

Nicole Pavitt and British-bred Gemmaire Precious, by Cobretti, dazzle in the sunset, winning the Highland Security Systems grand prix



# Pavitt produces a Gem of a ride

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NICOLE PAVITT set such a tough target as first to go in the Highland Security Systems grand prix with Gemmaire Precious II, that even she couldn't better the standard she'd set. But she did manage to claim second, too, with Old Lodge's Abeer, using a different approach to the last fence.

"I took a stride out with Abeer, but that's not the kind of thing you can really do with Gemmaire Precious," said Nicole. "She likes to get closer to a fence than all of my other horses.

"Abeer is two years younger, so I didn't want to race her round. Taking a stride out would make her time quicker without having to do that."

Course-designer Keith Bristow reduced the 34 starters chasing the £500 first prize to 10 combinations and three of those involved Nicole.

Her fast opener with "Tigger" encouraged most of those who followed to chase, but poles fell until she went clear again with the seven-year-old Concorde mare Abeer.

Stuart Harvey was the next to come home cleanly, producing a neat round with Rebecca Stones' Uno II for eventual third, while Lucy Bunn (Magic Fox) produced the last faultless performance for fourth.

The final oxer prevented Nicole taking third, too, with Maestro De Rend Peine.

"Both first and second are British-bred," said Nicole, whose winning nine-year-old mare is by Cobretti. "I'll do some area trials and HOYS [Horse of the Year Show] wild cards with Tigger as she's on a roll. But what I'd really love to do is go to Paris and Brussels for the two-star shows this winter."

### Pavitt sisters score treble

THIS was the second £500-to-the-winner competition Nicole had taken at this show. And while the grand prix was won

in the light of a golden evening sunset, her Cushionbed 1.40m victory two days earlier had not quite such a pleasant stage.

Persistent rain combined with low cloud made many of the horses in the field quite spooky, but Nicole's Amaryllis Van De Heffink took no notice. Her win relegated older sister Louise to second and third with Caretino Glory and Crème Van'T Steenje.

"She never seems to spook anyway," said Nicole. "She's not the neatest in front, but has her own style, which works."

Although Nicole maintains that her 10-year-old mare will never be sold, she is hoping to give a younger rider the opportunity to compete her.

"I think she'd make a great under-18 horse," said Nicole. "I didn't have the chance because when I was young enough to do those classes, she was only six years old."

It certainly wasn't all runner-up



spots for Louise throughout the show. In fact, riding for the Brendon Stud, she claimed five firsts in addition to seven seconds and seven thirds, which included the top three spots in the Bill Brown quality stakes.

She also took one of the show's finals, the D&D Constructions South of England ladies' championship, with Hamilton Tropics, who was bred by the Brendon Stud, owners of the chestnut stallion's sire, Hamilton.

**Evamore takes a ticket**

FELIX MCCARTNEY picked the right time to summon up a burst of speed with Evamore to head the final Tri-Zone newcomers second round before the British Showjumping/Scope Festival masters. He headed the class by 2sec to claim his HOYS ticket with William Jones' home-bred 10-year-old mare, a daughter of Baloubet De Rouet.

"She is sharp so I have to pick my moments because you can blow her brain," said Felix, 18. "You have to start these jump-offs as you mean to go on, or you can get caught out."

Felix has had the ride on Evamore for 18 months. She started her career as an eventer with Louise Skelton, before being ridden by Harry Meade and making it on to the Equine Pathway scheme. However, her quirkiness meant she was more suited to showjumping.

Being based with Duncan Inglis has helped Felix to improve his



Ami Measor collects the top ticket in the amateur classic qualifier, winning with Diamond Touch II

riding skills, while a lift from his girlfriend Jade Williams' father Steven enabled him to be able to compete in this class.

"I haven't got a licence to drive a horsebox yet," said Felix. "I owe Steven a lot for bringing me here."

**Showing to showjumping**

RUNNER-up Leanne Cox, 21, riding Wish, made the switch from showing to showjumping a year ago, having previously competed in working hunter classes. Her seven-year-old Hors La Loi mare joined her yard around that time, having been sold by Tracy Barrow.

"Tracy is still the horse's biggest fan and she was the first person I called to tell her I'd qualified," said Leanne.

Ami Measor went home with the first of three HOYS tickets after the 7 Fifty Two Solutions BS

amateur classic qualifier, heading the class with Diamond Touch II, a horse she wasn't supposed to bring to the show.

Jane Dexter, who owns the seven-year-old gelding, wanted Ami to bring two horses — Belle Fleur, who she also owns, and Ami's own Plucairn.

"Jane thought I'd have more of a chance concentrating on just two," said Ami.

**Three out of three**

AMI made it into the jump-off with all three rides, but both of the others had fences down in the final round, in which a double ended the hopes of most of the field.

