

First win Jodie Loveday

THE 18-year-old was extremely surprised to find herself at the head of affairs in the

under-21 open intermediate section with Zamor II.

"We only entered at the last minute as I decided we needed another run before Gatcombe, so I came here with no expectations," explained Jodie, who started as Aaron Millar's working pupil the previous week. "It's our first win at any level so I'm delighted."

Jodie is largely self-taught and has been slowly producing the nine-year-old since he was five.

"He has a difficult temperament as he's very hot-headed and loses confidence in himself easily. He struggles with the dressage, but he was nice and relaxed on the flat today, jumped a clean showjumping round and then flew round the cross-country."

Jodie and Zamor completed on a score of 40.1, just over one penalty ahead of Georgia Hatton-Brown and Onno.



Jodie warms up for Gatcombe's novice championship with a win on Zamor II

Jonelle, which is not good for family relations," joked Tim, who was quick to thank Team Selwood, who have been sponsoring the couple for the past year. "We have gone from strength to strength with their support."

Jonelle finished second behind Sam Griffiths and Real Dancer in open intermediate section L. The Australian pair came to Wilton fresh from a second place in Express Eventing the previous

week. They wowed the judges in the first phase to record a score of 19.1 — the only sub-20 dressage mark of the weekend.

"I think it's a personal best for both of us," said Sam, who has been riding Juliet Donald's 12-year-old since 2007. "He was bought as a dressage horse, but Juliet sent him to me to jump for a bit and I haven't given him back yet."

The duo added time-penalties to their dressage mark to finish more than four penalties ahead of Jonelle and Mere Oak in the 24-strong section.

Jonelle said: "I sold him [Mere Oak] to Lucy Sangster as a five-year-old and her daughter Eliza evented him for a few years. I trained Eliza and followed their progress and always regretted selling him, so it's nice to have him back now Eliza is at university."

Double for Ugolotti

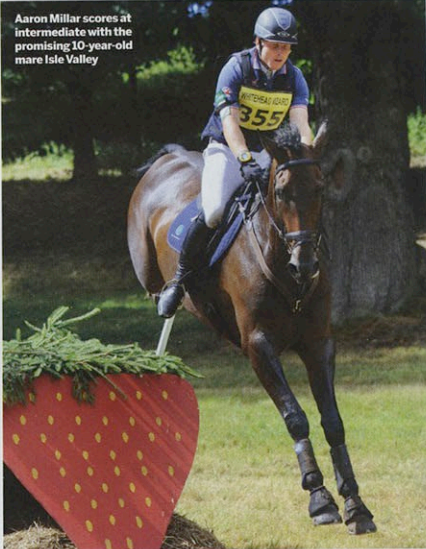
ANOTHER rider to take home multiple rosettes was Giovanni Ugolotti, who captured the two Saturday intermediates with Bruver and Mistralou.

It was a welcome change of fortune for Bruver, who was eliminated in the showjumping on his previous outing at Aston-le-Walls.

"He can be very good, but he is inconsistent and seems to struggle with the showjumping in particular," said the Italian, who is based near Newbury with his girlfriend, fellow eventer Kathryn Robinson.

It was also a successful day for Aaron Millar's yard as both he and his working pupil, Jodie Loveday,

Aaron Millar scores at intermediate with the promising 10-year-old mare Isle Valley



came home with victories. Aaron rode Isle Valley into the top spot in section H, while Jodie triumphed in the 23-strong under-21 open intermediate section with Zamor II (see box, above left).

"Isle Valley is a very elegant and attractive mare," said Aaron. "She's phenomenal on the flat and is rangy and scopey, so I'm really excited about her future."

Izzy Taylor notched up her first win on its Chico, adding 5.2 cross-country time-penalties to their dressage mark of 29.6. They finished ahead of Brazil's Marcio Carvalho Jorge on Lissy Mac Wayer.

