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Former World champion Sheree Alabaster, of Taihape, wins the North Island Open woolhandling final at Marton today (Saturday February 3). PHOTO/DOUG LAING SSNZs
Just a second or three: Whose win is it?

The 2012 World champion, Whangamomona farmer, Scots international and 2012 World champion, produced the second best quality points to claim another in a sequence of second placings since winning at Tauranga last month, a final for which Smith did not qualify and which was the only time he has been beaten in an Open competition in New Zealand in more than a year.

Kirkpatrick had to settle for third and fourth was Te Kuiti veteran Digger Balme, who had been second to finish, in 17min 20.94sec.

Woodville shearer Tegwyn Bradley completed a Friday-Saturday double by adding the Senior title to that he won at the Dannevirke A and P Show 24 hours earlier, while former World woolhandling champion Sheree Alabaster, of Taihape, also made it a second win in two days over 2010 World teams title teammate Keryn Herbert, of Te Kuiti.

Mid-40s Hawke's Bay farmer Mark Ferguson had his first win since a 2017 Golden Shears and New Zealand championships Junior double by winning today's North Island Intermediate championship final, in which overseas shearers were second, third and fourth.

Northern Wairarapa shearer Jonathon Painter won another Junior shearing title, and Logan Kamura, who won the open woolhandling final at Taihape last Saturday, today won the Novice shearing final.

Senior shearing runner-up Ricci Stevens, of Napier, won the Senior woolhandling final, and the Junior woolhandling title went to schoolboy Cortez Ostler, of Marton.

Results from the North Island Shearing and Woolhandling Championships at the Rangitikei Shearing Sports in Marton on Saturday, February 3, 2018:

North Island Championships:

Shearing:

Open final (20 sheep): Rowland Smith (Maraekakaho) 17min 20.7sec, 60.485pts, 1; Gavin Mutch (Scotland/Whangamomona) 17min 56.31sec, 63.516pts, 2; John Kirkpatrick (Napier) 17min 19.46sec, 63.723pts, 3; Digger Blme (Te Kuiti) 17min 20.94sec, 64.097pts, 4; David Buick (Pongaroa) 17min 21.6sec, 64.53pts, 5; Mark Grainger (Te Kuiti) 19min 41.44sec, 70.622pts, 6.

Senior final (12 sheep): Tegwyn Btradley (Woodvile) 10min 21.37sec, 43.291pts, 1; Ricci Stevens (Napier) 10min 36.69sec, 43.613pts, 2; Ilan Jones (Wales) 10min 14.5sec, 44.17pts, 3; Connor Puha (Kimbolton) 11min 4.7sec, 44.457pts, 4; Tomas Lima (Levin) 11min 32.22sec, 49.166pts, 5; Jaycob Brunton (Levin) 11min 34.31sec, 51.049pts, 6.

Intermediate final (5 sheep): Mark Ferguson (Elsthorpe) 8min 1.97sec, 32.699pts, 1; Jeremy Leygonie (France) 7min 43.24sec, 33.962pts, 2; Gwydion Davies (Wales) 7min 26.65sec, 34.533pts, 3; Emily Te Kapa (Scotland) 8min 13.61sec, 35.681pts, 4; Ruka Braddick (Eketahuna) 8min 9.16sec, 39.258pts, 5; Daniel Seed (Woodville) 7min 21.71sec, 39.886pts, 6.

Junior final (5 sheep): Jonathon Painter (Pahiatua) 9min 40.78sec, 41.039pts, 1; Danniell Biggs (Mangamahu) 9min 25.95sec, 42.698pts, 2; Brooke Hamerton (Hastings) 9min 35.39sec, 44.97pts, 3; Reuben Alabaster (Taihape) 8min 16.25sec, 45.013pts, 4; Liam

Pritchard (Pongaroa) 11min 3.44sec, 50.172pts, 5; Mark Baxter (Pongaroa) 10min 20.27sec, 56.414pts, 6.

Novice final (1 sheep): Logan Kamura (Marton) 3min 33.77sec, 21.689pts, 1; Andrew Baxter (Pongaroa) 4min 16.83sec, 22.842pts, 2; James Geddy (Whanganui) 3min 50.79sec, 37.54pts, 3; Karolin Bunting (Germany) 3min 59.03sec, 43.952pts, 4; Adrienne Samuels (Marton) 4min 10.78sec, 46.539pts, 5; Samantha Baxter (Pongaroa) 4min 49.95sec, 49.498pts, 6.

Woolhandling:

Open final: Sheree Alabaster (Taihape) 66.488pts, 1; Keryn Herbert (Te Kuiti) 73.65pts, 2; Jamie McLean (Taihape) 83.12pts, 3; Eramiha Noho (Dannevirke) 107.014pts, 4; Cushla Abraham (Masterton) 107.19pts, 5; Logan Kamura (Marton) 110.62pts, 6.i

Senior final: Ricci Stevens (Napier) 56.43pts, 1; Ash Boyce (Dannevirke) 65.53pts, 2; Angela Stevens (Napier) 77.93pts, 3; Nova Kumeroa (Mataura) 88.81pts, 4; Bianca Hawea (Masterton) 90.53pts, 5; Emily Te Kapa (Scotland) 107.53pts, 6.

Junior final: Cortez Ostler (Marton) 57.75pts, 1; Crystal Bird (Eketahuna) 65.414pts, 2; Ngaira Puha (Kimbolton) 75.97pts, 3; Summer Pritchard (Pongaroa) 90.868pts, 4; Lucky Garrett (Eketahuna) 108.1pts, 5; Lee George (Te Kuiti) 111.988pts, 6.

Novice: Lara Pritchard (Pongaroa) 40.09pts, 1; Jennifer Kumeroa (Whanganui) 86.19pts, 2; Mereana Kumeroa (Whanganui) 102.4pts, 3.

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