

Master sells his star quality



'I loved its front, presence and showmanship' — Collstone Mastermind impresses judge Charles le Moignan to claim his Cuddy in-hand ticket with producer Tom Pearson

Youth reigned over experience in the Cuddy in-hand championship as a new producer led a Dartmoor colt to land a place in the October final

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A YOUNG producer aged just 19 took the Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) Cuddy in-hand ticket in his debut season as a professional. Tom Pearson's achievement was even more remarkable as he is believed to be the youngest person ever to qualify for the prestigious final. He handled the three-year-old Dartmoor colt Collstone Mastermind to perfection for owners Karen Lamont and Joyce Russell, under judge Charles le Moignan, to head a quality field of fellow champions.

"The winner had to sell itself to me, and this pony did," said Charles. "I loved its front, its

presence and its showmanship. Everything about it said 'I am a star and I'm going to win'."

Billy, as the colt is known at home, is by Moortown Crusader out of Veau Melusina and was bred by Nicki Coll.

"I think I'm still in shock," said Tom, who is based near Chester. "I'm doing something I love, but I never expected this so soon. I was up against the big boys today and didn't think we had a chance."

The colt has had a brilliant start to his season, taking his breed title at Windor in May.

"Tom could ride before he could walk," said his sister

Rebecca. "However, he decided he preferred showing in-hand and has never looked back. He doesn't ride anymore although he is really good."

AN APT NAME SAKE

Zara Owen had her very own red-letter day with her horse of the same name when she took a strong HOYS qualifying ladies side-saddle class to book a return visit to Birmingham. Zara, who breaks and schools horses for a living, has had the 10-year-old part-bred thoroughbred for seven years and has previously finished third at HOYS.

"I won some champagne flutes, so I might just be using them," she said.

The loudest cheer of the day was reserved for Maddy Turner, aged 12, who was called forward to win a huge HOYS junior ridden mountain and moorland large breeds class with Bev Bowers' seven-year-old Dales gelding, Carrock King Kenny. Maddy suffers from an auto-immune disease and undergoes weekly chemotherapy sessions. Onlookers were simply captivated by her beaming smile.

"It was so emotional," said Bev. "This is only the second HOYS qualifier Maddy has done and I asked myself what on earth we were doing when we saw the size of the class. She is on medication for her pain as she also suffers from juvenile arthritis — she is always so brave."

Maddy, from Radcliffe near Bolton, was then called forward to take the championship to an emotional response from the ringside, which left even the judges in tears. "I asked competitors to impress me, and this young lady did just that," said Kerry Wainwright, who assessed performance while Jill Burgess was on conformation. "She really thought about her show and her smile was a joy; she is a breath of fresh air. I had no idea about her medical condition until afterwards as neither Jill nor I had judged her before."

DONALDSON DOUBLE

MIA DONALDSON won the HOYS section show pony championship with the 128cms Archwood Ballerina, owned and bred by Yvonne Selby, who had travelled from her home in Colwyn Bay to watch her pony compete. The duo also took their HOYS ticket in the part-bred class, making it a successful day for producers Team Ahern. Sharn Linney had the reigning HOYS supreme pony of the year Thistledown Van Der Vaart on song to take the supreme mini championship, held in memory of Pauline Barfield. The pony is being ridden this season by five-year-old Lily Richardson for her mother Lucy.

Julie Templeton stood reserve with the charming lead-rein show hunter pony Littlebriars Horatio, ridden by six-year-old Hattie Mustoe, who has already chalked up wins at North of England and Windsor. This pony was previously ridden by Hattie's older sister, Sophie.

Harriet Dennison and the impressive 153cm Merrycorner Mister Bui headed a strong show hunter pony championship, producing a blistering gallop despite the sizzling Somerford heat. Harriet is in her second

