Funnell flies to a third win

Last year, she fell off twice at the same fence. This year, Pippa Funnell leads from the start to win her third Badminton as the defending champion snaps at her heels. But some valiant first-timers also make their mark, reports Kate Green

WHAT a finish: Britain's two world-dominating riders, Olympic team-mates and close friends for nearly 20 years since Pony Club days, riding two totally contrasting horses and separated by a miniscule 1.6pen. Impossible to decide which outcome to wish for, it was a thrilling, yet agonising, culmination to the 2005 Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials.

In pole position throughout was Pippa Funnell, riding the majestic Primmore's Pride. He is already a dual four-star winner and has had "First at Badminton" stamped all over him since the day owners Roger and Denise Lincoln clapped eyes on him as a foal in 1993.

Meanwhile, pushing them right to the wire were the defending champions, William Fox-Pitt and Finn and Mary Guinness's home-bred Tamarillo, a coiled, athletic spring, bursting with intelligence and health despite the »

Primmore's Pride looks anything but weary after winning his third four-star event, and his first Badminton

Picture by Trevor Meeks

"If only it had been a team competition today." Fox-Pitt and Tamarillo produce an immaculate clear round

Andrew Hoy jumps his second clear show jumping round of the day, to finish third on Master Monarch

« untimely injury at the Olympics (a bone chipped off a hock) that warranted an operation.

"Pippa and I had breakfast together in the canteen this morning," revealed William, "and we thought: if only this were a team competition instead of the pair of us wanting to beat the hell out of each other."

The final line-up could not have been more blue-chip. Andrew Hoy, who has been trying for a top Badminton placing since 1979, came third (on Tom Attwood and Richard Constant's Master Monarch) and sixth (on Jeremy and Anona Young's Mr Pracatan), both horses finishing on their dressage scores. Andrew Nicholson finished fourth with a similarly clean sheet on Robin and Nicky Salmon's Lord Killinghurst, beating Lorna Clarke's record for Badminton completions — with his 23rd — in the process. Jeanette Brakewell, having her sixth and final Badminton ride on Richard Holdsworth's remarkable 17-year-old Over To You, was fifth, also on her dressage score, bar one show jumping time-fault.

First-timer Kitty Boggis, 22, seventh on Val Ryan and the Tolleys' 13-year-old ex-hurdler Five Boys, was overwhelmed at slotting into such an illustrious line-up.

"You always dream, but in reality I thought it would be a thrill to finish in the top 20," she said. "My real aim was a nice clear cross-country, and so to be up there with those five great riders is gob-smacking. It's hard to get a toe on the ladder, but I hope this might get me considered as an individual for the European Championships."

> "You always dream, but I thought it would be a thrill to finish in the top 20... this is gob-smacking"
> **Kitty Boggis**, seventh at her first attempt

Star of the show, however — and recipient of the loudest cheers — was the 27-year-old Japanese rider Yoshiaki Oiwa, a 200-1 shot with Tote Sport whose name topped the cross-country leaderboard for several surreal hours.

"I am in the lead? It's incredible," he said.

Yoshi's outstanding debut was an unexpected fillip for Japanese car company Mitsubishi, loyal Badminton sponsor since 1992, and provided a fairy story spectators took to their hearts.

The weekend provided the requisite shot in the arm for the sport after last year's struggle against the elements and the subsequent controversies and tragedies of Athens and Burghley. For once it was blessed with great weather.

"It's been a happy few days, and we needed that," said Polly Stockton, ninth with a brilliant cross-country round on her family's Tangle Man. "It's been good for the sport."

But not everyone's weekend went swimmingly. Olympic Champion Leslie Law received an unwelcome reminder of the sport's flip side when he bit the dust on both his horses. Tina Cook was airlifted to hospital with a fractured thoracic vertebra and Mary King saw her potential top placing evaporate through an error four from home.

Naturally, no competitor was rash enough to agree out loud with Karen Dixon's assessment that the cross-country lacked bite (*H&H*, April 28), but it must have been immensely satisfying for its designer, Hugh Thomas, that they remained respectful in hindsight.

