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The Accenture Young Rider Team will be selected from the following long list and announced at a later date.

Richard Beecroft (20) from Bicester, Oxon.

World Class Development Squad member **James Billington** (20) based in Whatton, Nottinghamshire.

Sophie Heaven (21) from Rumney, Cardiff

World Class Development Squad member **Charlotte Platt** (21) from Henfield, W Sussex

Gemma Plumley (20) from Chepstow, Gwent.

Chris Smith (18) from Hyde, Cheshire.

Georgie Strutton (20) from Steyning, West Sussex.

World Class Development Squad member **William Whitaker** (17) based in Whatton, Nottingham.

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The Young Rider Team is also supported by the **World Class Development** programme which is lottery funded through UK Sport.

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The following **Accenture Junior Squad** members have been selected to compete:

Philippa Dobby from Ormskirk, Lancashire riding her mother, Margaret's, 10 year old chestnut mare, Utah VII. At the age of 16, Philippa won the British Ladies Jumping Derby at Hickstead riding Utah VII, and was a member of the Junior European Squad in 2005.

Brett Gardner from Newent, Gloucestershire riding Karen Wade's 12 year old mare, Horia du Neretz. Brett enjoyed a successful pony career and started his campaign on horses in 2007. During his pony career Brett made appearances on Nations Cup teams and was travelling reserve for the 2006 Pony European Gold Medal Team. World Class Development Squad member **Daniel Neilson** based in Brentwood, Essex riding Helen West's 10 year old grey mare, High Tone Z. Daniel has also started competing on horses in 2007 following a tremendous end to his pony career in 2006 with both Team and Individual Pony European Gold Medals.

World Class Development Squad member **Matthew Sampson** from Aston, Sheffield riding Duncan Inglis' 9 year old bay gelding, Chianti Classico. Matthew who is now based with Duncan Inglis has started out well this year following his successful pony years, which included a Pony European Team Gold Medal in 2006, Nations Cup appearances and Championship wins at Horse of the Year Show and easibed BSJA/Scope Festival to name a few.

World Class Development Squad member **Louise Saywell** from Retford, Nottingham riding her brother, Andrew Saywell's, 7 year old gelding, Cyprianus Z. Louise has won Pony European Team Gold and Silver Medals as well as Individual Gold and Bronze Medals in 2005 and 2006. She was recognised for her achievements at the British Show Jumping Awards Ball and hopefully will be awarded with another medal on her first Junior Team appearance.

The non-travelling reserve will be **Danielle Farnsworth** from Kinoulton, Nottinghamshire with Douglas Bryce's chestnut gelding Orlof Wisbecq. Accenture is a global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company. Committed to delivering innovation, Accenture works with its clients to help them become high-performance businesses and governments. With deep industry and business process expertise, broad global resources and a proven track record, Accenture can mobilise the right people, skills and technology to help clients improve their performance. In the UK alone the company generated net revenues of £1.5billion for the fiscal year end August 31st 2005 and has a staff of 12,000. Globally Accenture has more than 120,000 staff out of 56 countries. For more information on Accenture please see :- www.accenture.com.

The Junior Team is also supported by the **World Class Development** programme which is lottery funded through UK Sport.

27-06-2007

Dressage Junior and Young Rider Teams Announced

The Junior European and Young Rider Dressage Championships take place in Nussloch, Germany from 10th to 15th July. The following riders have been selected:

Junior Team:

- Melissa Beer & Celestial King
- Keri Bates & Donna Parrina

- Samantha Harrison & Kwadraat
- Charlie Hutton (Abira)

Young Rider Team:

- Anne-Marie Perry & Forest Fire
- Amber de Savary & Victoria
- Zoe Sleigh & Orvieto
- Georgina Somerset & Paris 52

Charlie Hutton and Anne-Marie Perry are both members of the World Class Start Squad which is funded by the National Lottery via UK Sport.

04-07-2007

Show Jumping Pony European Squad Announced

Following the results from the John Whitaker International Winter Classic at the Royal Show today, the final squad selection was made for the team who will represent Great Britain at the Pony European Championships being held in Freudenberg, Germany from 18-22 July.

Great Britain's pony riders have an outstanding medal tally at the Pony European Championships having won nine Team Gold Medals and one Team Silver Medal in the last ten years.

