

Attlee cracks Teutone

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KATE Attlee was in top form at Myerscough, winning four out of seven classes, including the entire big tour. Ann Willett's Teutone II warmed up with a win in the intermediaire II, delighting the audience at Saturday's gala evening with his freestyle, before majoring in the grand prix.

"Everyone said it would take a year to get to know Teutone properly and, 12 months on, it feels like we've got a partnership now," said Kate, whose other win came in the prix st georges (PSG) music on Sarah Outwin's Lochness.

Kate rode Teutone in a snaffle to win the intermediaire II, before switching to the double for the music and grand prix.

"I've ridden him in the snaffle for most of the winter so I thought I'd try him with it in the test," said Kate, who trains with Carl Hester and Trish Gardiner. "He felt very loose and supple in it."

Judge at C Sally Lidsey agreed: "Kate rode Teutone beautifully and it was a pleasure to judge."

Gemma Green also left Myerscough with more than one winner, taking victories on both Showtime and Legemento. Showtime, the reigning advanced medium and medium winter champion, won both the PSG and

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intermediaire I.

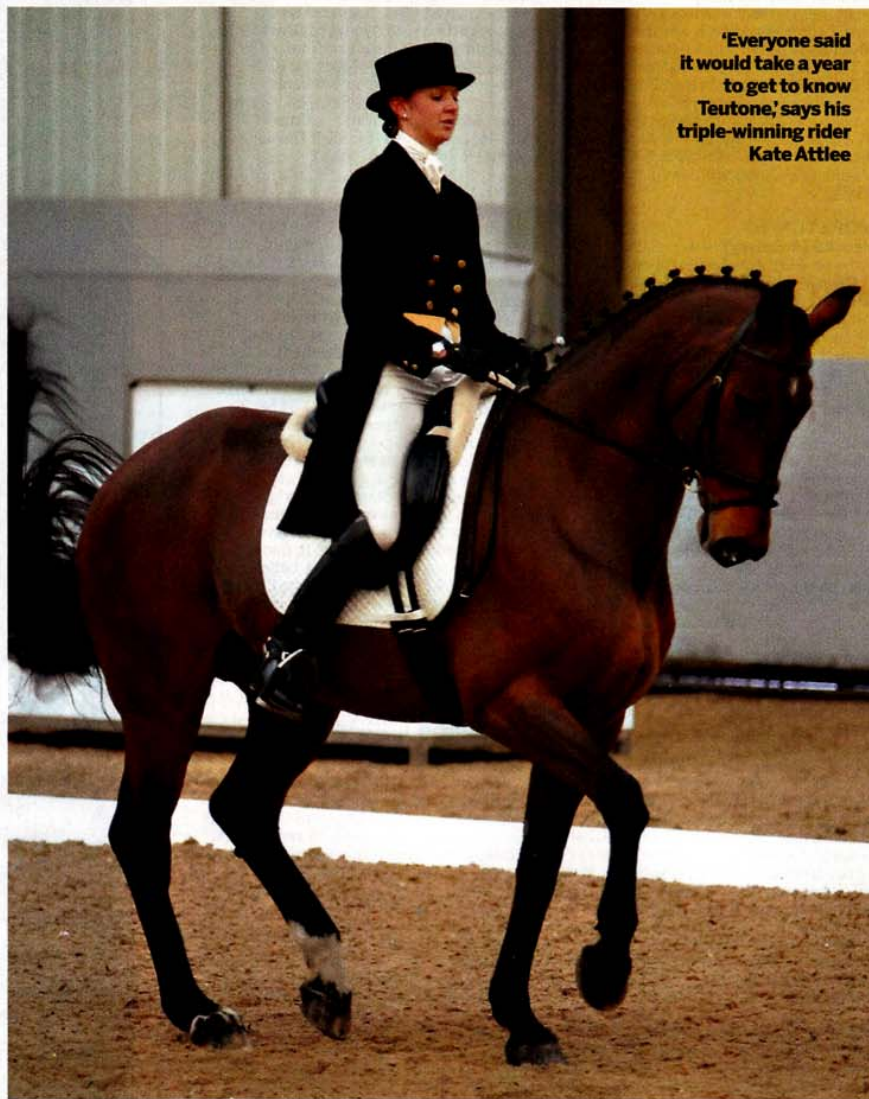
Of the PSG, Gemma said: "That was the most nines I've ever had on a test sheet." She was contesting Showtime in only his second intermediaire I.

"We'll stick to small tour this year as he needs a little bit more mileage," said Gemma, who trains with Jennie Loriston-Clarke and Henk Van Bergen. "He's such a special horse, there isn't another Showtime. If I found anything like him in my lifetime, I'd consider myself very lucky."

Legemento won the Shearwater Young Horse National Five-Year-Old class, taking the notable scalp of Carl Hester's Valegro, ridden by Charlotte Dujardin.

"He has been a bit of a bridesmaid really," said Gemma of the horse purchased from PSI Sales. "He's met Valegro in competition before [when Valegro has won]. But he gives you a fantastic feel!"

The Shearwater classes were hotly contested, with Legemento scoring the highest mark of 79.2% and Winston Bond just 0.2% behind to win the national five-year-old class. Carl Hester and Claire Cocker own Winston Bond, who



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was ridden by Charlotte Dujardin. Sandra Biddlecombe bred the 007 gelding.

"They were going to name him James Bond, but there was one already," said Charlotte.

This was the gelding's first outing, and he coped admirably with the strange surroundings.

Andrew Graham's DHI White Rebel won the five-year-old international section, while Caluna took the six-year-old equivalent under Hannah Moody. DHI White Rebel, ridden by Andrew's wife Jo, is Dutch-bred and was spotted in Holland.

"I rang Jo and told her to raid the piggy bank,"