Andrew Nicholson, an exemplary pathfinder on Fenicio, commented on his return: "It's not as easy as some people think — I had to work. The first horses out are usually world-class and one would hope that they would make it look good, but I don't think it's going to be easy at all."

Five of the first 10 horses faulted and this set the tone for an expectant day in which suspense was maintained until the very end.

"It was everything I'd hoped for," said Hugh. "I think it was one of the best days we've had in the sport. When the leading riders walked the course, they were surprised how difficult it was, having read the previews."

No one was surprised, however, at the dressage leader. Pippa took command on 40.9, with a 5.2pen lead over William.

Tamarillo hovered on the verge of eruption and looked more in need of a quartet of sumo »

The victors at the Colt Pond. Funnell liked the effects of a Waterford Fulmer with Kineton noseband

How the first-timers fared

■ EIGHTEEN first-timers completed, with four — Kitty Boggis, Oliver Townend (right, en route to a fast clear round on Topping), Sweden's Magnus Gallerdal and Laura Fortune — in the top 20. A further nine went clear across country.

Jaroslav Hatla, the first Czech at Badminton, rode a good clear cross-country to finish 26th and Sara Deary, Sara Kozumplik, Abi Walters, J-P Daker and Bella Tschaikowsky also had good rounds, as did Hannah Bate and Bryony Whittington, who sadly had to withdraw overnight because their horses had bruised feet.

Bryony's older brother, Francis, made a great impression when third after dressage on Spin Doctor, the most appropriately named horse in election weekend. But the horse wasn't right across country and, after running into trouble at the Hunt Kennels, Francis retired at the Lake.

His girlfriend, Julie Tew, was eliminated for four refusals on Simply Samuel, who never really seemed to be enjoying himself. Milla Healey, sixth after dressage, had run-outs in the Shogun Hollow and at the Lake, but completed the competition in 46th.

Eighteen-year-old Eleanor Brennan, the event's youngest rider, ended up one place ahead after a run-out in Huntsman's Close.

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■ ERIC Smiley (right) was given a great reception at his last Badminton. After a clear cross-country on Macloud, 32nd, he announced his retirement from four-star competition. Eric, 53, an FEI judge and Fellow of the BHS, first competed at Badminton in the 1980s and finished 12th three times on Enterprise.

"It's important not to drag on; the time to go is when you're still doing things well. There are younger riders coming on and I've had a good innings. I feel emotional because the crowd has been so appreciative — but perhaps it's because they think I'm pretty good for an old duffer!"

■ POLLY Jackson had an eventful cross-country day. She agreed to go across country with a TV camera strapped to her helmet, an offer she was to regret when the belt holding the transmitter around her waist came loose. The distraction wasn't to blame for Limestone Rise tripping out of the Lake (below), incurring 20pen, but Polly's desperate efforts to secure the flapping equipment made for an uncomfortable ride.

Then Two For Joy, at 15.2hh the smallest horse and only skewbald, ran along the top of the Little Badminton Drop. Despite Polly's protest, the 20pen stood, dropping her from a likely fourth place after cross-country to 30th.

"I thought I'd got away with it," said Polly. "He's gained some more fans, but he got a bit fazed."

« wrestlers than William's wife, Alice, to anchor him on the way into the arena from the ground.

"I thought I was staring a [mark of] 70 in the face," said William. "He could hardly contain himself which is disappointing because he can do 10 marks better than that. But horses aren't machines."

Even Primmore's Pride's concentration lapsed in the blustery conditions and, having earned a 10 from ground jury president Martin Plewa for his first medium trot, he made a rare mistake in his best pace by breaking in the extended.

"I was being brave and I'm furious with myself," said Pippa. "I was going for the big marks and took the risk. But I'm so pleased with his mental progress; when he halted, he was prepared to stay still until I asked him to move. He's only 12 and I think he's got another gear in him."