The following John Whitaker International Pony Squad members have been selected to travel to the Pony European Championships:

Zoe Adams from Halstead, Essex with Mrs P. Akers V.I.P Tixylix, winners of the John Whitaker International Winter Classic today at the Royal Show. The pair also recently won the Grand Prix at Norton Heath and were members of the winning Nations Cup Team in Aach as well as winning the Grand Prix.

Pippa Allen from Stockton on Tees, Cleveland riding her father's appaloosa mare, Spot The Lady. Pippa is used to the limelight having recently appeared on Blue Peter and Spot The Lady tasted Gold Medal success with Jodie Ward in 2004. Although this is Pippa's first European Championships, the pair were on the Pony Nations Cup Team who were second in Wierden and were second in the Winter Classic at the Royal Show today.

James Smith from Kirkcudbright with Mrs L Smith's 11 year old black gelding Mr Nice Guy. Although this will be James' first pony European Championship appearance, he has had many wins with Mr Nice Guy including the Grand Prix at Dabbs Arena, the 148cm Final at Rowallan along with Home Pony International appearances in 2006.

Emma Stoker from Goole, North Humberside with Sarah Stoker's dark bay gelding, Trefilan Talisman. Emma and Trefilan Talisman were on the Nations Cup Team who were second in Wierden and were second in the John Whitaker International Grand Prix at the Royal Show on Tuesday.

Jordan Whittaker from Retford, Nottinghamshire with Jayne Whittaker's 9 year old chestnut mare, Edsilia. Jordan and Edsilia have had a successful start to the year with wins in the Junior Show Jumper of the Year qualifiers and a win at Pony of the

Year Show as well as appearing on the Nations Cup Team who were second in Wierden.

The non-travelling reserve is Rebecca Roe from South Hykeham, Lincolnshire with Simon Roe's 10 year old gelding Aroldo, who were members of the 2006 Pony European Gold Medal winning team.

Accompanying the squad to the European Championships will be Pony Chairman, Clare Whitaker from Huddersfield, W Yorkshire; Chef d'Equipe Katrina Moore from Brentwood, Essex; Team Trainer Alan Fazakerley from Manchester and Mark Sinnott from South Hanningfield, Essex the Team Vet.

The Pony Team is sponsored by John Whitaker International who have sponsored the squad since 2004. The Whitaker family firmly believe in the training and producing of riders that will become future champions for Great Britain.

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20-07-2007

Show Jumping Young Rider European Team Selected

The Young Rider European Championships will take place from 25th to 29th July 2007 in Auvers, France. The following Accenture Young Rider Squad members have been selected to represent Great Britain at the Championships and hope to add to the Young Rider European Medal tally of three Team Gold, one Silver and one Bronze medal in the last six years.

James Billington (21) from Nantwich, Cheshire who is currently based with Michael Whitaker in Nottinghamshire, who will ride Michael's 12 year old bay mare, Lady Des Hayettes. James who is part of the World Class Development programme has already won Team Gold and Silver European Medals as a Junior and travelled as part of the Accenture Squad to the 2006 European Championships in Athens.

Evolution and World Class Development squad member, **Charlotte Platt** (21) from Henfield West Sussex riding her own 10 year old mare, Paulien II. Charlotte was a member of the 2006 Young Rider Silver Medal winning team as well as winning an Individual Bronze Medal with Lacanda.

Gemma Plumley (20) from Chepstow, Gwent riding Johnsey Estates 12 year old chestnut gelding Continue B. Gemma and Continue B were members of both the 2003 Junior European Silver Medal Winning Team and the 2004 Junior Gold Medal Winning Team.

Georgie Strutton (20) from Steyning, W Sussex with the 9 year old, 15.3hh mare R Little Lefanie owned by Old Lodge. Georgie was the fifth member of the 2002 European Championship Squad in Hagan, Germany with Kanselier and has been a member of the Accenture International Squad since 2002 making Nations Cup

appearances in Compiègne and Utrecht.

William Whitaker (17) from Huddersfield, West Yorkshire who is currently based with his uncle Michael in Nottinghamshire riding his 2006 Junior European Individual Gold and Team Bronze Medal winning horse, Carnival Path. William is a member of both the Evolution and World Class Development Squads.

