

Laura — two 1.25m classes and two 1.35m small tours. She also took second to one of Laura's other rides, Limelight De Breve, in another 1.25m.

"She's a freak, so naturally fast and quick away from a fence that if she's clear, she's extremely hard to beat," said Laura, who also praised 2006 H&H Foxhunter champion Limelight, winner of two 1.25m classes. "She's 13 now. I've dropped her down a level and she's really enjoying herself. I'm going

to use her in lower classes."

Rollercoaster, a son of High Roller, claimed Thursday night's large pro tour 1.40m in the 17-strong jump-off.

"He's so reliable, scopey and versatile, there isn't a class where he isn't competitive — he's a great one to have," said Laura, also second with Oz.

### Howley sticks his nose in front

LAURA was the long-time leader in Friday night's feature speed



Derek McCoppin and Old Lodge's Fahad II land the large amateur tour speed leg in fine style

with Oz. But they were denied another victory by Ireland's Richard Howley, incredibly some 2sec quicker on Michael Whitaker's Zalandra.

"Laura's hard to catch, but I kept tight and smooth and took out a stride in every distance," said Richard, who is based with Michael. "Zalandra's naturally quick, although he's new to this level."

The Lupicor eight-year-old has been with Michael for four years, with Richard taking over the reins six months ago.

"I've really clicked with him and it's great to ride young, talented horses for Michael," said Richard, 19. "I'm hoping I can keep this one a while longer."

### Adams pockets £500

FASTER by almost 4sec on Beluga, Laura looked in line to top Friday's small professional 1.35m in the 14-strong jump-off. But the final rail hit the floor — handing Zoe Adams the £500 first prize with Satonamillion.

"He pulled it out of the bag today," said Zoe, who was placed on day one and had an unlucky four faults the following day. "We're back in the black."

Zoe keeps this excitable Harlequin Du Carel 10-year-old ticking over, as "he's not good after a break". She is currently working on his fitness for his first 2012 event at Isleham in March.

"It's been wet so we've been confined to the arena or roadwork," said Zoe, who has advanced ambitions with Satonamillion. "His dressage leaves something to be desired, but he loves cross-country and showjumping."

Holding a long-time lead, Zoe looked set to double up in the final day's 56-strong small pro tour 1.40m speed. But Laura turned the tables with the final round for

## ADDINGTON IN NUMBERS

**218**  
horses

**878**  
entries

**469**  
professionals

**409**  
amateurs

**4**  
Strictly Come Jumping judges

**£10,500**  
Laura Renwick's prize haul

**£30,000**  
prize-fund for professionals

**£13,500**  
prize-fund for amateurs

Beluga to snatch the £1,000 winner's purse by 0.61sec.

"Zoe made me work for it," she said.

### Fahad makes it look easy

SMOOTH, unhurried yet tight and deceptively fast, Derek McCoppin headed the large amateur tour speed by 0.24sec on Old Lodge's Vigo D'Arsoilles son Fahad II.

Irishman Derek has been based with Shane Breen at Hickstead since February 2011.

"Derek came on a two-week trial and has been with me ever since — he's talented with a

## PRO-AM PAIRS BONUS

AMATEUR riders teamed up with a professional to pool their results for bonus prizes — the large tour receiving £500 each, while the small tour offered £250 entry vouchers apiece.

For those with more than one horse in a class, their best result counted.

Repeating their 2010 pro-am results here, Laura Renwick and Leesa Long claimed both large and small tour bonus prizes. With two early wins in the small amateur tour on Tammys Girl, Leesa contributed to Laura's two wins in the professional section.

By the third day, they couldn't be caught — added to their other placed points, the pair were an incredible 57 points ahead of their nearest rivals.

The large tour result wasn't decided until the concluding grand prix, but Laura's spectacular win clinched the bonus prize by 20 points.

"I couldn't have a better partner and Laura didn't need me for this one," said Leesa. "I got a bout of four-faultitis and only contributed two points."