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Baldwin in the driving seat in FEI World Cup™ Eventing at Chatsworth

COVER STORY

British riders got their chance to make an impression on the FEI World Cup Eventing™ 2011 leaderboard when, at the third leg, Emily Baldwin (GBR) spearheaded a one-two-three for the home side at Chatsworth (GBR).

Emily and the Dutch-bred Drivetime have a reputation as CIC3* specialists and won the FEI World Cup™ event at Haras du Pin (FRA) last year, a competition that Emily has signalled she will be returning to in August in her quest for further points.

Victory at Chatsworth was compensation for an unfortunate Badminton, when the pair stopped at the lake. As a result, Emily was seen riding strongly into Chatsworth's imposing water fences (see the front cover). "I'm relieved," she smiled afterwards. "Drivetime has redeemed himself. He jumped into the second water, which was bigger than Badminton, absolutely fine, and

his dressage and jumping were really good, so I'm pleased with him."

Emily led the 22 starters in the Dressage phase from Ruth Edge (GBR) on Applejack II, but their roles were reversed when Edge had the faster Cross-Country time. However, there was only a penalty between them, and when Edge hit two fences in the final Jumping phase, the pair swapped again.

Sarah Cohen finished third on the home-bred Treason.

The Cross-Country course designed by five-time Olympian Ian Stark (GBR) was big, bold and testing, and no one came anywhere near the optimum time of 7 minutes 10 seconds around the hilly track in the spectacular surroundings of the Duke of Devonshire's historic park.

The huge amount of classes on offer in addition to the three star classes hosted all the top names including crowd-pleaser Pippa Funnell who took the honours in both International Novice (CIC1*) sections with two young horses from the popular sport-horse breeders Billy Stud – Billy Beware and Billy Black Jack respectively.

Kent-based Emily currently has a good string of novice horses and is currently looking for owners to join a syndicate and rides on other horses. *To find out more call Emily on 07809 749273.*



Below: Emily Baldwin celebrates victory at Chatsworth, the third leg of FEI World Cup™ Eventing 2011, with Michel Asseray

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