The standard of dressage was not earth-shattering, and this was reflected in the marking. Martin

> "I was going for the big marks and took the risk"
> **Pippa Funnell**, after a small dressage fluff

Plewa (GER) is an FEI dressage judge, too, and he and colleagues Christian Landolt (SUI) and Annabel Scrimgeour (GB) had only six horses scoring less than 50, an unusual Badminton result nowadays.

William Fox-Pitt led the first day on Ballincoola (48.7), with a much-improved performance thanks to the input of trainer Lizzie Murray. Sadly, the horse was withdrawn on the chase next day due to a fibrillating heart, though William reported the prognosis good.

Leslie Law and Shear L'Eau, fourth after a strong test. But next day they fell

Putting their Athens fall behind them, Andrew Hoy and Mr Pracatan, sixth

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Cross-country leaders for so long: Japan's Yoshiaki Oiwa and Voyou Du Roc

Refreshing new faces included first-timers Francis Whittington (third on 46.7), who was benefiting from a final fine-tuning by Bettina Hoy – it's no coincidence that she also trains Yoshi (equal seventh on 50.2) – and Milla Healey (sixth on 49.3).

Milla's ride Zarzoo was singled out by commentator Carl Hester as having "it" — "he's got the presence, the paces — he should really come on.

"This phase was judged very much on a pure dressage basis, which is why the marking was lower," explained Carl. "And the judging was excellent, very cohesive. Annabel marked consistently low and Christian consistently high, but that doesn't matter because they stuck to the same principle throughout."

Andrew Nicholson's performance on an unusually tense Lord Killinghurst (52), who chucked his head in the air at the first halt, and Sammi McLeod's under-par display on Enchanted (58.2), who stuck his head up during the canter work, were among those who disappointed.

Pippa commented: "It always takes a couple of goes to fine-tune a new test and I think we'll see a much higher standard next year."

Carl Hester declared the new four-star test B "the best we've ever had for this level — it's flowing and interesting and uses the arena. I've realised over the years of watching eventers' dressage that what is needed is collection, so the constant use of circles, like before the half-pass, sets you up nicely. So do the flying changes on the serpentine, where there's less temptation for horses to take off. This test really works for eventing."

> "The leading riders were surprised how difficult the course was, having read the previews"
> **Hugh Thomas**

Sixty-eight horses started across country, producing 44 clear rounds. »

Kitty Boggis and the ex-hurdler Five Boys, double clear to finish seventh

Fourth-placed Andrew Nicholson and Lord Killinghurst at the Colt Pond

« Fourteen of them were within the optimum time of 12min 2sec, including first-timers Oliver Townend and US Olympic reserve Will Faudree.

Will's compatriot Heidi White, a pupil of Phillip Dutton whose only previous Badminton visit was as a groom to Bruce Davidson, accrued just 2pen and finished eventual 10th after an impressive performance on the eye-catching Northern Spy.

"You hope and dream of coming here and when you do it's overwhelming. I've done other four-stars, but this was another ball game. I've never seen anything like the Vicarage Vee," she said.

This dreaded obstacle (no 13) proved unlucky for Leslie Law. He lay fourth after dressage on his second ride, Shear L'Eau, for whom it was a

> "If I had to put just one ride of my life on to video, it would be this one [on Master Monarch]"
> **Andrew Hoy**

first Badminton; they took a flyer here, but failed to make the distance. The horse crumpled with his back legs in the ditch, scrambled up shakily and looked lame. Happily a scan has revealed no lasting damage.

Thus poor Leslie accounted for two of the day's six horse falls. Shear H2O, third on the course in the morning, was almost home when he pitched on landing steeply in the Quarry and hit the ground.

Pippa Funnell, who will empathise with Leslie's disaster after her double crashes last year, had blanched when she saw that her Nemesis of last »

Funnell taking a first-phase lead with Primmore's Pride. Riders praised the challenging new test

Repeating their impressive performance of last year, Daisy Dick and Spring Along bound to eighth

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Croatia's Pepo Puch and Banville D'Ivoy

Clayton Fredericks and WP In Limbo at the "Little" Badminton Drop. Several riders hopped off the left

« year, an upright gate, still stood at Huntsman's Close (25), though just at the exit. However, it was her best friend, Tina Cook, who fell foul of it.

