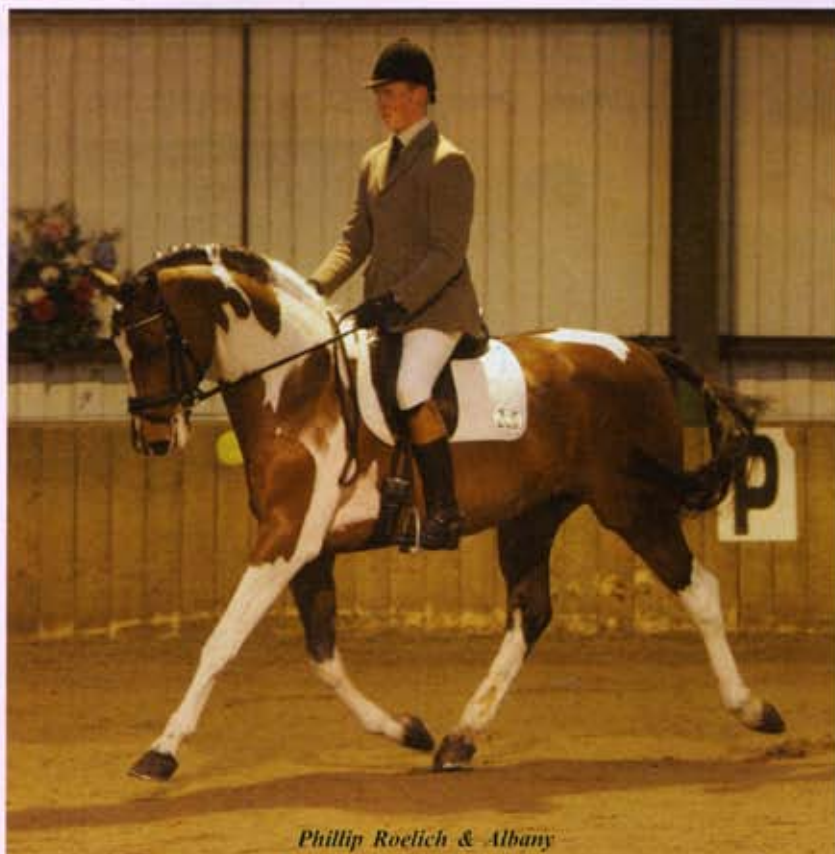


Allbany Qualifies for BD Winter Finals



Phillip Roelich & Albany

The Pferde Stud's coloured stallion, Allbany excelled himself on 12th February at Patchett's E.C. by taking the 3rd place qualifier in the Blue Chip Novice Restricted. After completing his test, rider Philip Roelich was immediately on the mobile to trainer Judy Harvey. He knew it was good even before the scores were posted, but the confirmation 66.28% followed by a 'Q' prompted immediate celebrations.

"He gave me the ride of my life," said Philip, "He did everything I asked of him and I feel sky high right now."

Allbany's owner, Karen Smythe said, "we are going to try hard to qualify him for Horse of the year Show once showing starts."

"No, we are going to win HOYS!" retorted an ebullient Philip.

The first two qualifying places went to Jo Horler with The Diamond Pedlar on 67.43% and Eleanor Dimant with Santor on 66.28%

how I met Roland. Since he has been riding her we have never looked back. We competed her the first time a year ago and won five championships. She is a real star and we are chuffed to bits with her."

Once more Alice Oppenheimer was in the ribbons with Scarlett Wurlitzer following on into second place with 73.81% and Jackie Silk with Brooks Jet Set third on 73.68%.

In the NAF Prix St. Georges Freestyle only two qualifications were up for grabs. Sharon Edwards riding Pipsqueak accompanied by the Gypsy Kings danced her way into first place on 70.83%.

"I bought him as an unbacked four year old," said Sharon. "We have gone up through the levels together and he has taught me so much. He is a real character and I was very pleased with the test as

it was quite a complicated pattern. The music was put together by a company called Equimusic. Being short coupled he suited the Spanish style so I was pleased with that as well. We are hoping to compete at Grand Prix this year."

Dressage trainer Andrew Gould riding Sara Green's Korenbloem Rebel G to music from Tchaikovsky qualified with second place on 70.20%. "I am absolutely delighted as he is still young being only eight this year and to keep having such consistent marks is very pleasing and promising," said Sara. "I am also thrilled to have Andrew riding him. We have been taking it slowly and carefully with him and hope to bring him out at Grand Prix level in the future."

The Nupafeed Advanced Medium freestyle went on until very late in the evening with three qualifying. Tina Atkins riding Ann Plumb's Holme Park Karachi took the lead in the latter part of the class with 69.22% and remained there. Essex based

dressage trainer Paul Hayler riding Paul Locke's Oldenburg gelding Landseer P followed on into second place with 69.11% and Beverley Brightman riding Catherine Witt's Don Hill third on 68.94%.

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Andrew Gould & Korenbloem Rebel G

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