

NOVICE STAKE - BROCKET, HERTFORDSHIRE

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Date:

20th January 2015

Weather conditions:

The weather on the day was cold, southwesterly wind with rain later in the day.

Scenting Conditions:

Scenting conditions were very short.

Type Of Ground, Quantity and Species of Game:

Ground on the day was open woodland with bracken bottom. Game encountered was pheasant, hare, rabbit, deer and numerous woodcock.

General Standard of Work and Handling:

We were spoilt with a good card of various HPR hunting dogs. Most of the dogs hunted very well, but running pheasants got the better of some, and inexperience to scenting woodcock let the majority down.

Results:

1 st	Wamolanghaar Roy	GLP (d)	T Gould
2 nd	Not Awarded		
3 rd	Ekkolander Tullibardine	LM (b)	K Saynor
4 th	Stubblemere Evanesco	GSP (b)	M Canham

Judges Critique

Wamolanghaar Roy

On his first run he ran with a head wind in bracken. He ran with drive and purpose and quickly located and pointed a cock pheasant on the edge of a wood. He held the bird as the guns moved in and he flushed on command he was steady to flush and fall and made easy work of the retrieve to hand.

Second run was in a large pen area. He ran cheek wind, wide with good pace covering all areas but to no avail. Blank run.

Water was good.

Ekkolander Tullibardine

Another good hunting dog, ran cheek to head wind in bracken. Covered ground well with good pace. Was careful on scent and came on point on a fallen tree. As the guns moved forward, a woodcock lifted but was not shot. Dog was steady to flush and shot. Hunted on but nothing else was found.

Second run, also ran in the pen area covering all areas thoroughly. Came on point on a fallen tree again and produced a hen bird which was shot but flew on.

Was run on a third time for a blank run.

Fourth run. A cock pheasant was shot on the flank, which was subsequently retrieved to hand.

Water was good.

Stubblemere Evanesco

First run cheek wind in open clear bottom woodland. Dog ran fast and very wide looking for moving birds. Came across bracken and pointed at the base of a tree as gun moved up, a hare flushed but the gun was unable to get a clear shot. Dog was steady to flush.

Second run in pen area, dog covered a large area of ground hunting very well to no avail but she found and retrieved the hen previously shot gently to hand. Carried on hunting but no further game was encountered.

Water was good.

The day was hard going as far as nailing game, but the more experienced dogs took advantage of the opportunities presented. I would like to thank the GSP club for the invitation to judge and our host Mr D Massey, our steward of the beat, Saul, for showing us around, my co-judge Jean Robertson, chief steward D Pilkington, red flag and picking up dog. Not forgetting our guns David Winser and Bambos.

Steve Pleasance