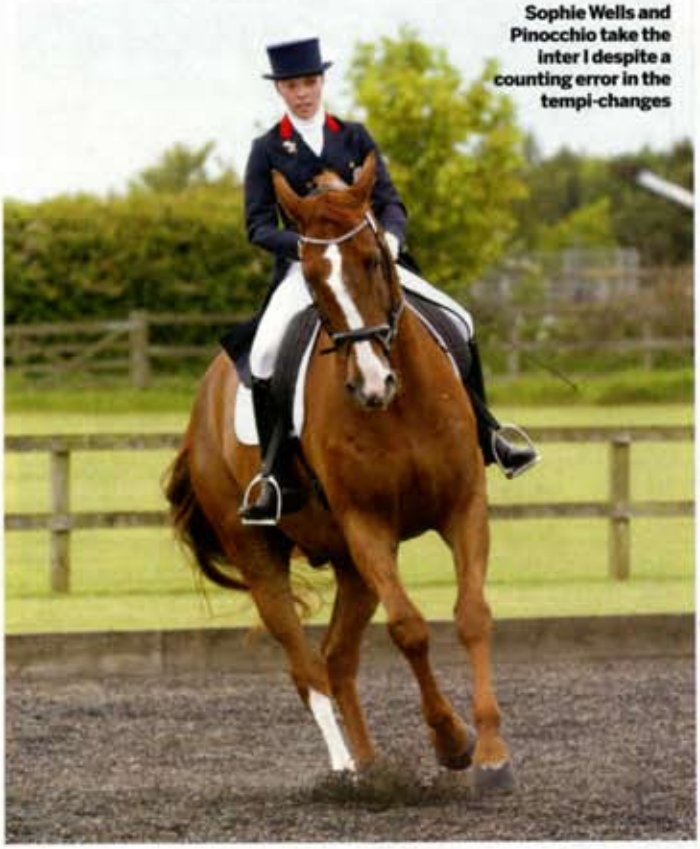
4 the number of times Amanda Barrett's new ride Fiderico has competed, winning every time

Pinocchio noses in front



Sophie Wells and Pinocchio take the inter I despite a counting error in the tempi-changes

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YOUNG rider and para team member Sophie Wells took the opportunity to compete both her horses in senior able-bodied competition and won the prix st georges (PSG) and the inter I.

Pinocchio was four marks ahead of his nearest rival in the latter despite a mistake in the changes when Sophie started three-time changes instead of two-times, and was penalised with an error by judge Steph Cooper.

Then Valerius just nudged ahead of Stephanie Willis with Chinn in the PSG, who lost marks through overexuberance.

"Pinocchio felt good today, with his nose in front instead of behind the vertical," said Sophie, who is trained by Angela Weiss. "The mistakes were rider error though.

"I need to step up my game this year. It's good to get out and find out where you're up to and be seen by a greater variety of judges," she added.

Sophie, who has amniotic band syndrome, which affects the nerves and tendons in her arms and legs, was riding in a single flap saddle which helps her achieve more leg contact.

Sophie, who was 21 last week, is working towards the European Championships this year, with the aim of representing her country at the London 2012 Olympics.

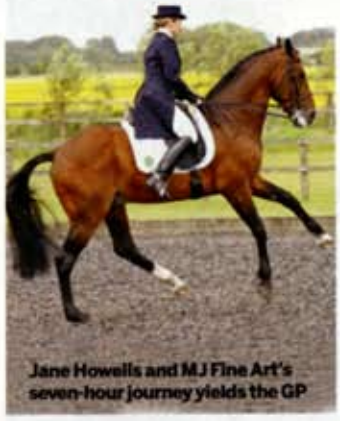
The grand prix had only one entry — Jane Howells, who had driven 3½hrs from Cheshire with her home-bred Irish sport horse stallion MJ Fine Art.

The pair recorded a workmanlike score of 62.55%. The 16-year-old stallion, who is also ridden in para classes by Alan Clements, spent the winter in the field with youngstock after a disappointing performance at last year's nationals due to a virus.

