

Pure class

Oliver Townend heads a formidable line-up of Brits on young horses, as the sun shines on a wonderful weekend of sport at a vintage Burghley



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I knew he wouldn't scare himself at a fence as long as I did my job... Burghley winner Oliver Townend tackles the Cotswolds Leap on CC14 debutant Ballaghmor Class

Land Rover Burghley, Lincs. OLIVER TOWNEND won Burghley, performing with all his innate horsemanship and acquired skill on a beautiful young horse he has produced through the grades, the sea-bitten grey Ballaghmor Class.

'We're all had a go at falling off him at home and I've ditched a girl two weeks ago on the gallops'



Tom McEwen scores his best result at this level, riding 10-year-old Toledo De Kerser. They finished fourth with a double clear on 49.1

WAYWOOD AND BARTLE'S PHILOSOPHY DICKIE WAYWOOD, performance manager for the British eventing team, explained the main principles he and coach Chris Bartle have used to drive Britain to success over the past month.

reedy and that was ideal.' He finished fourth at the Irish CC13's on his dressage score and was long-listed for the Europeans, but had the chance to come to Burghley when Cooley SRS was chosen for the team.



Tina Cook and Star Witness finish on their dressage score in seventh



Last year's fourth Tim Price and Ringwood Sky Boy en route to fifth was his week. Drawn last to go, he won that place by right on showjumping day and it was very much a case of last but not least.

A WAVE OF BRITISH SUCCESS DICKIE WAYWOOD and Chris Bartle have enjoyed a fabulous honeymoon with the British squad (see box, above) and, galloping in on the heels of European team gold, this Burghley was a foretaste of other recent runnings for the home side.

'Chris and Dickie haven't waved that much of a magic wand, but the feeling is very positive and we all respect them,' said Oliver. Tina Cook spoke of the pair's complementary roles and the quiet, relaxed manner Chris brings to his attention to detail.

'He's a bit like Marmite, but the judges have to like him now' TINA COOK ON CALVINO II

HOME SIDE ON THE UP BRITAIN had more to celebrate than in the Badminton dressage, where the top Team GB riders shared 15th on 44.6. Here, there were six Brits in the top 12, all under 46 penalties.

'IAN WOODHEAD HAS GIVEN ME SELF-BELIEF' DEBUTANT Olivia Craddock, 26, found herself in exalted company when she and 10-year-old Billy Lilly, by Billy Cogan, scored 45.4 for 10th.

'I was just trying to get on with the job and I've been here for three years... not bad for a thoroughbred with kissing spines who was bought from Doncaster Sales.'



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British trio step up

A fabulous day ends with Oliver Townend heading a British one-two-three as Mark Todd and Michael Jung are surprise victims of the tough course

MOST INFLUENTIAL FENCE: FEI CLASSICS LEAF PIT honestly did not see it coming... The Cotswolds Leap was the only fence that was not a double clear on the day.

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'Let's not dumb this down' William Fox-Pitt hopes Burghley will never reduce its test to draw entries

'I JUST WANTED TO GO CLEAR' Emma Fortyth was best British first timer to 20th... The Cotswolds Leap was the only fence that was not a double clear on the day.

'Babyish' but brilliant The final phase shuffles the placings, but Oliver Townend hangs on to step into the winner's enclosure once again

'Adjusting your plan was key' Mark Phillips explains that quick-thinking was vital over his track

ONLY IN HORSE A MOUND FIVE weeks of Burghley as a week of 2000 people after last year, when the Cotswolds Leap was the only fence that was not a double clear on the day.

Overall: final scoreboard table with columns for rider, horse, and score.

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