

MITSUBISHI MOTORS
BADMINTON HORSE TRIALS 2018

THE FIRST DAY OF DRESSAGE

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 EQUIRATINGS



THE LEADING PACK

ROS CANTER & ALLSTAR B

23.9 – they have just delivered the best dressage test of their entire career (at any level). Their best until now was 25.7 (38.6) at the Europeans in Strzegom (CCI3*) 2017. It is also Ros' best CCI4* test as a rider. A brilliant jumper on the final day, a top 5 finish rests on their Saturday performance.

MICHAEL JUNG & LA BIOSTHETIQUE - SAM FBW

We flagged the story around a potential fairy tale finish for this horse on British soil. In case it does happen, we have prepped a piece full of info on Sam already which we will distribute. Six-time winner at this level (twice as many as any other horse). He set the record finishing score at Badminton back in 2016 when he finished on his dressage score of 34.4 (FYI – that would be 22.9 under the new system, so his 24.7 is not breaking new ground or setting PBs).

We have been talking about the increased influence of cross country. LA BIOSTHETIQUE - SAM FBW has jumped clear in 9 of his 10 four-star events. He has been inside the time in 8 of the 10.

37.4 is what this score would have been under the old system. Sam has beaten that score twice already at Badminton. The dangerous thing however is to give this horse a lead. And this horse has FINISHED ON HIS DRESSAGE SCORE (FOD) in six of his 11 CCI4* runs (55%). He is also the only horse to finish on his dressage score at an Olympics (and he did it at both London 2012 and Rio 2016). Yes, he is 18. Yes, the multiplier removal means everyone is closer to him and he is likely to move past Ros again by Saturday evening.

THE DUKE OF CAVAN – YOSHI OIWA

We have just seen the best ever CCI4* test by a Japanese rider. The Duke of Cavan finished 8th here last year, picking up 15.8 time penalties that day on the cross country. They also achieved a top 20 finish at Rio 2016 but again, with 20 time penalties. Everything rests on the time on Saturday for this pair.

LAUREN KIEFFER – VERONICA

This is an arena that this combination like. On their only previous visit, they scored 25.3 (38) and today they just beat that score by 0.3 to start on a 25. Like three of our other top four, the test comes on Saturday. With a tight leader board, time penalties could count against them.

BILLY BEWARE - PIPPA FUNNELL

This 25.7 (38.6) is Pippa's best CCI4* dressage score in over ten years.

RINGWOOD SKYBOY -TIME PRICE

This is Tim's best ever Badminton dressage test. Until now, it was 30.7 (46) - in 2014 with Wesko. Ringwood Skyboy has been here three times previously and today he scored 25.8.



HANG ON A SECOND.....ALL THESE PBS?

We began to notice that quite a lot of people were setting PBs today. *Of course, we are taking into account the multiplier when we talk PBs (and we are not including first timers).* We dug a bit deeper. It turns out that 16 of the 39 tests we saw today were CCI4* PBs. That's **41%** of the field.

Horse	Rider	CCI4* PB	Today
ALLSTAR B	ROSALIND CANTER	26.8	23.9
THE DUKE OF CAVAN	YOSHIAKI OIWA	28.4	24.9
BILLY BEWARE	PIPPA FUNNELL	28.2	25.9
FOXWOOD HIGH	SELENA O'HANLON	33.0	26.4
BAYANO	FLORA HARRIS	30.3	26.8
PAMERO 4	GEMMA TATTERSALL	30.6	27.4
TOLEDO DE KERSEY	TOM MCEWEN	29.7	28.9
CHAKIRIS STAR	ALEXANDER WHEWALL	31.1	29.6
EURO PRINCE	CLARE ABBOTT	31.3	29.8
WALTHAM FIDDLERS FIND	TOM JACKSON	31.2	30.2
ALFIES CLOVER	RICHARD JONES	34.3	34.2
MR POTTS	LOUISE HARWOOD	34.5	34.3
BRENDONHILL DOUBLET	IMOGEN GLOAG	39.0	35
ZOCARLA BLH	DANIELLE DUNN	39.7	35.8
DASSETT COOL TOUCH	DANIEL JOCELYN	37.7	37
SPRING PANORAMA	ANDREW DAINES	40.9	40.3

ONE MORE NOTE FROM TODAY

Cooley SRS sits in 7th on 25.9 (first time at CCI4*). The dream of completing the grand slam on three different first-time four star horses is very much alive.