Tina had been going well but seemed to have a misunderstanding with Captain Christy in front of the gate; he screwed over it and she hit the ground horribly hard. There was a pause while Tina, visibly in pain, managed to lurch to her feet and stagger into an ambulance, oxygen mask strapped to her face. But she was back at Badminton by morning.

> "Am I in the lead? That's incredible. I'm so happy"
> **Yoshiaki Oiwa**, Japan's first competitor at Badminton

Mary King had a job to hold Call Again Cavalier, who looked magnificent but strong, and he suddenly set his jaw and ran out at the angled Outlander Tree Trunks (26, 27).

Mary blamed herself: "He'd been very strong

Back on form after suffering some very bad luck, Polly Stockton on the big Tangle Man. They finished ninth despite two show jumps down

in the right hand but soft in the left. I was worried he'd drift [right] at this fence, so I tugged and he misunderstood. He was a bit unruly, but he's a fantastic jumper and I'm sure we'll have great times together."

Lakeside spectators had a quiet day, though Bumble Thomas suffered a nasty crash when Nabatean Treat tripped and landed head first on the bank out and Irish first-timer Trevor Smith was eliminated for missing the final element.

A paucity of soakings was more than compensated for by Nick Gauntlett's unbelievably spectacular splosh into the Colt Pond (14). A hard-pulling Arthur's Word bounced in so quickly that he half put down before the roll-top into water and flipped over it. Fortunately, it happened at such speed that Nick, though comprehensively submerged, was thrown clear.

Faults were evenly spread; Patricia Price and Nicola Tweddle had falls at the Little Badminton Drop (3) and the latter's horse Skiver lived up to his name by merrily absconding.

Hugh was mildly astonished that his ingenious new Totepool Triple (11), with its exacting narrow »

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■ PEPO Puch, the first Croatian to compete at Badminton, was overcome with emotion.

"It was amazing! My horse was so fantastic; he carried me over the fences. I couldn't believe the course, it's so impressive. I must go and thank my trainer Chris Bartle — he has been so positive. I'm so excited," he said.

Pepo, 39, whose yard in Austria is at 1,000m — "great for skiing in winter and hillwork in summer" — brought his top horse, the 16-year-old Selle Francais Banville D'Ivoy, over to Nick Turner's Bedfordshire yard this season.

"He is a great schoolmaster and ideal for a first Badminton," said Pepo, who owns a fire protection company. "The difficulty for a first-timer here is that, unlike all the top riders, who know from experience how the Sunken Road or the Vicarage Vee will ride, you have no idea what to expect."

He did, though, have some insight into the great event. His girlfriend Michelle Schwarzenbach is the granddaughter of Hans Schwarzenbach, first at Badminton in 1951 and still the only continental European (Swiss) to win.

■ SARAH Cutteridge and the Preci-Spark Stud again took the best mare's award, a £500 stud voucher, this time with The Wexford Lady's stablemate, Erbium, 15th. Erbium already has a foal by embryo transfer, by Fleetwater Opposition, and another is due.

Seven mares started. Enchanted (23rd) was clear inside the time, and Susannie Avril Johnston) and Iris W, with Belgian first-timer Geoffroy de Jamblinne, also completed.

Miss Da Meena was withdrawn unsound on Phase C; Ginger May Killinghurst

(above) was clear but suffered a bruised foot — owner-breeder John Studd plans to breed a foal by embryo transfer by the Swedish jumping stallion Favoritas. Softly Softly got inside the time despite a run-out in Huntsman's Close but finished lame.

■ THOSE who could not make it to Badminton this year but had access to digital TV were spoiled on Saturday, when the BBC showed every cross-country round. As well as giving loyal fans — who have been denied a chance to see the cross-country action on TV for several years — a treat, it was a triumph of stamina for regular commentators Mike Tucker and Lorna Clarke, who had to talk through 72 rounds.