The non travelling reserve for the squad will be 18 year old Christopher Smith from Hyde, Cheshire with Mrs C Smith's 9 year old black gelding Dozent.

Accompanying the Accenture Squad to the Championships will be Chairman of Performance Development, David Broome from Caldicot, Gwent; Chef d'Equipe of the Juniors and Young Riders, Mike Florence from Wigan, Lancashire; Corinne Bracken from Aldershot, Hampshire as Team Trainer and the Team Vet, John Killingbeck from Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

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10-07-2007

Junior Eventing Team Announced

Following the Junior final run at Barbury Castle last weekend, the Junior Selectors are pleased to announce the squad of six that will represent Great Britain at the Junior European Championships in Avenches, Switzerland, 2 – 5 August 2007. Having been named at the end of May, Under 18 Champion, **Emily Llewellyn** and reigning Junior European Champion, **Laura Collett** remain on the squad. Laura will ride Jason Houghton's, Rayef, with John Johnston's Opposition Legacy as a direct reserve and a decision has yet to be made as to whether Emily will ride her Chepstow partner, Society Spice or Pardon Me II on whom she did well in the CCI** at Houghton Hall in May.

Joining them are Aldon CCI* winners, **Fergus Payne** and Secret Avalanche and **Harry Dzenis** with Spider IV. This is the first time since Loughanmore, Ireland in 1993 that two boys have represented Great Britain on the same squad. Completing the squad is current JRN Champion **Marina Lawson-Smith** with Fancy That II and **Rosie Stewart** with Get Up And Go II who both produced good performances at the recent CCI* at Ede in the Netherlands.

The squad will go to final concentration at Hyde Farm West on 25th July before leaving for Avenches on the 29th July.

The Junior Selectors reserve the right to make alterations at any time to the above lists should they be warranted.

The British Junior Squad is kindly supported by UK Sport (Funding), Land Rover (Team Vehicles), Toggi (Team Clothing), KC Equestrian (Rodney Powell Body Protectors), Parkgate Equestrian (Hat Silks), N.E.W Equine Wear (Parade Boots) and the Horse Trials Support Group.

13-07-2007

Dressage Pony Team Announced

The riders representing Britain at the 2007 European Pony Championships to be held in Freudenberg, Germany, 19-22 July, will be:

- Alexandra Barr (Devito)
- Emily Harris (Don Joshi)
- Olivia Kuropatwa (Kastanienhof's Vitus)
- Alice Thompson (Donnerblitz IV)

Non-travelling reserves are Amy Woodhead (Languard 4) and Gemma Read (Pretty Woman 3).

17-07-2007

Dressage Results from Junior & Young Riders Europeans

Britain's juniors and young riders competed at the 2007 European Junior & Young Rider Championships in Nussloch, Germany, 10-15 July.

The junior team finished in sixth place out of 13 countries while the young riders were 12th out of 13 nations. The best British score was earned by young rider Georgina Somerset and Paris who took 21st place with an individual score of 65.64% in the team competition. The best junior was Samantha Harrison and Kwadraat who finished 15th on 65.3%.

In the individual competition, the juniors made significant improvements, with Keri Bates on Donna Parrina and Melissa Beer with Celestial King going through to the freestyle competition.

Keri finished seventh in the individual and freestyle tests, scoring 69.8% in the latter. Melissa went from 22nd place in the team test to 15th in the individual before moving up to 10th in the freestyle with 68.15%.

For the full results, go to www.pferdesporttage.de/

19-07-2007

Dressage Pony riders enjoy good warm-up at 2007 Europeans

The British riders produced consistent performances in the warm-up test at the 2007 European Pony Championships in Freudenberg, Germany, 18-22 July.

Emily Harris and Don Joshi were the best Brits with 68.15% in 11th place. Alexandra Barr rode De Vito into 13th with Olivia Kuropatwa and Kastanienhof's Vitus 14th and Alice Thompson and Donnerblitz 15th.

The team test takes place on Friday, the consolation class is on Saturday and the individual competition on Sunday. For full details, go to www.euro07.de/

19-07-2007

Derby House Eventing Pony Team in Gold Medal Position after Dressage

The Derby House British Squad have made an impressive start to their quest for medals at Freudenberg in Germany and currently hold Gold Medal position after the dressage phase.

