

# BLACKPOOL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

## FLATCOATED RETRIEVERS

JUDGE: MISS KELLY HOLLAND (FLATCHARM)

Firstly I would like to thank Blackpool championship show and the weather for making my first CC appointment go smoothly and the exhibitors for allowing me to judge their lovely dogs and taking my decisions with grace and sportsmanship, the atmosphere around the ring was super all day. Also thank you to my 2 stewards who kept the ring flowing nicely all day.

Overall the quality was good, movement and size were worrying in some classes, flatcoats are a medium sized elegant breed and should stay that way. My other gripe was over trimming, a flatcoated retriever should have a soft outline, not harsh straight edges. I was looking for a typical flatcoat, with no exaggerations a happy outgoing attitude and an ever wagging tail that had effortless ground covering movement.

### Minor puppy dog 7 (0abs)

#### 1. Savorys Hopevalley Morning Arizona

Handsome 8 month old fella with everything in the right place. Beautiful classic head with a kind soft expression, good strong neck into well placed shoulders. Correct bone throughout, lovely turn of stifle, moved accurately for one so young. Pleased to award him best puppy dog, will watch his progress with interest.

#### 2. Huytons Hopevalley Morning Oregon For Hightyne

Litter brother to 1, all the above comments apply just felt his brother was a little more together on the move today, I am sure these two lovely young men will switch places many times as they grow.

#### 3. Halls Ghilgrange Vagabond King

### Puppy Dog 6 (1abs)

#### 1. Huytons Hopevalley Morning Oregon For Hightyne

#### 2. Mcconnells Feldkirk Fearghal at Torrweaving

Upstanding dog with a masculine head, good bone, coat and the best of feet. He would have benefited from less trimming on his neck as it made his outline rather harsh, moved well. Preferred the size and overall shape of one.

#### 3. Halls Ghilgrange Vagabond King

#### Junior dog 7 (1abs)

1. Pingrees Castlerock Burning Love to Heatheridge

Correct sized male with excellent proportions and beautifully balanced. Well off for bone, sporting the most luxurious coat and standing on the best of feet. Masculine head with a cheeky expression, correct spring of rib, strong hind quarters which he used to power round the ring with ease. Lost out on best junior due to carrying a little too much weight.

2. Whittakers Up to the Stars Black Brianta to Jetstarski

Another correct sized boy, in good coat and hard condition. Nicely moulded head, strong neck into well placed shoulders, correct depth of chest and bend of stifle with well let down hocks, moved well. Another one that would benefit from less neck trimming to soften his outline, lost out to one as he could be a little proud of his tail on occasions.

3. Lutners Beautyfields Glenury Royal at Telurn

#### Yearling Dog 4 (3abs)

1. Pingrees Castlerock Burning Love to Heatheridge

#### Post Graduate Dog 16 (3abs)

Due to there being no graduate class a lot of lovely boys lost out in the class due to immaturity. I am sure their time will come with age.

1. Davis Pajanbeck Rumour Has It

This young man caught my eye as soon as he entered the ring, he has everything in moderation, no bells and whistles just a beautiful honest dog. He has a stunning head, laughing eyes and a cheeky unforgettable expression. In fantastic coat and condition, flowing effortlessly round the ring completely at one with his handler, it was a joy to watch. Pleased to award in the Res CC in tough competition.

2. Blains Caxis Just a Gigolo at Steelriver

Another young fellow out of the top drawer, correct size, good bone and tight cat like feet. Masculine head, with a kind dark eye with a glimmer of naughtiness in them. Strong neck into well placed shoulders, correct length of loin, well muscles quarters, moved beautifully once settled, today his head wasn't quite in the game and he was giving his handler a hard time.

3. Millbanks Kvicksans Eye of the Storm at Larksdown

### Limit Dog 15 (2abs)

#### 1. Blains Rotherfield First Request

A dog I have always admired from outside the ring, today I have never seen him look better. Stunning masculine head, kind dark eye with a glint of naughtiness in them. Excellent front assembly, good bone and tight feet. Correct spring of rib and length in loin, strong rear quarters that were muscled like every gundog should be. Powered around the ring with flatcoat exuberance and style. Pleased to award him his first CC im sure the other two will not be far away.