The duo struggled on manfully for more than 4hr, helped by guest commentators Lucinda Green; Sarah Cutteridge; Francis Whittington; Will Faudree and Lucinda Fredericks, who remained cool when asked to commentate on husband Clayton's round.

Jubilation at the Lake from Polly Jackson on the diminutive Two For Joy. Her appeal against a stop failed

« final element, jumped with such embarrassing ease (not a single fault), and, clearly, riders are learning to negotiate the Hunt Kennels (two corners at 16), though four did fault here.

Matt Ryan ran past the final element of the Sunken Road and J-P Sheffield suffered an eliminating horse fall when the 17hh Exclusive Imp was too onward bound in the bottom of the road and chested the bank out.

Both the Andrews — Nicholson and Hoy — had superb rounds on their second horses, but they still couldn't catch Yoshi.

"I'm so happy. I enjoyed it so much," he beamed.

> "Call Again Cavalier was a bit unruly but he's a fantastic jumper. I'm sure we'll have great times"
> **Mary King**

His ride, Voyou Du Roc, who at 18 was retired after Badminton, proved an ideal schoolmaster — he has done two Olympics for the Japanese team — but Erik Duvander, their former trainer, confirmed that Yoshi, who took on the ride two years ago, gets the best tune out of him. He rode beautifully, finishing with just 0.8pen and prompting Hugh Thomas to rush up and congratulate him.

"The way Yoshi rode was a credit," said Andrew Hoy, who seemed proud rather than »

Jeanette Brakewell and the evergreen Over To You, having survived a scary moment at the Lake

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America's Heidi White and Northern Spy put a fabulous leap in over the Shogun Sport Oxer. They finished 12th

« miffed at being behind his pupil. "It shows that if you work hard enough, anything's possible."

Andrew singled out his round on Master Monarch as being "up there". "If I had to put just one round in my life on video it would be this one. It's going right up there in the memory bank along with my round at Sydney on Swizzle In [Olympic silver medallist]."

The 14-year-old Master Monarch has completed five four-stars and never finished lower than seventh.

"Not bad for a £7,000 purchase out of the field," said owner Tom Attwood, who, coincidentally, was born in the same tiny Kent village, Shoreham, as his horse. "Haven't we just been so lucky?"

> "You dream of coming here and when you do, it's overwhelming"
> **Heidi White**

Pippa Funnell, armed with a magic change of brakes on Primmore's Pride — a Waterford Fulmer and Kineton noseband — came home with 3.6pen, which almost eroded her dressage lead over William.

She admitted: "We've still got brake and steering issues and I didn't think I'd still be in the lead, but I'm chuffed to bits that there was no pulling. I could even bring him back to trot and ride him off my leg.

"All the work with my husband William and Yogi [Breisner] has paid off. I just had to keep my round at Belton on him this spring, which is the best ride I've ever had, in my head instead of the pulling ride at Athens."

"Pippa's horse behaves in the dressage — mine's fast across country, it all evens out in the end," said William Fox-Pitt, after a breathtaking round in which Tamarillo seemed to know exactly what he was doing and whirled »

Picture by Trevor Meeks

Runners-up William Fox-Pitt and Tamarillo enjoying a peach of a round

Sitting tight as they exit the Lake, 18-year-old Eleanor Brennan on Bailey Zwei

« around the track as if it were a hunter trial.

"He was very fast and gave me a brilliant ride. With the ground drying, he found it almost too easy and I was pulling him up from Huntsman's Close. We had an awful moment in the Quarry when his stride just evaporated, but he came up like an aeroplane and saved my bacon. He is an amazing horse."

Fifty-one horses went forward to show jump, with the main casualty Andrew Nicholson's ninth-placed Fenicio. He was spun at the final trot-up.

Avril Johnston, Mary King and the two French riders jumped notable clears in the morning session, while clear rounds in the afternoon had a dramatic impact for some.

