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Top: Fairbanks Elle competing at the Gatton World Cup Show

Above: Fairbanks Lulu at Gatton World Cup



Above: Sambucca D to begin his competition career in 2013.
Available at stud.

Hello from Davidson Equestrian

This current edition of Davidson News is a little later than usual due to a busy breeding season and even busier competition season!

We have had one foal born to Lord Loxley so far this year with a few more to come. We have started breeding with our young stallion Sambucca D and plan to take him out to some local competitions at the end of this year.

We are almost at the end of the competition season with only Adelaide International Three Day Event left and possibly some of the southern World Cup shows. Not long till Christmas now ...



NEWS

We will be holding some clinics at home - the first to be held on the 12th January, stay tuned for more dates and keep an eye on the website for more information.

Queensland Interschool Showcase ~ 9th December at Fig Tree Pocket Equestrian Club. Shane and Mattea will be giving demonstrations on the day

- see www.efaq.com.au for more details.

Queensland Festival of Dressage

~ 21st JULY



This year we were invited to give a demonstration at the Festival to discuss the topic "Dressage for Jumping". This was a bit of fun for us and the crowd – Shane discussed the training of our jumping horses and the importance of dressage in their work. We were also asked to participate in the fashion parade wearing some trendy Kingsland Clothes from Saddleworld – let's just say we will not be looking for a career change any time soon!

The following is an excerpt from an article written by Roger Fitzhardinge for Equestrian Life –

"The husband and wife team made it look so easy. Shane and Mattea warmed up their horses like any other medium/advanced dressage horses, but incorporated trot and canter poles on the circle. In demonstrating these principles the horses jumped calmly up to 1.30m. It was indeed refreshing as Shane explained that this type of work does all horses good including dressage horses!"

QUEENSLAND SHOWJUMPING RUN ~ JULY - AUGUST

The shows started at Glen Haven Park Grand Prix which is a professionally run event by the Hamood family. The riders are well accommodated for with well presented courses, good course builders and a great atmosphere. Lulu jumped well around her first 1.40m track and clear around the Futurity while Caspar was clean around the first round of the 1.40m and Grand Prix classes. The young horses Diva and Grandola jumped well in the smaller ring both posting clear rounds.

Next stop was Gatton Show for the day and then onto the Qld Showjumping Championships. Toowoomba turned on the cold weather for the weekend with gale force winds causing the temperatures to drop. The committee had a few issues trying to keep the jumps standing throughout the weekend. Lulu had a great weekend jumping double clear rounds in the C Grade Championship and taking 2nd place in the competitive Mini Prix class. Caspar placed 5th in the 1.40m and jumped well around the Grand Prix class. Elle and Cargo didn't touch a rail all weekend jumping clean around the 1.25m and clean in the D and C Grade Championships respectively.

Next stop was Gatton World Cup with Lulu jumping clear around the 1.30m, taking 8th place in the competitive David Overton Futurity class, and clear around the Mini Prix class. Caspar had his first World Cup start since April and looked good over the big track to finish a respectable 12th.

Shane then travelled down to Brisbane for the Royal Show which proved to be a successful week. Lulu had a great week not touching a rail during the show to place 6th in the AM5 and 4th in the Part Two Championship. The highlight for the event was Caspar jumping one of few double clear rounds in the tough World Cup to place 4th – what a fantastic achievement for a horse new to this level!

The last stop for the Qld showjumping run was Caboolture World Cup. Lulu jumped double clear around the C Grade qualifier on the Saturday to go on to place 2nd in the C Grade Championship. Caspar jumped well to take 4th place in the competitive A&B Grade Championship.



"Caspar 4th at Brisbane Royal World Cup"



Anna MacMillan competing at National Interschool Championships.

STUDENTS OUT AND ABOUT

Well done to all our students for their hard work during the year and a big congratulation to everyone for their fantastic results. A special mention to Anna MacMillan for winning her first 1.10m round at the Glennie Showjumping day and for being named as Reserve Champion in the Pre-Novice class at the Interschool Nationals. Congratulations also go to Alistair Schramm for being named Champion in the Elementary Dressage Class at the Zone 4 Championships and the TDEG Championships. This will be a combination to watch out for in 2013!



Alistair Schramm competing at Toowoomba ODE.

WARWICK CNC ~ 15-16th September

This was a great event with all the horses finishing the weekend well. Cargo competed in his first Three Star to win the competition jumping clear cross country and showjumping. Elle took 2nd place in the Two Star and Diva stepped up to the plate taking 2nd place in the Introductory finishing on her dressage score.



Fairbanks Cargo – 1st in the ***

Queensland State Eventing Championships

~ 27-28th October

This was the last eventing competition for the year in Qld and was held at the beautiful course at Kooralbyn. Kooralbyn has lost some of its land over the past few years with the Resort shutting down but the committee still do a great job putting on a well organised event. All horses had a good weekend with Diva taking out top prize in the Introductory class. Cargo was leading the Two Star after the dressage with both Elle and Cargo jumping clear cross country but picking up a few time penalties. Cargo ended up 2nd and Elle 3rd.

Equestriad at Camden ~ 1-2nd September

Fairbanks Cargo – Two Star 7th

Fig Tree Pocket CNC ~

7-8th July

Fairbanks Elle – Two Star 3rd

NSW State Eventing Championships at Goulburn ~ 13-14th October

Who would have thought that we were heading into snowy country when we left sunny Qld on the Thursday afternoon! Elle put in a solid dressage test and cruised around the beautiful cross country course just picking up a couple of time faults. She finished 5th in the 60 strong Two Star field after a clean round in the showjumping. Cargo did not have such a good weekend from the start – he was not impressed with the mud slop in the dressage arena but did a respectable test considering the conditions. Unfortunately he slipped on take-off over a jump early in the cross country course and caught the back of a fence...so I called it a day and made sure my honest little jumper was ok! You can watch Elle's cross country round on YouTube ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uNymNDPDU>

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**How Cute!**

La Donna ~ Chestnut Filly
 Lord Loxley x Rotspoon

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