyed consistent success at the show. Last year she was performance test reserve champion and in 2009 she stood champion of the mare grading.

This year's mare grading champion was five-year-old Godington Undine, a daughter of Roland by the now-gelded jumping Trakehner Lessen (Suchard-Louidor). **H&H**