He is third-generation bred by the Howells, who had his grandsire and his sire Magnus II.

Jane also brought home first and second places in the elementaries with Fine Art's full-brother MJ Firefox, securing qualification for the regionals.

"They're like chalk and cheese. Fine Art's a laid-back sort of chap, while Firefox is very sharp. Although he's just a year younger, he's only been broken for nine months and is out competing for the first time this year," she said.



Jane Howells and MJ Fine Art's seven-hour journey yields the GP

On the show's first day, List Two judge Harry Payne completed qualification on two horses.

Bellebo, a nine-year-old Danish mare, won the medium 73 qualifier, earning good scores for her canter.

Sir Real, 11, has been contesting small tour this spring, but dropped back a level to take the advanced medium 98. The pair were second in both the medium and the inter I.

"I screwed up my entries for Addington so called Laura [Fry] to see whether we could get in late," admitted Harry. "We like it here and always come for the regionals."

Amanda Barrett won the prelim qualifier and the novice 22 with her new ride, the five-year-old Oldenburg Fiderico, who notched up a couple of nines in the novice.

"This is his fourth competition and he's won every time out. He's like a Duracell bunny with masses of energy," said Amanda. H&H

To double or not to double

RIDERS were debating the merits of double bridles at the show. Sophie Wells rode both her horses in a snaffle: "We've been struggling with the double bridle, particularly with Pinocchio who can drop behind the vertical."

Jane Howells rode her stallion in a double in the grand prix, despite usually using a snaffle.

"My trainer Stephen Clarke said we must get to grips with it if we want to contest international classses, but he does all the movements at home in a snaffle."

In contrast, Harry Payne — who usually rides Sir Real in a double — used a snaffle bridle with a drop noseband, having mislaid his curb chain, but was pleased with the horse's performance at the show.