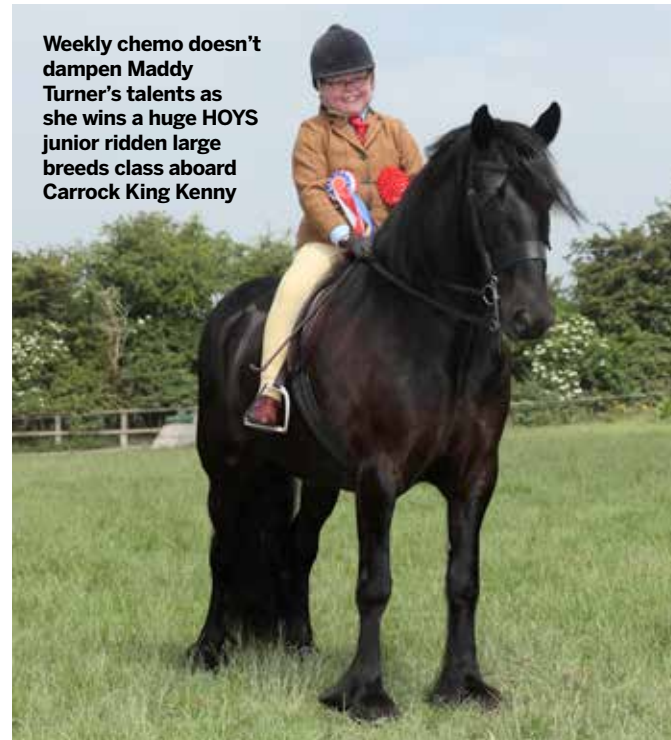
season with the delightfully named "Buttons" who is owned by her mother Shirley and produced by Rachael Helliwell.

Catre Mitchel, eight, and her mannerly first ridden pony Litton Perfection took the overall HOYS mini show pony championship and booked their ticket to Birmingham despite Cate nearly not making it to the show due to a lorry failure. Cate travels from Dumfries in Scotland to meet with the Edward Young-produced pony at shows. "Cate is in her first

season off the lead-rein and has taken time to gel with her pony," said Edward. "They were the last on the yard to qualify for the Royal International, but are the first to qualify for HOYS. Cate was absolutely exhausted today, but she rode brilliantly and we are very proud of her."

This pony, by Nantool Libretto out of Litton Dancing Pixie, is only five, but has manners to burn. Last year he was ridden last by India Till and produced by Kate Carter. **H&H**

Weekly chemo doesn't dampen Maddy Turner's talents as she wins a huge HOYS junior ridden large breeds class aboard Carrock King Kenny



QUALIFIER RESULTS

HOYS coloured (L Russell, N Taylor) native exc 148cm. — 1, K Colosso's Rockstone Raven; 2, C Pikkersgill's Premiere; 3, S Granger's Colour Impact. **not exc. 148cm.** — 1 & ch, G Gross's The Dowager; 2, L Matthews's Braveheart; 3, C Stewart's Poppy. **non-native exc 153cm.** — 1, D Froggatt's Jerseys Angelina; 2, S Birch's Jamaica Will; 3, G Neville's Oakfield Valdecz. **not exc 153cm.** — 1 & res, J Crofter-Harris's Lokie; 2, P Creighton's Alaskan Mist; 3, C Baxter's Niynski Diva. **cob, l'wt.** — 1, P Mortimer's Freddie Kruger; 2, V Smith's Bling Cobsby; 3, A Thornley's Cobbington Bear. **h'wt.** — 1 & ch, A Vestey's Paicr An Faoi Diamond; 2 & res, H Wilson's The Ranger; 3, H Erner's It's Abacodabra. **maxi.** — 1, G Mears's Brookdale Limited Edition; 2, J Jones's Farmhill Apache; 3, S Birch's Surewill. **hack (J Van Praagh, R Parker-Jones) sml.** — 1 & ch, M Atkinson's Whittakers Barroness; 2 & res, A Miller's DPUK Night Dancer; 3, M McCluskey's Mount Stephen Hidden Gem. **lrg.** — 1, T Hanover's Whittakers Prince; 2, H Snook's Marque Of Distinction. **riding horse sml.** — 1 & res, A Jones's Noble Kings Speech; 2, P Duncan's Kilnamona Glen; 3, L Falcus's Tonyming Liberation. **lrg.** — 1 & ch, J Atherden's High Estate; 2, H Cardwell's Carrhouse Double Jeopardy; 3, L Rowe's Millrowes Private Dancer. **M&M WHP (R Marks, K Wainwright) 122cm.** — 1, A Branford's Elcon Mr Chatterbox; 2, S Heath's Friars All Gold; 3, B Bevan's Tynywaun Harry. **133cm.** — 1 & res, K Capstick's Aigas Of Achnacarry; 2, J Haywood's Glynceirch Amlyn; 3, C Cook's Wortley Pollys Gem. **143cm.** — 1 & ch, L Avery's Willoway Free Spirit; 2, H