"I'm really pleased for his owners as I think we've turned the corner now," said Izzy, who took over the ride on the eight-year-old son of Chico's boy from Georgie Dalton in May. "We've been working on building our partnership and it's been a steep learning curve, but we are finally starting to trust each other."

Wilton hosted around 475 entries over the two days of competition and was praised for its fantastic ground.

"I spent around £1,000 on ground preparation and I think the going is the best it's ever been," said organiser Anthony Ffooks, who had to cancel the event last year due to flooding.

He made many changes to the cross-country course, which

had several bogey fences, one of which was the addition of a brightly coloured boat in the water in the woods at fence 18. H&H

Results

WHITEHEAD VIZARD WILTON

Of sec K — 1, The Deputy (J Richards) 30.0,0.8-30.8; 2, De Beers Diletante (J Hobbs) 28.6,2-34.6; 3, Wesko (T Price) 31.4,0.5-37; **sec L** — 1, Real Dancer (S Griffiths) 19.1,2-23.1; 2, Mere Oak (J Richards) 23.0,0.6-32.7; 3, Dunkery Boy (S Milnes) 28.2,0.5-38.3; **Of sec M** — 1, Zamor II (J Loveday) 37.0,2.4-40.1; 2, Onno (G Hatton-Brown) 33.2,4.5-42.4; 3, Tarraco Adam (H Harding) 36.4,4.8-45.2; **Int sec F** — 1, Bruver (G Ugolotti) 27.7,5.9-42.3; 2, French Denim (D Ruano) 30.5,1.4-40.9; 3, Herbit Golden Eclipse (D Evans) 32.7,3.16-45.1; **sec G** — 1, Mistralou (G Ugolotti) 32.3,0.8-40.3; 2, Dumbau (C Ryan-Bell) 32.0,0.8-41.6; 3, Amarrash (A Bieckman) 27.7,0.18-46.5; **sec H** — 1, Isle Valley (A Millar) 23.6,4.6-33.2; 2, Redpath Parsons (A Bragg) 24.6,1.6-36.1; 3, Star Witness (K Cook) 34.1,0.8-38.9; **sec J** — 1, Its Chico (I Taylor) 29.6,0.5-34.8; 2, Lissy Mac Wayer (M Carvalho Jorge) 32.7,4.0-37.5; 3, Wazzar B (J White) 32.7,0.5-37.9; **Of sec L** — 1, Luxury FH (Fox-Pitt) 23.5,0.0-23.5; 2, Ragan Josh (S Griffiths) 25.0,0.0-25.3; 3, Captain Hook (K Oram-Everett) 25.5,0.0-26.3; **Of sec Q** — 1, Walzer F. Wagger (E King) 28.5,0.0-28.5; 2, Arche XVII (K Carrm) 31.5,0.4-31.9; 3, Opposition Angel One (Y Sanderson) 32.0,0-32; **nov sec A** — 1, Cascade Des Nègres (K Raybould) 28.0,0-28; 2, Another Expanse (S Charles) 24.5,4.0-28.5; 3, Mohill Gypsy (H Baker) 30.5,0.0-30.5; **sec B** — 1, Cheeky Flirt (R Stevens) 25.5,0.0-25.2; 2, Joe So Cool (M Gordon) 28.4,0-28.3; 3, Sally King (G Ugolotti) 26.5,1.6-32.1; **sec C** — 1, Maximus Mendius (if Read) 30.0,0-30; 2, Triple Chance II (A Edmond) 35.0,0-35; 3, Lysyngan Royale Corrado (R Bewley) 36.0-36; **sec N** — 1, Fennis Ted (C Burton) 26.0,2-28; 2, Kato Ridge (J L Day) 31.0,0-31; 3, Billy Ball (G Spence) 30.5,0.0-30.5; **sec P** — 1, Silver Sovereign (L Scammell) 23.8,4.1-28.7; 2, Goshell Dancer (M Taylor) 30.5,0.0-30.5; 3, Isle Moor (A Millar) 30.4-34.



Sam Griffiths capitalises on a dressage of 19.1, for an OI victory with Real Dancer