



Joris Vanspringel, a European team bronze medalist last year for Belgium, takes sixth in the senior class on Lully Des Aulnes



Emily Baldwin jumps the Land Rover Double — the second arrowhead here was removed for this class and the under-25s — to claim third in the CIC*** on Drivetime

through the final trot-up.

Gemma and Lauren Shannon (fifth on Quixotic) were the only people in either CCI to finish on their dressage scores. Georgie Strang (ninth on Master Monarch) also got the cross-country time.

Laura Collett led the dressage on Ginger May Killinghurst — a new ride for her who can be strong — but a run-out at the Double of Corners (fence 15) left her 12th.

Todd loses lead

THE dressage leader also fell by the wayside in the CIC***, when Mark Todd's NZB Regent Lad refused jumping into the Dickinson Dees Water.

Again, Donatien Schauly was fourth after dressage, but he brought Ocarina Du Chanois, an eight-year-old at his first three-star, home inside the time over the shortened track to win.

Paul Tapner was the runner-up on Kilfinnie II, which he hopes bodes well for Luhmühlen CCI**** as Badminton winner Inonothing and 10th-placed Stormhill Michael were both second in CIC***s on their way to their four-star success.

Emily Baldwin was third on Blenheim runner-up Drivetime, who will go to Barbury and some European World Cup events before Pau CCI**** in October.

"I couldn't face going back to Badminton after running out twice there in the water," she said. "He's 14 now, so I'd rather save him for something where he can be competitive. [Pau designer] Pierre Michelet's tracks suit him." H&H

Results

Senior CCI*** — 1, Redesigned (P Funnell) 42.3.3.2.0=45.5; 2, Lemington Lets Dance (P French) 49.0.4.0=49.4; Jakata (P French) 51.5.2.0=56.2. **under-25 CCI***** — 1, Seculaire (D Schauly) 49.4.1.2.0=50.6; 2, Kings Gem (G Tattersall) 51.7.0.0=51.7; 3, Jaspur II (M Livo) 45.8.30.0=55.8. **CIC***** — Ocarina Du Chanois (D Schauly) 46.9.0.0=46.9; 2, Kilfinnie II (P Tapner) 50.6.0.2.8=53.4; 3, Drivetime (E Baldwin) 44.6.0.10.8=55.4.



William Fox-Pitt is pleased with fifth on nine-year-old Neuf Des Coeurs

COURSE CHAT

PAUL TAPNER substituted for Matt Ryan, who is recovering from a groin operation, on Maybee IV in the CCI***. They were sixth after dressage, but had a run-out at the unpopular direct route over the skinny in the Dickinson Dees Water.

"The owner [Lady Hayman-Joyce], Matt and I decided the horse was capable of going straight, but he just got a bit green," said Paul. "Perhaps with Matt he'd have done it. My wife [Georgina] and I are primarily against catch rides at this level, but when Matt says the horse is ready and you'll be safe, you can't argue with that. He's a very good horse for the future for Matt."

PRESS officer Winnie Murphy — formerly of British Eventing — got a surprise

on Saturday when boyfriend Paul Cheeseman proposed via the big screen (below). A shocked and tearful Winnie accepted.

PIPPA FUNNELL competed in several pure showjumping classes. After winning the CCI***, she rushed off to walk the grand prix course (see report, page 63), winding up sixth after four faults in the jump-off with Billy On Show.

IAN STARK on course-designing: "I stood in the control box for the first seven horses, but I had to get out because I thought I was going to be sick. I really enjoyed it, but I don't think I've slept more than a few hours a night for the past few weeks — everyone says, 'Have you been box-walking again?'"



Picture by Trevor Holt