

## Ebolensky takes Burghley in her stride

The smile says it all: Samantha Jimmison and Ebolensky, by Clinton out of a Heartbreaker mare, claim five-year-old honours



## DUBARRY BURGHLEY YOUNG EVENT HORSE FINAL, LINC'S

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THE grey mare Ebolensky, ridden by Samantha Jimmison, was this year's Burghley five-year-old winner. One of six greys in the top 10, Rachael Evison's jumping-bred mare showed a rousing gallop to gain the full 10 marks for suitability and potential from Irish FEI judge David Lee.

"It was hard to separate the horses—they were all lovely—but the winner galloped beautifully and really covered the ground," said David.

The mare, who was third best four-year-old last year, and the highest placed mare for the second year running, was bought at auction in the Netherlands.

"I bought her for her looks and breeding—the same lines as Cornet Oblensky—and with showjumping in mind, but she's so

good in all three phases we have a blank canvas," said Rachael.

A good conformation mark and the best dressage score had put Alex Postolowsky and All Or Nothing II into the lead going into the final phase. They finished second, repeating their 2013 placing. The gelding has already been out competing, notching up three victories.

"He's out there doing the job really well and I'm looking forward to the young horse championships at Osberton," said Alex.

Nicky Roncoroni, another regular at these finals, took third with her own Templemartin Flight, an Irish-bred grey of draught and thoroughbred bloodlines, of which Nicky was particularly proud.

"To my mind he was the only properly bred event horse in the top 10. I am a traditionalist and love old-fashioned Irish lines," said Nicky, who acquired him through Sean and Sally Parkyn.

Di Boddy's 13 fence, 1.10m course—with both showjumps and cross-country fences—was

not for the faint-hearted, but caused relatively few problems.

Commandant John Ledingham, a former Irish international showjumper, was one of the two judges assessing the finalists in the jumping phase.

He said: "There were some really nice horses and the more mature horses jumped better because their balance is better. There was a lack of accuracy from some riders, which doesn't show the horse to the best of its ability."

### Four-year-olds

"THIS means the world to me," said Sharon Bayston after collecting the Dubarry trophy for her four-year-old winner Fullham.

The Dutch-bred Emilion son was acquired at the end of 2013 by his owner and was ridden by Rosalind Canter. The pair gained the top marks from David Lee to take them to the head of the line.

"We haven't done much with him; we focused on this class and saved him for it," said Sharon, who produces the horse and is building up a stud in East Yorkshire.

Second placed Reuben Rialto also hailed from the North. Bred by his owner Maria Wade and ridden by James Adams, the bay scored consistently well over all the phases and collected the best British-bred prize.

He is to the Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain-graded Hanoverian stallion Forinth, who also had a representative in the five-year-old final.

Forinth, formerly ridden by James to advanced level, now



Alex Postolowsky's German-bred Hanoverian, All Or Nothing II, is second



Reuben Rialto, by Forinth, is second and top British-bred for James Adams

stands in East Yorkshire.

Hayden Hankey was third in line with Ballyhale Key, bred in Ireland albeit by the Westphalian jumping sire Maximum Joe, a former Dutch Nations Cup jumper, who stands at Kennedy Equine Centre.

Keep Cool, owned and bred by Fiona Delevingne, claimed fourth and the prize for the highest-placed mare. The good looking mare, who dropped just 1.5 marks out of a possible 40 in the jumping section, is by the two-time BYEH winner Billy Be Cool, another who also had a five-year-old finalist.

The German FEI judge Martin Plewa who assessed the dressage said: "There were a number of high class horses with good potential and it was an interesting class to watch. There was a great variation in type, and while everyone has their own idea of the perfect event horse, for me willingness to work and go forward is more important. H&H

### Results

**Six:** (dressage: M Plewa, All Taylor; jumping: J Ledingham, T Newbury; conformation: N Oliver; suitability & potential: D Lee). — 1. Ebolensky (Clinton/Heartbreaker) S. Jimmison 86; 2. All Or Nothing II (Alabaster/Westbury) A Postolowsky 81.5; 3. Templemartin Flight (Laughons Flight/All Royal) N Roncoroni 80; 4. Shanondale Sue (Shanondale Sarcos/Diamond Lad) R Canter 79.5; 5. Superstition II (Satisfaction/V Cordame) S Miller 79.5; 6. Highly Develped (Verdi/Overlyet Hero) T MacTaggart 79.5; 4yo. — 1. Fullham (Emilion/Novelle) R Canter 83; 2. Reuben Rialto (Forinth/Epick) J Adams 80.5; 3. Ballyhale Key (KEC Maximum Joe/Key Star) H Hankey 79; 4. Keep Cool (Billy Be Cool/Rebel) H Wilson 78; 5. Shadow Man (Fidy Of Colours/Winningwood) B Hobday 77.5; 6. Franco PFB (Vigoro/Democrat) Z Wilkinson 77.

'We saved him for today'—Rosalind Canter and Fullham jump to four-year-old victory in front of Burghley House

