

Townend's a cool winner



The Ramiro B seven-year-old Cooley SRS takes the CIC2* for Oliver Townend

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OLIVER TOWNEND made a profitable raid north of the border, lifting first and third spots in the Cazenove CIC2*.

His winner came when Cooley SRS jumped a double clear to move up four places to win, with dressage leader Harthill Percy third after two showjumping mistakes.

"He's a very good horse in the making," said Oliver of Cooley SRS, a seven-year-old by Ramiro B, owned by Angela Hislop.

"This was his first CIC2*. It was a serious, serious course, but he has lots of ability and is very confident in himself — he'll be aimed for either Osberton or Le Lion CIC2*."

Harthill Percy, an eight-year-old

NEW TEAM

A new organising team headed by Cameron Crawford and the Duchess of Roxburgh have revamped the horse trials, including changing the layout and moving the dressage to a quieter site behind the castle.

"I'm absolutely thrilled with the support we've received," said Cameron, whose sponsorship team secured a £5,500 prize fund for the two CIC classes. "It's been hugely challenging and rewarding and our volunteers have done a fantastic job."

by Puissance, is destined for Tattersalls CC12*.

"He's very exciting and I really rate him," added Oliver.

Runner-up was Irish rider Elizabeth Power, who was left ruing a pull on the cross-country when missing out by 0.2 of a penalty with Zazoe.

The 10-year-old was recently bought in Holland by Joe O'Keefe for his daughter Jodie to ride.

"He'd done a lot of showjumping and is very consistent. He was super in all three phases and the course was fabulous. It was a decent two-star, with technical questions and lots of galloping — it was a good warm-up for us before going to Tattersalls CC12*," said Elizabeth.

"The double of corners was a proper question — if you wanted to win you needed to jump straight through."

Foreigners on form
FRENCH rider Arthur Dufford couldn't be caught to win the Arpal CIC* class with Emma Johnson's Moelfryn Sovering Boy.

"I thought the course was fluent and suited a forward horse, there was nothing tricky. He's very genuine and talented. I'll aim to qualify for a two-star," said Shropshire-based Arthur.

The runner-up, finishing on her dressage mark, was Lucy Latta, 17, with DHI Broadway, having a good run before heading to the Irish European junior trials at Tattersalls.

"I thought fence six [the airy log into space] was quite scary, but it jumped well and he just bowled

along," said Lucy.

Fellow Irish rider Patricia Ryan headed the open intermediate with Tullineaskey Hi Ho.

"We spent three days training with Chris Bartle before coming here," said Patricia.

"He's aimed at Bramham and today was ideal for me to practise my timing with control and gallop to the fences. The ground was fantastic," added Patricia, who was also runner-up in the intermediate with Ballylynch HP.

The winner of this section was local rider Jessica McKie with Ask The Boss, a seven-year-old by Silvano, purchased by her family as a three-year-old.

"We've always thought a lot of him. He was runner-up in the Burghlye young event horse final as a four-year-old with Matthew Wright and I took over the ride at the start of 2013," said Jessica.

"The track was fabulous, you need to be positive and keep kicking — he's bold and loved the bigger fences." H&H



Local rider Jessica McKie wins the intermediate on the bold Ask The Boss

TRICKY FENCE



ONE OF THE most influential fences on the CIC2* track came quite early on. This was at fences five and six, two brush corners approached on a downhill turn overlooking the River Tweed.

Five horses faulted here. As they were numbered separately, riders could circle between the two efforts, but among those going for the time three horses nipped by the side of fence six for 20 penalties.

"It was difficult as it came early on in the course after three straightforward fences, although there was a kind alternative," said Oliver Townend.

He led after showjumping with Colonel Joe, but a win evaporated here after a run-out at fence six.

"It was a babyish mistake and I'll forgive him — he needs more mileage," added Oliver.

