



# Paint Horse Wins Big In The UK

The British Reining Championship Show held on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September provided a thrilling end to the UK Reining season with an American Paint Horse Stealing the show.

The British Reining won by trainer Diamond Rio, that the title has other than an Horse. Lenas were drawn first challenge by that could not be highest combined score and the highest individual score of the whole show.



Open Championship was Alan Payne and Lenas making it the first time been taken by any breed American Quarter Diamond Rio and Alan and rose to the carding not only a score beaten but also the joint



For thrilled owner, Annalisa Wallace this provided the perfect end to an exceptional competition as not only did 'Rio' and Alan become the 2009 British Reining Open Champions but earlier that same day the horse had placed second in the 'Green As Grass' Championship Class with her riding. Annalisa was also awarded the year end High Point Buckle in the 'Green As Grass' category.



"This was a fantastic result for American Paint Horses in the UK" said trainer Alan Payne, "and for the horse to have switched between Rookie and Open competition both on the Championship day and also throughout the season during all of the qualifying shows just makes it all the more outstanding". 'Rio' has only been based with Alan at Payne Performance Horses for 3 months which has made qualifying for the Championships in such a short space of time quite an achievement in itself.

Lenas Diamond Rio, a 7 year old gelding by Like A Diamond and out of a Mr Gun Smoke mare, stands at barely 14hh but has a huge personality which has made him quite a celebrity on the UK Reining circuit. "Rio is incredibly talented and a real character" said Alan "we now have quite an even split between Quarter Horses and Paint Horses in our barn and I am really happy to be seen to be promoting the Paints as much as the Quarter Horses in the Western disciplines in the UK".

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## Editors notes

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