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A NORTHERN POWERHOUSE

MEDIUM gold winner Sam Duckworth is combining forces with Emma Blundell's Mount St John operation.

He piloted her nine-year-old Belissimo M mare Atterupgaards 02 to the win and was also third in the advanced medium gold, having moved over from Germany to be the senior rider at the stud.

The pair met at Aachen, and Sam has brought 27 horses over from his own business, which he has run for the past 20 years on the continent.

"I'm also a breeder so we are expecting 48 foals between us," he said. "It's been a whirlwind, and now the work starts."

ONES TO WATCH

He excelled in the freestyle to music from Frank Sinatra, which made the horse who is known as Snowman at home.

"He can't be hot shod, can't be ridden. It's tricky to load and he's taken all the insulation off the roof in his box with his teeth. A vet takes him showjumping to get his mind on the job, but he's very smart," laughed Patsy.

Mr Snowman proved himself a true mother-and-daughter horse, winning the novice silver and the British Dressage youth champion under Charlotte Clark and being third in the prelim with Charlotte's mother Lesley.

The Irish Draught, who is seven this year, was sourced by Caroline Tupling.

"Mum broke her pelvis when

she was trying a horse for Dad to ride, and Snowman sounded the sort of sensible horse she needed. But when you get him going, he's off, and he won several classes at the Sheepgate under-25 championships with me," said Charlotte, 22. "We're keeping our fingers crossed for a wild card for Mum as it would be great to go to the championships together."

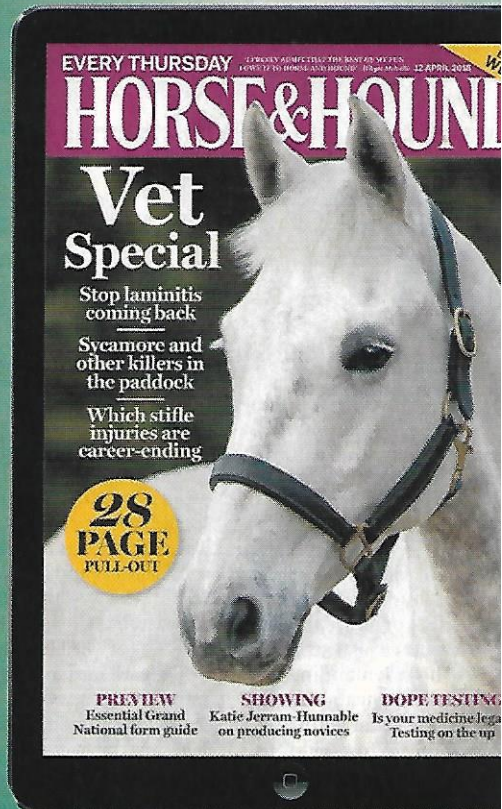
Heather Hopkinson and Brackenspa Houdini won the prelim and were second in the novice silver and freestyle, giving them three tickets to Hartpur.

"He's an ex-event horse and I've had him a year. It's our first championships and my trainer Kirsty Mellor has worked so hard with us. We've only ridden the freestyle test four times, and

RESULTS

Novice Equestrian prelim 17A silv (P Hayler, S Carson, I Auty).—1, Brackenspa Houdini (H Hopkinson) 72.82; 2, Cashflow (P Hayler) 70.4; 3, Mr Snowman (L Blundell) 69.54. **Blue Chip nov 37A gold (H Hopkinson, C Elvin, S Kingswell).**—1, Jubilant (M Chapman) 73.4; 2, Ekko Houston (P Bates) 70.8; 3, Greenacres Cadiz (P Hayler) 70.49; **silv (S Staines, C Elvin, S Kingswell).**—1, Mr Snowman (C Elvin) 70.2; 2, Brackenspa Houdini 67.96; 3, Houdini E (L Hill) 67.9. **Baileys Horse nov FSM gold (H Bradley, C Elvin, S Staines).**—1, Ekko Houston Nexen 73.61; 2, Widdowson 71.94; 3, Greenacres Cadiz 70.76. **silv (C Tupling, S Edwards, S Staines).**—1, Briarwood Wild Beauty (C Elvin) 70.37; 2, Brackenspa Houdini 70.28; 3, Houdini II (S Jenkins) 70.19. **Equi-Trek nov 39 gold (P Hayler, C Elvin, I Auty).**—1, Greenacres Cadiz 70.36; 2, Inocencio DHI (P Hayler) 69.27; 3, Bobby Sox Rocks (J Hayler) 68.23. **silv (H Bradley, S Staines, C Ballantyne).**—1, Sensation (C Johnston) 70.73; 2, Waverley Dante (S Hoerner) 71.56; 3, Widdowson (C Doherty) 70.76. **Greenacres elem FSM gold (C Elvin, I Auty, C Elvin).**—1, Greenacres Cadiz 70.74; 2, Beckhouse Cancara (L Blundell) 70.59; 3, Belli Blue (V Maw) 71.47. **Novice PSG (P Hayler, C Tupling, C Wilson).**—1, Dancer V (L Robinson) 71.09; 2,

Der Diamant (S Hart) 69.55; 3, Sheepgate Bommel (L Payne) 68.91. **Theraplate UK med 75 gold (C Tupling, S Staines, S Edwards).**—1, Atterupgaards 02 (S Duckworth) 68.29; 2, Holme Park Hallelujah (L Newton) 67.3; 3, Don Cara (A Woodhead) 66.67. **silv.**—1, Fiderstan (J Martell) 69.64; 2, Expo (E Littlewood) 69.1; 3, Aschwin (M Tulloch) 68.11. **Spillers med FSM gold (C Ballantyne, C Elvin, J Peberdy).**—1, Springfern Gardena (M Schleicher) 69.17; 2, Diane (M Schleicher) 68.56; 3, Lordships Delusion (J Fearn) 62.22. **silv.**—1, Atos (S Young) 72.67; 2, Expo 69.06; 3, Sheepgate Bommel 68.22. **Charles Owen adv med 98 gold.**—1, Jazzed Up (L Edwards) 71.1; 2, Balero II (P Hayler) 69.96; 3, Atterupgaards 02 69.34. **silv.**—1, Ellison (H Hutchinson) 68.29; 2, Heartbreak (L Noble) 67.89; 3, Fearless II (N Tsuchiya) 67.28. **Nupafeed adv med FSM gold (C Ballantyne, C Elvin, G Lewis).**—1, Jazzed Up 73.17; 2, Freddie Mercury (L Davison) 72.22; 3, Bam Bam (C Cundall) 70.72. **silv (J Peberdy, G Lewis, C Ballantyne).**—1, Bocelli V (A Brown) 72.22; 2, LJT Simply Red (C Cundall) 71.5; 3, Westhills Watermark (E Holmes) 66.56. **Magic PSG (J Peberdy, C Elvin, C Ballantyne).**—1, Balero II 69.91; 2, Jazzed Up 69.78; 3, Bam Bam 67.19. **Superflex inter I.**—1, De Galles (L Davison) 66.4; 2, Bon Rouge CH (V Maw) 65.75; 3, Esquadra MVL (A Woodhead) 63.46.



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