



Winning two at a Canter



Rosalind Canter notches up a CIC** double, winning with Emill (pictured) and Zenshera. Both are aimed at Blenheim's young horse CIC***

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ROSALIND CANTER dominated the CIC** sections, run under the banner of the event's principle sponsor King West, at this inaugural fixture at Rockingham. The venue has become the new home of Brigstock International Horse Trials, following the sale of the Brigstock estate.

The 27-year-old topped both sections, with a win apiece from Emill and Zenshera.

"I'm over the moon," beamed Rosalind. "I've had Emill since he was four and he's a great performer. Having done dressage early on Thursday morning,

yesterday he was looking for the party. He was ready to burst by the time we got into the start box today [Saturday].

"Zenshera is exciting for the future and progressing quickly. He has a great brain," she added.

Unbelievable Darco son Emill is on the shortlist for the European CIC** Championships. Rosalind hopes to take both her winners to Blenheim for the eight- and nine-year-old CIC***, although Emill still needs an advanced run.

A shocked Toshiyuki Tanaka took the runner-up spot in section J riding Pretty Darling. Toshiyuki has been based with Angela Tucker for the past year.

"This is my best result and I'm very surprised to have done so well," said the Japanese rider, whose German-bred mare will

now be aimed at Barbury.

Kitty King rounded off a successful day with third place on Persimmon, having already bagged the CIC* with Ceylor LAN.

"Persimmon was having a final run before Tattersalls," Kitty explained. "I didn't want to run his legs off, so the time must have been generous. I was surprised to come home inside."

In section K, Hayden Hankey came closest to catching Rosalind, adding nothing to his

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Helen Wilson on helping to two-star first-timer Lucyanna Westaway



Last year's British Eventing five-year-old champion Ceylor LAN, by Veron, takes the CIC* with Kitty King

dressage score on Zhong Rong Beijing. Now owned by Ni Zhaoxing, this horse was formerly known as Power Of Dreams and competed up to three-star by Paul Sims. Hayden took on the ride this spring and is racing to qualify for Blenheim.

Finishing 1sec over the optimum dropped Helen Wilson and Straight Choice below Hayden. A couple of recent dressage lessons with Pippa Funnell had patently paid off.

"He did a superb test for him, he's an awesome jumper and changing his bit to a fulmer gag has improved the steering," said Helen.

Helen had walked the course with eighth-placed Lucyanna Westaway: "I chased her out of the start box shouting 'kick!'"

Lucyanna was almost speechless after completing.

Hayden Hankey achieves second in a CIC on the smart Heartbreaker 12-year-old Zhong Rong Beijing, a new ride for him this year**