#### 2. Bowens Candiliz Black Admiral

Upstanding dog, but well proportioned, one of the bests heads of the day, strong neck, well placed shoulders, tight elbows and correct bone throughout. Good spring of rib, excellent coat and tail set well on. Lost out today due to carrying too much weight which spoilt his topline on the move.

#### 3. Adams Kissock Dark and Dashing

### Open Dog 11 (2abs)

#### 1. Douglas Sh Ch Greenbayhill Black Tuxedo

Correct sized balanced dog on top form today, had a fabulous flatcoat attitude. Handsome moulded head, well set ears and a cheeky expression. Well placed shoulders, correct bone and tight feet, good length of rib and width of second thigh, hocks well let down. His eyes were lovely in colour would just prefer a better shape to complete the picture. One of the best movers of the day.

#### 2. Strudwicks Downstream fair and Square for Burpham JW ShcM

I really liked this fellow, his outline is so clean and classical. I wrote Gorgeous head twice in my notes, they were not wrong, kind dark eye with a really naughty twinkle in them. The best of fronts, beautiful bone and the best feet of the day. Correct body length, strong topline and hind quarters. Sadly today he was giving his handler a hard time on the move with cost him the class.

#### 3. Lairds Sh Ch Branchalwood Tamdhu of Daicheil JW

### Veteran Dog 4

#### 1. Whittakers Brigadier master for Zabiekabi

Correct sized male, beautifully balanced and moved like a 3 year old. Masculine head, well set ears and wise kind expression. Well off for bone, strong topline, good spring of rib, in excellent coat and hard condition. Pushed hard for the res CC

## 2. Bradys Sh Ch Llantrussa Head over Heels to Bordercot

A boy I have admired for many years, there is nothing much I can say that has not been said before about him. A beautifully balance elegant male of correct size, masculine moulded head with a gentle expression and kind dark eye. Nothing exaggerated, a true flatcoat. Flowed round the ring on a loose lead loving every second, unlucky to meet one on such form today.

## 3. Pingrees Sh Ch Castlerock Stromy Knight Over Heatheridge JW ShCM

### Minor Puppy Bitch 8

#### 1. Williams Wistaston Another Love

What a beautiful outgoing attitude this happy little lady had, it was lovely to see. Feminine moulded head with a cheeky expression. Excellent front construction with pronounced brisket. Good bone and topline, correct bend of stifle and length of hock oodles of coat for one so young. Moved true once settled, a bright star of the future im sure.

#### 2. Stevensons Steelriver Sunkissed

Another classy little lady, very balanced. Good head with the naughtiest of expressions, kind dark eye and well set ears. Correct bone and coat, elegant throughout, strong topline and hindquarters, would just have preferred a better shoulder lay to finish the picture, moved well.

#### 3. Lynotts Avening Full Of Stars

### Puppy Bitch 9 (3 abs)

#### 1. Lutners Telurn Better Believe It

What a stunner, this liver lady won the class on her outstanding movement, she never stopped showing even in the puppy group which was very late on in the day. Excellent colour, dark eye, which is rare in livers, feminine head, correct front assembly, ruler straight topline and strong hind quarters which she used to power round the ring thrashing her ever wagging tail. Im sure this girl has a very bright future will watch her with interest. Best puppy in breed.

#### 2. Lanes Kulawand Kodebreaker

Upstanding girl, beautifully balanced. Good shoulder lay and pronounced brisket, excellent bone and feet, strong topline and hindquarters, front movement a little erratic today, hopefully will tighten with age.

#### 3. Stevensons Steelriver Sunkissed

### Junior Bitch 9 (3abs)

1. Gilchrist Seaheart Bryony with Ardmhor

Elegant young lady at just the right stage for her age, beautiful moulded head with a cheeky intelligent expression. Just the right amount of bone and coat, correct angles front and rear, strong topline and well set on tail. Her side gait was stunning when she was gliding round the ring, pleased to award her Best Junior in Breed another star in the making.