Clayton Fredericks (up seven places), Laura Fortune (up 11) and Swedish first-timer Magnus Gallerdal (up nine to 13th) were significant beneficiaries; two down for Polly Stockton and one for Daisy Dick, who looked fabulous across the country on Spring Along, swapped them around and Kitty Boggis's beautiful round pulled her up seven places to seventh.

> "My brain goes numb on these occasions. I thought nothing could be worse than the Grand Slam, but today came close"
> **Pippa Funnell**

"Very bad," was Yoshi's assessment of his show jumping prospects, and Erik Duvander warned that the old horse has a tendency to stop. He showed no signs of it, but three rails down dropped them to 11th.

Yoshi's verdict? "Um, still happy but a bit sad."

Jeanette Brakewell, Andrew Hoy (on both horses) and Andrew Nicholson all jumped clear, and the pressure on the top duo must have reached boiling point. In an amazing finish, they both pulled off top-class clears.

"I knew that Pippa was the one to beat," said William. "Tamarillo's played the fool all week and if only he hadn't been so cheeky in the dressage it might have been different, but he's a fabulous horse. My overriding feeling is that I'm just so glad to have him back after he was injured."

For Pippa, who also had to face up to the emotional prospect of retiring Supreme Rock in the arena, the pressure must have been huge.

"My brain goes numb on these occasions. I thought nothing could be worse than the Grand Slam, but today came close. Everyone knows Primmore's Pride is a fabulous jumper and you feel stupid if you hit something."

But nothing was going to stop Primmore's Pride from fulfilling his destiny. He was bred to win Badminton (by Joanna and Roger Day), and from the day Pippa received the gawky two-year-old in her yard, his progress has been inexorable.

The best laid plans so rarely come off. Yet somehow this one was always going to happen. H&H

Tina Cook and Captain Christy before her late fall

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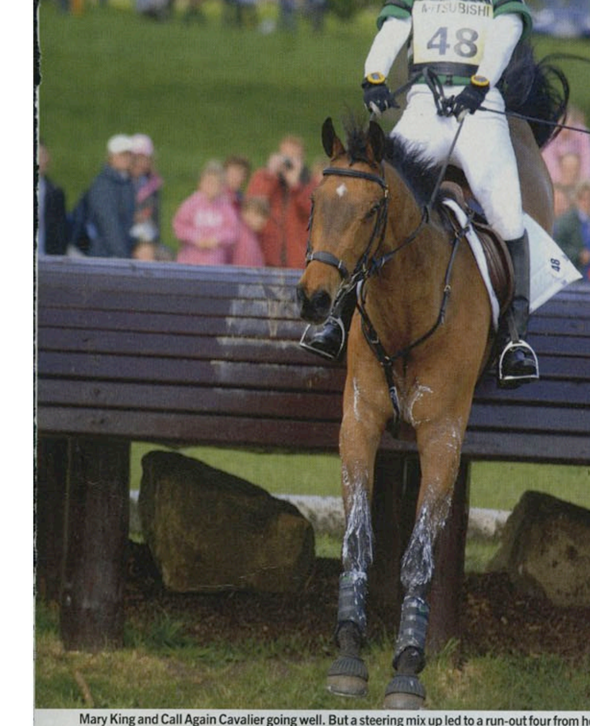

Mary King and Call Again Cavalier going well. But a steering mix up led to a run-out four from home

