

Horsham and District Riding Club

Event: Area 13 Winter Dressage Qualifier **Date:** 21st February 2010
Location: Brinsbury

Report and Results

We had two senior teams entered for this dressage qualifier, which is always well attended by our area clubs and very competitive. Two members ride a prelim level test and two team members ride a novice test and the best three scores count.

Our prelim riders went first, and with the warm up outside they were constantly ducking the very cold wintry showers!

For the "Hooligans" we had Heather Reay and Lady Boiro, making their senior team debut with a very encouraging 65.3%, which put her 9th individually. Then the experienced combination of Vicky Allen, back after having her first baby, with Razzle Dazzle did a lovely consistent test for a winning score of 72.1%. Then for the "Horrors" riders were Pami Nixon on her lovely grey, Hurtwoods Oliver. Their test got better and better and she finished with a good score of 68.4% for 3rd place individually. Finally we had the new combination of AJ Harwood-Stamper with her smart young 5 year old Louisifers Star doing his first ever dressage test! He did a very respectable 61.6% and surprised even AJ who may now take up dressage!

By lunchtime the team competition was still wide open. The afternoon saw the novice tests. The Hooligans only had Liz Lane and Catherston Lochnivar as Anna Gorrings horse had lost a shoe and could not compete. Liz rose to the added pressure with a flowing test for individual 4th place. Her score was matched by Sam Gates for our Horrors team, with the handsome Footman Franke. And finally Linzi Wiseman and the gorgeous flowing feathers of Webster, did a consistent test to complete our teams.

After a tense results huddle by the judges the Hooligans just pipped Rudgewick for first place and qualify for the national winter championships, joining our showjumpers at Hartpur at Easter.

Congratulations to everyone and good luck for the championships.

Max Gayler, Chef D'Equipe