2. Eggingtons Pajanbeck I Put A Spell on You

The young lady has it all there to come, she is currently giving everything away in age. Feminine and balanced, lovely moulded head with a mischevious expression. Correct body proportions, in good coat and condition. Moved well once settled

3. Bowens Clandrift Midnight Galaxy

### Yearling Bitch 6 (3abs)

1. Joyces Stranfaer Solitaire JW

My notes read wow, I loved this young lady. For me she is a typical female flatcoat, nothing overdone, the correct size, elegant with a happy outgoing attitude. Good bone and tight feet, strong topline, correct spring of rib, tail well set on and correct length of hock. In fantastic coat and condition, could have watched her move all day, pushed hard for the Res CC.

2. Leachs Kissock Little Black Number

Taller girl than one, a lot to like about her, pretty expression, good front assembly, ribs well sprung, correct turn of stifle, moved well once settled, her coat was a little wayward today which spoilt the overall picture a little.

3. Lewis Draketor Sea Gypsy Among Fairwinds

### Post Graduate Bitch 18 (3abs)

1. Goodmans Keepersway Gracie to Beanit JW

What a little cracker, she caught my eye on the first run around with her outstanding movement, her footfall is just effortless. She has just the right amount of everything for me. Classical head with a kind dark eye with just a hint of twinkle in them. Correct shoulder lay, well sprung ribs, strong hind quarters with well let down hocks. She is the classic example of moving right if made right. Pleased to award her the Res CC

2. Gilchrist Gloi Dubh Erin with Ardmhor

Another top drawer lady. Elegant and feminine. Super head and expression. Correct front and rear angles, strong topline in excellent coat and condition, she showed her socks off. Moved with drive.

3. Savorys Ghilgrange Puzzle Pieces

Limit Bitch 9 (1abs)

1. Romeo-Diestes Hopevalley Morning Mist

All Lady, perfectly balanced and elegant throughout. Beautiful head with a kind warm expression, correct return of upper arm, well placed shoulders and good body proportions. Strong topline which she held on the move, handled beautifully. Didn't move as well in the challenge which cost her top honours. Im sure her day will come.

2. Malones Kissock Weesleekit for Kirkbeck

A girl I have always liked from the side of the ring, sadly today she had left her clothes at home and was carrying a little weight over her whithers. Correct size girl, well off for bone, excellent front construction, tight feet and good width of second thigh. Moved ok once settled.

3. Telurn Already Hot Gossip

Open Bitch 9 (1abs)

1. Konrad Ger CH Brightmoor Black Eyed Pea

This young lady blew me away, she is everything a female flatcoat should be, elegant, feminine and medium sized, she caught my eye when entering the ring, she just got better when I got my hands on her. The best of heads with a sweet inquisitive expression, stunning front assembly, spirit level top line, correct body length and excellent hind quarters with well let down hocks. In fantastic condition and gleaming coat, she moved round the ring like she owned it, im sure she could work all day CC and Best of Breed.

2. Whytes Sh Ch Feldkirk Fashion

Another girl I have admired many times from ringside, very similar to one. Balanced, elegant and stylish. Good bone and feet and in excellent coat, she was carrying a little to much weight today which made her a little lazy on the move.

3. Baxters Feldkirk Fallon of Mayla

Veteran Bitch 9 (2 abs)

1. Ashcroft and Longs Sh Ch Beanit Luka to Keepersway JW ShCM

Classical bitch, balanced with a beautiful outline. Super head with dark eye, well set ears and a mischievous expression and a cheeky grin. Excellent front construction, with pronounced brisket, well off for bone and lovely tight feet. Strong topline, well set tail, shown in hard condition. Moved well, pushed hard for the Res CC but was pipped to the post by her daughter.

2. Lanes Sh Ch Kulawand in No Ones Shadow JW

Taller girl than one, good front construction, well off for bone and coat, covered the ground well on the move just preferred the topline of one.