First to go this morning was Chloe Kirkpatrick with Puzzle who scored 60.5 followed by Lottie Kennedy and Daraks Tonto (nominated as individuals) who impressed for 55.5. Back to the team and Gina Ruck with Ice Cool Bailey were in excellent form with 44.5 which leaves them in 5th Place individually. Tom McEwen with Dick Taytoe went in just 0.3 points behind Gina on 44.8 to take 6th Place. Current British Pony Champions, and last year's Individual Silver Medallist, Libby Soley and Noble Springbok presented a beautiful test to go into second place, 0.5 marks behind the leader.

These excellent performances have put the team in Gold Medal position after dressage on a combined score of 130.3. This is just 0.5 ahead of the Germans who are hot on their tails.

Team Placings

1st Great Britain 130.3
2nd Germany 130.8
3rd Belgium 152.2

Individual Placings

1st Nina Stegemann/Mr Hale Bob (GER)** 40.5
2nd Libby Soley/Noble Springbok (GBR)* 41.0
3rd Ben Leuwer/Friedrichshof Nighttiger (GER)* 41.7
4th Valeska Hauptmann/Adny 113 (GER)* 42.4
5th Gina Ruck/Ice Cool Bailey (GBR)* 44.5
6th Tom McEwen/Dick Taytoe (GBR)* 44.8
18th Lottie Kennedy/Daraks Tonto (GBR)** 55.5
27th Chloe Kirkpatrick/Puzzle IV (GBR)* 60.5

* - Denotes Team Member

** - Denotes Individual

The ponies all have a well earned rest day tomorrow before going cross country on Saturday.

20-07-2007

British Pony Dressage Team wins Bronze

Britain claimed the bronze medal despite only three of the four riders competing in the team competition at the 2007 European Pony Championships at Freudenberg, Germany, 18-22 July.

Team debutante Emily Harris on Don Joshi (pictured) was the highest-placed British rider in equal 10th on 68.526%. Another first-timer Olivia Kuropatwa scored 67.632% on Kastanienhof's Vitus for equal 12th while Alexandra Barr rode De Vito into 14th place on 67.105%.

Alice Thompson and Donnerblitz IV did not take part as Donnerblitz had knocked himself in the practise arena the previous day. This did not affect the overall result as only the best three scores count from each country.

Team coach Peter Storr said: "This is a good start to my first season as team coach. The medal is more than the selectors and I had hoped for. There is a great team spirit and all the riders performed well under pressure."

Germany won gold and Holland took silver. For the full results, click www.euro07.de/

20-07-2007

Gold for Britian's Show Jumpers

The four John Whitaker International Pony Squad members competing at the 2007 Pony European Championships in Freudenberg, Germany have this afternoon won the Team Gold Medal for Great Britain.

A total of eleven teams contested the coveted Pony European Team Championship title, but it was the British youngsters led by Chef d'Equipe Katrina Moore who dominated the competition. Finishing both rounds on a total of eight penalties the team easily secured the gold medal from runner-up Silver medallists, the Netherlands. Ireland took the Bronze medal.

In a competition where clear rounds proved difficult, fifteen year-old James Smith from Kirkcudbright, rode Mrs L Smith's eleven year old black gelding, Mr Nice Guy to the only double clear round of the competition and leads the Individual standings going into Sunday's Final. Sixteen year old Zoe Adams from Halstead, Essex and Mrs P Akers' nine year old chestnut mare, V.I.P. Tixylix finished the first round on just five faults and then produced a foot perfect round in the second. Thirteen year-old Pippa Allen from Stockton-on-Tees, Clevedon riding her father's sixteen year old appaloosa mare, Spot the Lady lowered just one fence in each round with final team member, sixteen year old Jordan Whittaker from Retford Nottinghamshire riding her mother's nine year old chestnut mare, Edsilia jumped a clear first round and finished the second on twelve faults.

Speaking from Freudenberg, Chef d'Equipe Katrina Moore said:

“All four team members gave a superb performance this afternoon, James’ performance was particularly outstanding. We have a consistent record at these Championships, today’s medal being our eleventh Team medal in as many years, and our tenth team gold. I am thrilled with the result today, from what is a relatively young team. The riders have done us proud”.