Hall's Hey Bob; 3, C Gaynor-Smith's Firlies Red Flare. **143cm.** — 1, L Rowe's Kiltormer Chester; 2, S Kilford's Fuzley Mermaid; 3, F Aston's Nimbus Blaise. **INT (A Robertson, H Buchanan) SRT 158cm.** — 1 & ch, Mount Stephen Hidden Gem; 2, G Mears's Madison Square; 3, G Allen's Helsington Tailor Made. **153cm.** — 1, DPUK Night Dancer; 2, Supreme Products's Comberton Clarence; 3, L Whittle's Whalton Dell Boy. **SH.** — 1 & res, Noble Kings Speech; 2, K O Connel & D Heath's Bersham Dragonfly; 3, R Moore's Brichill Casanova. **SP (L Killingbeck, Z Muxlow) 128cm.** — 1 & ch, N Donaldson's Archwood Ballerina; 2, D Jinks's Pearson Black Jack; 3, P Hinchliffe & T Heathcote's Whiteleaze Aurora. **138cm.** — 1, J Matthews Griffiths's Wadacre Whisper; 2, N Gaskin's Sharleen Gone With The Wind; 3, H Till's Drakemyre Puttin On The Ritz. **148cm.** — 1 & res, Y Jobling-Purser's Litton Cerise; 2, J Watson's Anton Dancing Romance; 3, N Brookes's Chiddock Time Traveller. **SHP (S Nicklin, L Homer) 153cm.** — 1 & ch, S Dennison's Merrycorner Mister Bui; 2, B Kershaw's Carnsdale Cover Story; 3, K Marfleet's Valentino 111. **143cm.** — 1, E Lister's Sutton Grange Prim and Proper; 2, C Morgan's Tremarl Bumble Bee; 3, V Dogan's Chiddock Bed Time. **133cm.** — 1 & res, R Walker's Millwood Kaiser Chief; 2, N Body's Annandale Cuffink; 3, J Park-Ross's Telynau Zefferelli. **122cm.** — 1, L Brennan's Waxwing Pringle; 2, L Brill's Redlays Theseus; 3, L Goodyear's Greendown Rene. **HOYS SH (J Van Praagh, N Swallow) sml.** — 1 & res, G Wilkes's Mexican Summer; 2, L Mollard's Secret Times; 3, L Mollard's Be Smart. **l'wt.** — 1 & ch, J Day's View Point; 2, J Tyldesley's Rely Horizon; 3, P Sykes's Shroughmore Emperor. **h'wt.** — 1, S Granger's Treganick; 2, S Iggulden's

Oathill Absolute Power; 3, A Mccowan's Tredragon. **h'wt.** — 1, J Day's Patricks Choice; 2, J Minoprio's Honor N Glory; 3, G Humphries's Lanadowne Road. **ladies (J Wormald, N Swallow).** — 1, M Z Owen's Grand Slam; 2, A Bird's Gwiniago Gethin; 3, A Chaplin's Daichristu Queen Bee. **Connemara.** — 1, J Sehne's Tyan Ma'lady; 2, K Goulding's White Diamond; 3, S James's Glenmore Gwennic. **NF.** — 1, L Booth's Hurststock Cornish Amber; 2, Dibdin's Ashley Rancher; 3, K & E Thomas's Okedene Justin. **Highland.** — 1, M Stanford's Benbreac Of Croila; 2, E Warner's Strathleven Drumochter; 3, S Mahal's Elmere Loch Ryan. **Fells.** — 1 & ch, G Surman's Haltcliff Barley Sugar; 2, R Roberts's Wildhoeve Okidoki; 3, P Saunders's Peaseybeck Black Shadow. **Dales.** — 1 & res, J Elliott's Stuffynwood Primrose; 2, J Graham's Kebroyd Onyx; 3, M Reynard's Morlandsdale Mia. **C (J Helme, S Phelan).** — 1 & res, M Marshallsay's Llamr Robin; 2, S Dowdeswell's Cargarsar Silver Phantom; 3, J Cooper's Rivervalley Teardrop. **Dart/Ex/Shot.** — 1, J Newbury's Newoak Furious; 2, E Cowie's Vean Night Flight; 3, J Rogers's Hawfinch B. — 1 & ch, A Holt's Musbury Consortium; 2, S Roberts's Colby Silver Sprite; 3, M Greenaway's Birkinbrook Stylish Lad. **A.** — 1, S Crump's Colne Typhoon; 2, B Quin's Glededale Aladdin; 3, L Brill's Amilas Clicquot. **junior M&M (K Wainwright, J Burgess) sml.** — 1, M Dunne's Thimbleby Black Magic; 2, L Richardson's Elberry Sulien; 3, A Chaplin's Waulkmill Redstart. **lrg.** — 1 & ch, B Bowers's Carrock King Kenny; 2 & res, A Lines's Holmedown Talladega; 3, S White's Thunderbolt Fairy Robin Bambi. **part-bred**

