



Oliver Townend and the 'huge-striding' Ulises, by Fines, land a CIC3*

Oliver Townend cruised round on Paul and Diana Ridgeon's Ulises to stop the clock only one second over the time and took section D easily from Dan Jocelyn and Grovine De Reve.

Ulises, by the same sire (Fines) as Nereo and Armada, came to Oliver after Andrew Nicholson's accident at Gatcombe in the summer of 2015.

"He very much has his own way of doing things — his jumping technique isn't the most comfortable — but I love riding him," said Oliver. "I was slightly

disappointed with his dressage [36.9], but I have been away a lot [at Kentucky and Badminton] and we can improve on that.

"Like Armada [second with Oliver at Badminton in 2014], he has a huge stride. It didn't feel as though we were going quickly."

The pair will head for a summer CCI3* before hopefully a shot at Burghley in the autumn.