Today’s medal is the third gold medal won by British under 16’s in the last seven days after the British Children’s squad won both Team and Individual Gold in addition to Individual Silver in Istanbul last weekend.

The Championships in Freudenberg culminate with the Individual Final on Sunday. Full results of all competitions can be downloaded at www.ponyem07.de
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22-07-2007

Britain's Pony Jumpers take individual Gold and Bronze.

The John Whitaker International Pony Squad members competing at the 2007 Pony European Championships in Freudenberg, Germany have this afternoon added Individual Gold and Bronze medals to the Team Gold medal they won on Friday. Sixteen year old Zoe Adams from Halstead, Essex and Mrs P Akers’ nine year old chestnut mare, V.I.P. Tixylis became the new European Pony Champions, taking the gold medal on a total score of just five penalties.

Fifteen year-old James Smith from Kirkcudbright, riding Mrs L Smith’s eleven year old black gelding, Mr Nice Guy, finished on eight penalties and had to jump off with Germany’s Carolin Zell to decide the Silver and Bronze medal positions. Both riders jumped clear in the jump off and Carolin took the Silver medal by just two tenths of a second.

Individual Final Results:

Gold: Zoe Adams (GBR) & V.I.P. Tixylis

Silver: Carolin Zell (GER) & Wombel 17

Bronze: James Smith (GBR) & Mr Nice Guy

Thirteen year-old Pippa Allen from Stockton-on-Tees, Clevedon riding her father’s sixteen year old appaloosa mare, Spot the Lady finished in equal fourth place. A jubilant Chef d’Equipe, Katrina Moore commented:

“To add Individual Gold and Bronze medals to the Team Gold we won on Friday is a fantastic achievement. Zoe and James have done us proud! Their performances throughout the four days have been outstanding. We have had a terrific Championships!”

Today’s medals means British under 16’s have won an amazing total of six European medals in the last seven days after the British Children’s squad won both Team and Individual Gold in addition to Individual Silver in Istanbul last weekend.

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22-07-2007

Eventing Ponies Secure Double Gold.

Libby Soley and Noble Springbok went one better than last year to take the individual title at this year's European Championships with a faultless performance through three phases to add nothing to a dressage of 41.0. A further clean jumping round from Tom McEwen riding Dick Taytoe secured gold for Britain's team too.

It was a nailbiting finish in Germany but Libby Soley kept her cool to take gold when overnight leader Nina Stegemann, competing as an individual for the home nation, lowered a pole to move down the order to bronze position. German team member Valeska Hauptmann profited from her compatriot's mistake to steal the Silver.

Tom McEwen also managed to finish on his dressage score and give Britain's team a boost toward gold on his debut. Sadly it was two down plus a few time faults for Gina Ruck and Ice Cool Bailey which put pay to her individual chances but was still good enough to secure gold for the team. Individual rider Lottie Kennedy riding Daraks Tonto completed a hat-trick of British faultless performances to finish on her dressage score in 10th while Chloe Kirkpatrick with Puzzle IV added four to her dressage score to finish in 15th.

Individual Results

GOLD Libby Soley/Noble Springbok (GBR) 41.0
SILVER Valeska Hauptmann/Andy 113 (GER) 42.4
BRONZE Nina Stegemann/Mr Hale Bob (GER) 44.5

Other British:

4th Tom McEwen/Dick Taytoe (GBR) 44.8
9th Gina Ruck/Ice Cool Bailey (GBR) 55.5
10th Lottie Kennedy/Daraks Tonto (GBR) 55.5
15th Chloe Kirkpatrick/Puzzle IV (GBR) 64.5

Team Results

GOLD Great Britain 141.30
SILVER Germany 147.90
BRONZE Italy 191.80
4th Netherlands 206.00
5th Ireland 217.80
6th Belgium 228.20

27-07-2007

Jumping Young Riders win Gold!

Britain's Accenture Young Rider team improved on their 2006 European Silver Medal by winning GOLD this afternoon at the European Championships in Auvers, France. Fourteen teams took part in the Championships, but Great Britain finishing on a total score of 12 faults, secured Gold without their fourth team mate, William Whitaker, having to jump for a second time.