Bumble Thomas and Nabatean Treat fall at the Lake

Sarah Cutteridge and Erbium, 15th and best mare

Rolling cameras capture the action close-up

Kitty Boggis, seventh and best rider under 25

MITSUBISHI MOTORS BADMINTON HORSE TRIALS 2005 FINAL SCOREBOARD

HORSE AND RIDER	PENALTIES Dressage	Roads & tracks	Steeplechase Time	Steeplechase Jumps	Cross-country Time	Cross-country Jumps	Show jumping Jumps/time	TOTAL
1 **Primmore's Pride** (Pippa Funnell, GB)	40.9	-	-	-	3.6	-	0/0	44.5
2 **Tamarillo** (William Fox-Pitt, GB)	46.1	-	-	-	-	-	0/0	46.1
3 **Master Monarch** (Andrew Hoy, AUS)	51.7	-	-	-	-	-	0/0	51.7
4 **Lord Killinghurst** (Andrew Nicholson, NZ)	52.0	-	-	-	-	-	0/0	52.0
5 **Over To You** (Jeanette Brakewell, GB)	52.2	-	-	-	-	-	0/1	53.2
6 **Mr Pracatan** (Andrew Hoy, AUS)	54.5	-	-	-	-	-	0/0	54.5
7 **Five Boys** (Kitty Boggis, GB)	52.0	-	-	-	6.4	-	0/0	58.4
8 **Spring Along** (Daisy Dick, GB)	55.6	-	-	-	-	-	4/0	59.6
9 **Tangle Man** (Polly Stockton, GB)	51.9	-	-	-	0.4	-	8/0	60.3
10 **Northern Spy** (Heidi White, US)	54.5	-	-	-	2.0	-	4/0	60.5
11 **Voyou Du Roc** (Yoshiaki Oiwa, JPN)	50.2	-	-	-	0.8	-	12/0	63.0
12 **Topping** (Oliver Townend, GB)	55.9	-	-	-	-	-	8/0	63.9
13 **Keymaster** (Magnus Gallerdal, SWE)	54.3	-	2.4	-	7.2	-	0/0	63.9
14 **Lenamore** (Caroline Powell, NZ)	61.3	-	-	-	-	-	4/0	65.3
15 **Erbium** (Sarah Cutteridge, GB)	58.5	-	-	-	3.6	-	4/0	66.1
16 **Hallo Again** (Laura Fortune, GB)	57.6	-	-	-	9.6	-	0/0	67.2
17 **WP In Limbo** (Clayton Fredericks, AUS)	54.3	-	-	-	11.2	-	0/2	67.5
18 **Comanche** (James Robinson, GB)	55.7	-	-	-	4.4	-	8/0	68.1
19 **Tankers Town** (Sharon Hunt, GB)	54.3	-	-	-	11.6	-	4/0	69.9
20 **Two O Two** (Antoinette McKeowen, GB)	60.6	-	-	-	1.6	-	8/0	70.2
21 **Drunken Disorderly** (Mark Kyle, IRE)	63.2	-	1.6	-	-	-	8/0	72.8
22 **Antigua** (Will Faudree, US)	61.3	-	-	-	-	-	12/0	73.3
23 **Enchanted** (Sammi McLeod, AUS)	58.2	-	-	-	-	-	16/0	74.2
24 **Blakring *Mili HN** (Gilles Viricel, FR)	60	-	-	-	15.6	-	0/0	75.6
25 **Haka** (Neil Spratt, NZ)	60.6	-	-	-	-	-	16/0	76.6
26 **Kyrenejennallas Boy** (Jaroslav Hatla, CZE)	64.1	-	-	-	10.4	-	4/0	78.5
27 **Liquid Ice** (Rodney Powell, GB)	60.2	-	-	-	11.6	-	8/0	79.8
28 **Harry** (Bruno Bouvier, FR)	68.7	-	-	-	14	-	0/0	82.7
29 **Call Again Cavalier** (Mary King, GB)	53.5	-	-	-	11.6	20	0/0	85.1
30 **Two For Joy** (Polly Jackson, GB)	50.9	-	-	-	2.4	20	12/0	85.3
31 **Susannie** (Avril Johnston, GB)	70.2	-	-	-	12	-	4/2	88.2
32 **Shiver St George** (Karin Donckers, BEL)	63.0	-	-	-	24.8	-	0/1	88.8
33 **Macloud** (Eric Smiley, IRE)	54.8	-	-	-	19.6	-	12/5	91.4
34 **Daws Willowherb** (Brook Staples, AUS)	68.1	-	-	-	20.0	-	4/0	92.1
35 **Master Fred** (Richard Waygood, GB)	55.7	-	-	-	10.8	-	28/0	94.5
36 **Autumn Sky** (Eddy Stibbe, AHO)	50.2	-	0.8	-	34.0	-	16/0	101.0
37 **As You Like It** (Sara Kozumplik, US)	63.7	-	0.8	-	18.4	-	20/0	102.9
38 **Huszar** (Cressie Clague-Reading, GB)	90.0	-	-	-	10.8	-	4/0	104.8
39 **Uther Pendragon II** (Abi Walters, GB)	58.3	-	-	-	28.8	-	20/0	107.1
40 **Bow House Sydney** (John-Peter Daker, GB)	71.9	-	4.8	-	16.4	-	16/0	109.1
41 **Banville D'Ivoy** (Pepo Puch, CRO)	63.9	-	4.8	-	30.0	-	12/0	110.7
42 **Tuscany Jack** (Bella Tschaikowsky, GB)	64.4	-	-	-	21.6	-	20/25	131.0
43 **Limestone Rise** (Polly Jackson, GB)	66.7	-	-	-	12.4	20	20/12	131.1
44 **Classic Touch** (Tristram Owers, GB)	77.4	-	-	-	8.8	20	24/3	133.2
45 **Bailey Zwei** (Eleanor Brennan, US)	79.3	-	-	-	22.8	20	16/0	138.1
46 **Zarzoo** (Milla Healey, GB)	49.3	-	-	-	38	40	12/5	144.3
47 **Royal Dragoon** (Matt Ryan, AUS)	54.1	-	-	-	41.2	20	24/6	145.3
48 **Iris W** (Geoffroy de Jamlinne, BEL)	57.4	-	7.2	-	56.8	20	8/0	149.4
49 **Glencara** (Molly Key, GB)	68.7	-	-	-	46.0	20	16/0	150.7
50 **What If** (Neil Fox, GB)	76.1	-	-	-	46.8	40	4/0	166.9
51 **Riva Ruel** (Patricia Price, GB)	58.3	-	-	-	97.2	85	20/0	260.5