Results

Prelim 19Q (M Coultous).— 1, Fiderico (A Barrett) 66.36; 2, Tyersal Miss Pagan (A Mercer) 65.45; 3, Breit Crusader (L Megginson) 59.09. **rest.**— 1, Miss Ingenuity (H Pockley) 72.27; 2, The Flying Dutchman (J Kershaw) 68.64; 3, Mr Darcy (D Kaye) 66.82. **nov 22 (A Smith).**— 1, Fiderico 68.62; 2, Newmiln Jamestown (I Laurence) 68.28; 3, Breit Crusader 67.24. **rest.**— 1, Utopia De Santarem (J Hatton) 61.03; 2, Cwrt Cardi Campus (A Coverdale) 60; 3, Coracle Bay (D Fisher) 59.66. **nov 35Q (S Cooper).**— 1, The Irish Boy (J Fisher); 2, Newmiln Jamestown 67.69; 3, Classical Challenger (V Franks) 65.77. **rest.**— 1, Umirza (K Walker) 62.31; 2, Utopia De Santarem 62.31; 3, Cwrt Cardi Campus 58.46. **elem 43 (L Fry).**— 1, Balero (H Hutchinson) 65.17. **rest.**— 1, Cuchulainn (R Branton) 59.66. **elem 57Q (A Smith).**— 1, Balero 64.64; 2, Corgary Lad (Z Rymer) 64.64. **rest.**— 1,Umirza 60.36; 2, Hollys Logic (E Jenkins) 60. **med 61.**— 1, Elverys (C Wilson) 60.69. **rest.**— 1, Just Lilly (S Miller) 64.83; 2, Gorgeous George (N Widdowson) 64.48; 3, Fine And Dandy (A Barrett) 64.14. **med 73Q (S Cooper).**— 1, Ballebo (H Payne) 68.53; 2, Haverkamps Jorik (C Fry) 62.94; 3, Elverys 60.0. **rest.**— 1, Fittings Mirabelle (J Fisher) 66.76; 2, Corgary Lad 66.47; 3, Just Lilly 61.76. **adv med 98Q (A Smith).**— 1, Sir Real (H Payne) 67.11; 2, Khamsin (S Higgins) 65.53; 3, Riviera L (L Fry) 64.47. **rest.**— 1, Don Giovanni (I Laurence) 60.26. **psgQ (S Cooper).**— 1, Floriano Four (F Travers) 64.74; 2, Khamsin 62.83; 3, Compliment (F Farrell) 61.05. **psg fsm.**— 1, Ghandi (C Fry) 66; 2, Blarnire Boca Chica (J Fearn) 64.50; 3, Pin Rocks Queen Mary (A Sentence) 59. **prelim 19Q (M Coultous).**— 1, Tyersal Miss Pagan 65; 2, Balinmore Charming Rebel (V Franks) 63.64. **rest.**— 1, Queen Of Hearts (F Lockey) 65.45; 2, Ben Loyal II (S Wilkinson) 61.36; 3, Miss Mollie II (A Ledger) 60. **prelim 15Q.**— 1, Balinmore Charming Rebel 63.48. **rest.**— 1eq, Miss Mollie II & Henry II (M Eaglen) 63.48; 3eq, Queen Of Hearts & Ben Loyal II 62.17. **nov 38Q (J Wilson).**— 1, Witness III (T Leaning) 68.71; 2, Newmiln Jamestown 68.39; 3, Strawberry Daiquiri II (V Franks) 67.74. **rest.**— 1, Millers Gift (E Bond) 68.06; 2, Fairfields Spirit (L Richardson) 65.81; 3, Hotspurs Smooth Operator (K Startin) 64.52. **nov 22.**— 1, Fairfields Diamond Mill (L Fry) 72.76; 2, Newmiln Jamestown 70.69; 3, Strawberry Daiquiri 67.24. **rest.**— 1, Grace Du Rezidal (R McNair) 63.79; 2, Fairfields Spirit 63.1. **elem 53Q (G Lewis).**— 1, Freckleton Marygate (K Lewis) 67.65; 2, MJ Firefox (J Howells) 66.76; 3, Pierre (N Leak) 65. **rest.**— 1, Lord Harvey (S Hart) 63.24; 2, European Lennik (J Lewis) 62.94; 3, Bickleigh Bugler (G Cook) 59.71. **elem 43 (S Cooper).**— 1, MJ Firefox 66.9; Extreme Luck (J Fisher) 66.9; 3, Pierre 66.55. **rest.**— 1, Who's Osi (SJ Barker) 66.55; 2, Lord Harvey (S Hart) 65.52; 3, European Lennik 62.41. **med 75Q (G Lewis).**— 1, Riviera L (L Fry) 66.49; 2, Freckleton Marygate 65.14; 3, Casse-Cou (K Johnson) 62.16. **rest.**— 1, Corgary Lad 60.54; 2, Evinsky (K Moncrieff) 58.38; 3, Montrose III (K Lamb) 58.38. **med 69 (S Cooper).**— 1, Varush (N Leak) 65.45; 2, Ballebo 65.15; 3, Charlex Eskeberg (S Willis) 57.88. **rest.**— 1, Evinsky 62.42; 2, Mr McGregor (S Smith) 60.91; 3, Stanhopes Mosaic (M Hutchinson) 59.09. **adv med 85Q.**— 1, Camelot III (R Lee) 65.88; 2, Varush 64.41; 3, Casse-Cou 62.65. **rest.**— 1, Cyden Perplex (L Dyson) 64.41; 2, The Starsailor (P Lupton) 64.41; 3, Don Giovanni 60.59. **psg (G Lewis).**— 1, Valerius (S Wells) 63.83; 2, Chinn (S Willis) 63.68; 3, Pin Rocks Queen Mary 62.89. **int I Q (S Cooper).**— 1, Pinocchio (S Wells) 67.11; 2, Sir Real 63.95; 3, Compliment (F Farrell) 61.58. **gp (G Lewis, S Cooper).**— 1, MJ Fine Art (J Howells) 62.55