Results

FLOORS CASTLE

CIC2 — 1, Cooley SRS (O Townend) 42.8.0.0.8+43.6; 2, Zazoe (E Power) 41.4.0.2.4+43.8; 3, Harthill Percy (O Townend) 40.3.8.0.4+3.3. **CIC1*** — 1, Moelfryn Sovering Boy (A Dufford) 42.2.4.0+46.2; 2, DHI Broadway (L Latta) 47.2.0.0+47.2; 3, Strawberry Box (O Bell) 50.0.0+50.9. **OL** — 1, Tullineaskey Hi Ho (P Ryan) 25.0.6.8+31.8; 2, OBOS Apollo (J Burgess) 33.6.0.2+32.3; 3, Millridge Auroras Diamond (S O'Neil) 35.9.0.0+35.9. **INT** — 1, Ask The Boss (J McKie) 33.6.0.2+36.2; 2, Ballylynch Pier (P Ryan) 24.1.0.1.35+39.3; 3, Beek Fee (S O'Neil) 38.6.0.2+44.4. **ON** — 1, DHI Paparazzi (H Woodhead) 27.5.0.0+27.5; 2, DHI Bruce Armighly (H Woodhead) 26.4.0+26.3; 3, DHI Paparazzi (C Anderson) 32.5.4.0+30. **ON18** — 1, Excot Mystyle (G Bunn) 34.5.0.0+34.5; 2, Sycamore Lad (H Graves) 32.5.0.2+34.3; 3, Galco Z (A Winn) 35.0.0.0. **NOV** **SEC** — 1, Denzel SB (C Smith) 29.4.2.8+35.8; 2, Harry De Luxe (J Burgess) 36.0.0+36.3; 3, Lyme Park (A Broad) 39.0.0+39. **SEC** — 1, William Twinkler (E Parker) 26.0.0.0+26.2; 2, Captain Cool (M Jackson) 27.5.0.1+29.1; 3, The Irish Fish (H Baird) 30.5.0.0+46.9. **SEC M** — 1, DHI Cadieu (H Woodhead) 28.5.4.0+32.5; 2, Larissa Sun (C White) 34.0.0+34; 3, Caa 20 (W Newton) 31.5.4.0+35.5. **BE100** **OPEN** — 1, Sunnylmes (D Rutherford) 27.5.0.0+27.5; 2, Acornbar (A Burns) 28.5.0.0+28.5; 3, Valtrick (L Crawford) 31.0.0+31. **BE100** **SEC** — 1, Patrickwell Scorpion (M Johnson)

23.0.0+23; 2, DHI Sparkles (P Williams) 24.5.0.0+24.5; 3, Cartown Wallace (I Innes Ker) 27.0.0+27. **SEC** — 1, Soprano D.I. Herbage (H Cooper) 23.0.0+23; 2, Bo (D Wingham) 26.0.0+26; 3, Primitive Declaration (E Parker) 26.5.0.0+26.5. **SEC T** — 1, Tinkas Flash (S Sican) 26.5.0.0+26.5; 2, Foxwood Brown Sugar (A Lumley) 25.0.0.0+25.5; 3, Bordersgrove Geneva (C Anderson) 32.0.0+32. **SEC S** — 1, Balthreaker SD (S O'Neil) 18.5.0.0+18.5; 2, Patsy Limited Edition (A Munde) 26.5.0.0+26.5; 3, Little Miss Lily (S Graham) 23.8.0+23. **BE90** **SEC F** — 1, Jake XIV (K Veitch) 25.5.0.0+25.5; 2, Presenting Edward (J Luton) 28.5.4.0+28.5; 3, Wyndham Spring Watch (F Peters) 31.5.0.2+33.9. **SEC G** — 1, Whos Vision (C Meikle) 28.0.1.6+29.6; 2, First Post (L Hayward) 30.5.0.0+30.9; 3, Dublin Bay King (A Apin) 31.0.0.8+31.8. **SEC H** — 1, Rethy Volunteer (D Edward) 24.5.4.0+28.5; 2, Mr Incredible II (M O'Mara) 25.5.0.3+28.7; 3, Hoory Henry III (S Feather) 28.4.0+28. **SEC P** — 1, Caramel Charm (H Hour) 27.4.0+27.4; 2, Mystic Harlequin (H Cooper) 28.4.0+28.3; 3, Chance X (K Cordner) 32.0.0+32. **SEC Q** — 1, Fan Ditty Angus (A Waugh) 29.5.0.0+29.5; 2, Clonannon Superstar (I England) 28.4.0+28.2; 3, Stroiler (A Taylor) 32.0.0+32. **SEC R** — 1, Callimore Diamond George (L Walker) 18.0.0+18; 2, Debutch Three (F Miskolczi) 24.5.0.0+24.5; 3, Teatoh Ebony (W Whitfield) 29.5.0.0+29.5.