Eliminated first horse inspection — Sparrow Hall (Marie Ryan, GB). **Withdrawn before dressage** — Snip (Joe Meyer (NZ). **Withdrawn after dressage** — Autumn Breeze III (Eddy Stibbe, AHO) 60; Mazetto (Jonelle Richards, NZ) 62.4. **Retired on steeplechase** — Ballincoola (William Fox-Pitt, GB) 48.7. **Retired on phase C** — Miss De Meena IV (Chris King, GB) 54.1. **Withdrawn after phase C** — Briarlands Blackberry (Tristram Owers, GB) 55.7. **Retired on cross-country** — Captain Christy (Kristina Cook, GB) 66.9; Skiver (Nicola Tweddle, GB) 70.7; Charlton Connor (Vicky Brake, GB) 53.3; Spin Doctor (Francis Whittington, GB) 46.7. **Eliminated on cross-country** — Shear H2o (Leslie Law, GB) 55.4; Simply Samuel (Julie Tew, GB) 65.4; Laughton Hills (Carlos Grave, POR) 65.2; Nabataean Treat (Bumble Thomas, GB) 58.5; Exclusive Imp (John-Paul Sheffield, GB) 57.6; Dunrath Hill (Trevor Smith, IRE) 67.4; Arthur's Word (Nick Gauntlett, GB) 58.0; Shear L'Eau (Leslie Law, GB) 48.0. **Withdrawn after cross-country** — Ginger May Killinghurst (MJ Tumbridge, BER) 59.1,0,12; Burlington Bertie XII (Bryony Whittington, GB) 79.1,0,20.8; Welton Rip Rap (Hannah Bate, GB) 57.4,0,6.8; Softly Softly III (Caroline Powell, NZ) 54.1,20,0. **Eliminated final inspection** — Fenicio (Andrew Nicholson, NZ) 54.8,0,0.

Who's a pretty boy? Tamarillo poses at the trot-up

Best seats in the house and glued to the action

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