

Meirion Jones and Meg Win Big

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Saturday 14th: John Bowen, a Pembrokeshire vet by trade, won at Mathon with his homebred dog Roy, a son of Caleb. The North Country Mules, run in packets of five, were consistent throughout, Judge Vic Morris said they quickly assessed a dog and needed positive handling to get around the course. Roy had a clean lift followed by a good fetch, he lost 3 at the pen, and despite fielding the only clean pen of the day Kevin Evans' and Ace came second as John won on OLF.

Arwyn Davies and his bitches, Beca and Peg, were on form to come in first and second in the morning session at Betws Yn Rhos' open trial. This nicely organised, picturesque "Parkland" trial was Judged by Gwynfor Owen and enjoyed by many. The Suffolk crossbred sheep worked well in general and in the afternoon session gave John Whiteley and Wisp their first win.

Also on Saturday, Llanwrst's trial ran over undulating ground and boasted views across to Snowdon. The fit, Welsh crossbred ewes proved a challenge to steer around the course for all but the experienced handlers, Judge Arthur Roberts found his winner in Eirian Morgan and Spot who were a couple of points ahead on 9.

On Sunday 15th July, the Guilsfield Show SDT ran in two sessions, over a big, challenging 400 yard outrun. It was well organised and was well supported by the South Wales trialists - which paid off. Meirion Jones and his young bitch Meg, (2years old by I.B. Jones' Tim) showed promising form in the morning session to win. Sent out to the left, this difficult line had parts of the outrun obscured from the handlers view, yet was favoured as more straightforward than the right. Watched by Judge Henry Hughes, Meg outran well, had a clean lift and excellent control of her four Texel cross Cheviot yearlings from the start. In the afternoon, Stan Harden and Cass took the win under Judge Gethin Jones.