After a nail biting first round, Great Britain were equal first with the Netherlands but they held their nerve to triumph over the other Nations, with Germany winning Silver on a total of 28 faults and the Dutch team close behind on 30 faults to take Bronze. Having won Team Gold and Individual Bronze Medals in 2004 and Team Silver in 2003, Gemma Plumley from Chepstow, Gwent and Johnsey Estate's Continue B, demonstrated their depth of experience with two superb clear rounds. This was followed by Georgie Strutton from Steyning, West Sussex riding her 2005 Olympia Young Show Jumper Champion, the 15.3hh mare, R Little Lefanie. This was the combinations first European team appearance, although Georgie was a member of the 2002 Junior European Squad with Kanselier, who is now ridden by Ellen Whitaker.

Charlotte Platt from Henfield, West Sussex was without her 2006 Silver and Bronze medal partner Lacanda, but rode her own 10 year old mare, Paulien to have 8 faults in the first round and an unlucky toe in the water for 4 faults in the second round. Having won Individual Gold Medal at the 2006 Junior European Championships, William Whitaker from Huddersfield, Yorkshire riding his uncle Michael's Carnival Path making their first team appearance for the Young Riders, had an uncharacteristic 16 faults in the first round, but with the team so far in front was not required to jump for a second time.

Speaking from Auvers, Chef d'Equipe Mike Florence said:

'An uncharacteristic 16 faults from William meant the girls had to dig deep to save him from jumping in the second round. It was unfortunate for Charlotte who had an unlucky toe in the water, but the standard of riding from the team this afternoon was unbelievable. The track was very big and the team didn't make one mistake. They have done themselves and their country proud.'

Full results can be downloaded from www.auvers2007.com

27-07-2007

Junior Jumpers miss European Medal Success by One Point.

The Accenture British Junior riders competing at the European Championships in Auvers, France yesterday missed out on medal success by only one point with the team finishing in fourth place.

The Junior European Gold Medal was won by the Swedish team following a jump off round with Germany who won Silver. France won the Bronze medal, beating the British Team of Matthew Sampson from Sheffield, Philippa Dobby from Lancashire, Brett Gardner from Gloucestershire and Daniel Neilson from Cleveland.

Following the first round of competition the Accenture Junior team had been lying in seventh place with a total of nine faults, and did well to come back in the second round helped by a second clear round from Philippa Dobby riding her mothers Utah VII and a clear round from Daniel Neilson. Brett Garner was unlucky to have one pole down for four faults.

27-07-2007

Gemma Plumley secures Bronze in Young Riders Jumping Europeans.

Gemma Plumley from Chepstow with Johnsey Estate's consistent chestnut mare Continue B won Individual Bronze at the Young Rider European Championships in Auvers this weekend.

A member of Accenture Squad, Gemma won Team Gold and Individual Bronze medals in 2004 and Team Silver in 2003. The depth of experience that Gemma has gained over the years both at National and International level held her in good stead to secure Bronze behind the Netherlands and Italy who took Gold and Silver respectively.

Being a pivotal member of the British Gold Medal winning team only two days before Gemma jumped a foot perfect double clear alongside team mate Georgie Strutton and Little Lefanie putting Britain into such a strong position that the Team Gold was secured with only three team members having to jump. "Yet again, we have proved the depth of talent we have in Young Riders. Gemma was an instrumental member of the team in ensuring a British Team Gold win on Friday and then Individual Bronze on Sunday. The competition was fierce and one of the hardest I've seen, I couldn't have asked for more." said Chef D'Equipe Mike Florence "To win Individual Bronze has been tremendous and we are all extremely proud of her achievement".

Hot on Gemma's heels was Sussex based Georgie Strutton with the 15.2hh mare Little Lefanie. With less than one point between them, picked up in time faults early on in the competition, Georgie slotted into fourth place just outside the medals. Corinne Bracken, Team Coach commented "To have two of our riders in the top four Individual Young rider places is fantastic – a testament to the hard work and dedication that both Gemma and Georgie have put in. Both girls pulled out all the

stops in the Nations Cup thereby guaranteeing British Team Gold with the fourth rider not even having to jump. To have both girls striving to bring home another British Medal left us biting our nails and on an emotional roller coaster”.

30-07-2007

Daniel Neilson wins Silver at Junior Jumping Europeans.