(A Mickleburgh, T Brooks). — 1, Archwood Ballerina; 2, V Timperley's Avesc Moi; 3, R Till's Rotherwood Rainmaker. **miniature (J Bushell) stallion.** — 1 & ch, B Thompson's Allstars Graffiti in The Spotlight. **mare/gelding.** — 1 & res, H Bradley's Ujeniks Dudes Sombrero; 2, E Yaxley's Fallen Ash Eagles First Love; 3, B King's Fifi. **y'stock.** — 1, E Yaxley's Donabi Uk Eagles Show Stealer; 2, L Taylor's Model Farm Uk Man In The Middle; 3, H Bradley's Destinys Showgirl Of Raf. **SP (B Ashby-Jones, L Killingbeck) LR.** — 1 & res, S Parrott's Parkhill Class Act; 2, R Walker's Sorrells Royal Jubilee; 3, Z Holmes's Hollybush Enchantment. **FR.** — 1 & ch, C Mitchell's Litton Perfection; 2, E Andrews's Barkway Mr Mcgregor; 3, J Bennison's Woodview lanthe. **LR of hunter type (T Brooks).** — 1 & res, J Davies's Little Briars Horatio; 2, S Chadwick Watts's Greendown Harry; 3, P Ahern's Priestwood Roc Star. **M&M LR (C Pearsall, A Robertson).** — 1, L Richardson's Thistledown Van Der Vart; 2, C Knipe's Langfield Lord Asriel; 3, D Hannam's Newoak Gold Edition. **FR.** — 1, L Cassell's Pumphill Rasputin; 2, R Sharifi's Glededale Mumbo Jumbo; 3, L Richardson's Briar Snowman. **WH (J Van Praagh, A Mickleburgh).** — 1, W Pittendrih's Silver Lough; 2, J Snedker's Star Quality; 3, R Harthern's Winterhill Woodpecker. **WHP (R Marks, T Brooks) 133cm.** — 1 & res, J Hancock's Corries Jack In A Box; 2, C Pickering's Pip; 3, K Ward's Noble Peppermint. **143cm.** — 1, A Raine's Mayflower Magic; 2, J Cowie's Cregduff Don; 3, R White's Highlake Lake. **153cm.** — 1, G Horsley's Gubbins's Ella's Melody; 2, S Heap's Townranney Brian; 3, E Stuart's Hazelrock Rebellion. **INT.** — 1 & ch, Silver Lough; 2, E Collier's Ballymotley Lady Zee Zee; 3, R Moore's Country Strong.

ONE TO WATCH

TWO HOYS TICKETS FOR WILLIAM

ANOTHER 19-year-old making his mark was William Pittendrih, who booked his HOYS Cuddy working hunter ticket with Silver Lough, a six-year-old gelding by Cew Bay Bouncer, before going on to take his intermediate ticket and the section championship over David Norlander's technical track. William, who is taking a year off from his academic studies to complete his BHS(A) examinations, bought Silver Lough from Katrina Braithwaite as a four-year-old. He spends the winters hunting with the Tynedale in Northumberland and last year hunted side-saddle to raise money for Cancer

Research. "I came off a 13hh working hunter pony and onto an intermediate work when I was 12 because I was so tall," said William, another one to claim victory at the Royal Windsor in May, where he scooped the overall working hunter pony championship.

