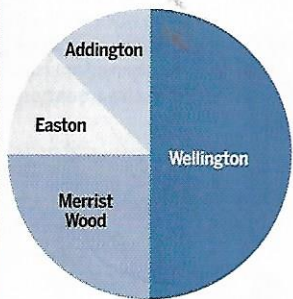


## Where did the winners qualify?



the class with 74.27%, while Headmore Dionysus was runner-up with 73.54%.

The win with Bella Ruby was all the more special for an emotional Alice, who admitted the seven-year-old by Belissimo M found the atmosphere testing.

"She was sharp in the warm-up yesterday and although she was second in her medium freestyle, I knew the atmosphere was getting to her, so I tweaked my warm-

up and it definitely helped," said Alice. "She's such a professional and as soon as she got between those white boards, she put her head down and did her job."

Alice only started competing Headmore Dionysus, an eight-year-old by Dimaggio owned by Amanda Radford, in October.

"He's just gone from strength to strength," said Alice. "He's only 15.3hh and his big trot is still green, but I was thrilled with him. I'm so lucky that we've had such an amazing broodmare and that I'm now reaping the rewards with these fantastic youngsters."

Despite having only contested a handful of competitions, Nikki Barker's Dan Icarus scored 77.04% to take the Baileys Horse Feeds novice freestyle gold.

The six-year-old is by Nikki's stallion Durable who won the Superflex inter I freestyle gold.

"Dan Icarus was brilliant and has dealt with the whole thing like a pro," said Nikki. "He was bred by Viv Gleave, who owns Danny [Durable] with me. I bought Dan Icarus as a yearling and that's how I got involved in owning Danny with Viv."

Although similar to his sire, Dan Icarus is quite a bit smaller.

"Danny is 17.2hh and Dan Icarus is 16.1hh, so for me, being knee-high to a grasshopper, it makes a big difference because I've finally got one the right size," laughed Nikki. "He's very loose in the body and supple so looks completely relaxed, but he has so much power. He is a mini version of his sire. They all ride exactly the same and I figured that if I could learn to ride Danny, I have the formula for how to ride them all."

Katharine Lewis topped the Spillers medium freestyle gold with her stunning black Friesian stallion Jos K.

Katharine has owned the eight-year-old for four years and bought him out of a local riding school.

"Considering he's not your normal dressage type, he can really hold his own and I'm just so chuffed with him," said Katharine, who trains with Nicky Barrett.

"I feel like he's got so much more to come."

Fresh from her Magic prix st georges (PSG) freestyle victory, Katie Bailey took the TheraPlate UK medium gold title with 75.32% riding her own eight-year-old Wolkenderry gelding Hillgrounds Wolkenhall.

## IN NUMBERS

# 5,586

test sheets added up at the championships

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TITLES GOING TO HEADMORE HORSES

# 0.06%

Charlotte Dujardin's winning margin over Becky Moody and James Bond in the novice gold

"I bought 'Harry' as a foal so it's special to bring him up through the levels and do well at a big championships," said Katie. "He knocked himself a week before so it was a bit of a rush getting him ready, but he's a lovely horse and I'm excited about his future."



## 'HE REMINDS ME OF VALEGRO'

ONLY Charlotte Dujardin could pull off a championship title having competed her mount just once before. Riding her own and Verity Jenner's five-year-old MSJ Charmer (pictured), she landed the Blue Chip novice gold championship with 77.96%. Her only other competition with him to date was the regionals.

"I bought him as a foal from Emma Blundell — he was from her first crop of foals — and have watched him grow up, so it's surreal to be riding and competing him," said Charlotte. "Rob Barker has done a great job with him. I took on the ride just before the regionals and wanted to give him a nice ride here in that arena because he's never seen anything like that before, so to win was a huge bonus."

Charlotte likens the youngster to Valegro.

"His canter reminds me of Valegro's because it's so uphill and powerful and so off the ground," she said. "He's got all that power and now he just needs to get stronger."

ONE TO WATCH

## GOLD RESULTS

Rider	Horse	Score (%)
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### Blue Chip novice gold championship

1 Charlotte Dujardin	MSJ Charmer	77.96
2 Becky Moody	James Bond 2	77.9
3 Judy Harvey	SP Bento	76.24

### Baileys Horse Feeds novice freestyle gold championship

1 Nikki Barker	Dan Icarus	77.04
2 Jez Palmer	Emma II	76.57
3 Sadie Smith	Imhotep	76.48

### Equi-Trek elementary gold championship

1 Alice Oppenheimer	Headmore Bella Ruby	74.27
2 Alice Oppenheimer	Headmore Dionysus	73.54
3 Melissa Richardson	Gravgaard's Sir Dundee	73.07

### Suregrow elementary freestyle gold championship

1 Dannie Morgan	Headmore Figaro	78.78
2 Alice Oppenheimer	Headmore Dionysus	78.21
3 Alice Oppenheimer	Headmore Bella Ruby	77.37

### TheraPlate UK medium gold championship

1 Katie Bailey	Hillgrounds Wolkenhall	75.32
2 Becky Moody	Heavenly Kiss BS	72.25
3 Becky Edwards	Laerke Stensvang	71.67

### Spillers medium freestyle gold championship

1 Katharine Lewis	Jos K	73.22
2 Alice Oppenheimer	Headmore Bella Ruby	72.83
3 Sarah Williams	San Remo Hitt	71.83

### Charles Owen advanced medium gold championship

1 Dannie Morgan	Knox's Figaro	73.47
2 Judy Harvey	Palimera	70.70
3 Damian Hallam	Romir Elton	69.04

### Nupafeed advanced medium freestyle gold championship

1 Dannie Morgan	Knox's Figaro	76.06
2 Jayne Turney	Cruz III	72.83
3 Jayne Turney	Penhaligon's Jupiter	72.78