Britain's Accenture Squad member Daniel Neilson took Individual Silver at the Junior European Championships in Auvers this weekend with the talented grey mare High Tone Z, a horse he rides for owner Helen West from Hertfordshire and has been having tremendous success with in this, his first season in Juniors and the Accenture Squad.

Adding faults across the five rounds, it was just one pole that made the difference between Gold and Silver. Having incurred a time fault but no jumping faults it was Andre Shroder from Germany who secured Gold, just three faults ahead of Daniel who unfortunately notched up four faults at the midway stage.

From Cleveland, Daniel Neilson only came off ponies at the end of last year having won both Team and Individual Gold at last year's Pony European Championships. Moving to join Jason and Katrina Moore's yard in Essex at the beginning of this year Daniel has grasped the opportunity with both hands and has been making his mark in Senior competitions.

British Junior and Young Rider Team Coach, Corinne Bracken commented “Daniel is extremely focused and professional in both his approach and talents as a rider. He came to Auvers properly prepared for the task ahead – preparation that paid off in what proved to be an extremely tough competition. Giving an outstanding performance for Great Britain, Daniel thoroughly deserves Individual Silver and we are all extremely proud of him”.

Talking to Daniel after the presentations Daniel said “It has been an amazing day and it hasn't quite sunk in yet! The support and help I have been given in my first year competing in seniors is something I could only have hoped for when I came off ponies last year. My parents, Jason and Katrina and the owners that are supporting me are people I really can't thank enough. In particular Helen West who gave me the opportunity of riding High Tone Z earlier this year”.

Jason Moore talking to the BSJA whilst driving home from supporting Daniel in Auvers commended Daniel by saying “Daniel is not only super talented and a joy to work with but he has also become a valued member of our family. We have all shared in his triumphs this weekend and truly believe that this is just the start of many more”.

08-07-2007

Eventing Juniors Claim Three Medals in Switzerland.

Britain's Junior Squad were in flying form at the European Championships last weekend – dominating the medals by taking both team and individual titles and an individual bronze to boot. Laura Collett, riding Jason Houghton's Rayef, became the

first British rider to win back-to-back Junior European titles when she held her nerve to finish on a superb dressage score of 35.50. Laura was joined in the team by Emily Llewellyn and Marina Lawson-Smith who both achieved top seven placings to help clinch the team gold by over 18 penalties – Emily also climbed up the rankings to claim the Bronze – her first individual medal. Debutant Harry Dzenis was also in the team with Spider VI and they finished 43rd after a glance-off at a corner fence on the cross country.

The individual riders shared mixed fortunes - Fergus Payne and Secret Avalanche added no cross country penalties to a dressage score of 55.0 but lowered a show jumping rail to finish on 59.0 - 20th place. Rosie Stewart scored 55.71 with Get Up and Go II but had a stop at the penultimate cross country fence to finish in 41st place.

The Junior Squad's success adds to the previous medals won just two weeks ago by the Derby House Pony Team who took team and individual gold. The next British squad in action will be the 12-strong Jump Young Riders who travel to Blair Castle in Scotland 23 – 26 August.

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Individual Placings:

Gold: Laura Collett & Rayef (GBR)

Silver: Franziska Roth & Dictus J (GER)

Bronze: Emily Llewellyn & Pardon Me II (GBR)

Team Placings:

Gold: Great Britain - 119.1

Silver: Sweden - 137.2

Bronze: France - 144.7

4th: Germany - 150.4

5th: Ireland - 179.1

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Three Medals for Eventing Young Riders in Scotland.

The Jump Young Rider Eventing Team of Emily Galbraith, Dani Cuomo, Charlotte Agnew and Georgie Spence all held their nerve to secure Britain's third European Team Gold Medal this year.

Nicola Wilson won the Individual Silver while Emily Galbraith moved up the order from sixth with a clear show jumping round to take Bronze. The Individual title went to Germany's Sabrina Mertens who was clear all the way to finish on her dressage score.

Team Medals

Gold - GBR 167.8

Silver - SUI 216.6

Bronze - GER 244.0

Individual Medals

Gold - Sabrina Mertens/Divolo GER - 44.2

Silver - Nicola Wilson/Oingy Boingy GBR - 51.4

Bronze - Emily Galbraith/Crown Alliance GBR - 52.8