"He is usually the horse I'd try a track out on, but because he was drawn last of the three, I went for it," said Ami, who has only been back riding for four weeks after breaking her collarbone in the ring at Crofton Manor in May.

Standing 17.3hh, Diamond Touch's big stride helped him cover the ground and take 1sec off Anna Peruzzi-Smith's target with Red Symphony.

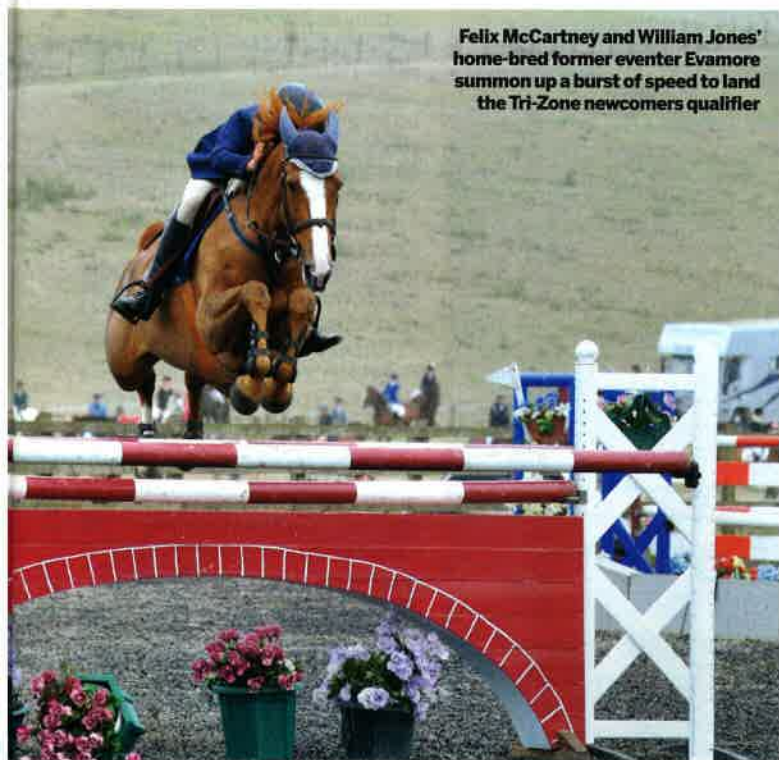
"I actually missed out two turns with him," said Ami. "And I love big horses. He came from John Whinnett, who always said he'd go on and do something."

Anna took the second ticket, while Daryl Connock (Vancouver) claimed the remaining HOYS place.

As well as the ladies' championship, the show also hosted two other qualified-for finals. Ashley Boyce claimed the JB Arenas amateur championship with her father James' Welshman II, who was bought from the Brendon Stud.

Charlotte Uden took the Stoner Jewellers young rider title on Valdi Vee with the fastest of three double clears, the other two produced by Millie Singleton (Antrim Sunshine and Naturella). **H&H**

Felix McCartney and William Jones' home-bred former eventer Evamore summon up a burst of speed to land the Tri-Zone newcomers qualifier



**Results**

**Tri-Zone Newcomers.**—1, Castleview Bouncer (S Lewis); 2, Lupicos (L Pavitt); 3, Bramati Z (W Plunkett) **D & R Pike Crane Hire 1.10m.**—1, Vito III (T Pearson); 2, Trijntje (G Elson); 3, Sebastians First (L Pavitt) **Horse & Hound Foxhunter.**—1 & 2, El-Thuder & Duc D'Arsoilles (L Pavitt); 3, Rising Time (R Healy) **B&C h'cap.**—1, Mieke II (V Cooper); 2, Laurin (T Pearson); 3, Crème Van T Steenje (L Pavitt) **High Offley Stud 1.30m.**—1, Sunflower P (C Platt); 2, Caretino Glory (L Pavitt); 3, Chatain (W Plunkett) **Dodson & Horrell KBIS British novice.**—1, Teus (J Heath); 2, Urillo Royale (M Shirley); 3, Watinka (J Moore) **Equissage discovery.**—1, Gucciland (L Pavitt); 2, Zandigo III (T Pearson); 3, Cor Van Ter Heide (L Long) **1m.**—1, Samantha W (P Goddard); 2, Midsommer Cyclone (K Smith); 3, Whinny (C Gray) **1.05m.**—1, Bonita (L Long); 2 & 3, Argus VDT & Lord Concorde (A Boyce) **South of England yr ch q.**—1 & 2, Landine & Buzzlines Landina (R Carnegie); 3, Romeo XII (P Goddard) **Smarter Transport Training 1.15m members cup.**—1, Constance (R Clay); 2, Mister Inquisitive (K Smith); 3, Tamara VI (P Goddard) **6 Aug: The Leonardo Collection 1.15m.**—1, Sonora II (M Kent); 2, Chablis Deux Z (F McCartney); 3, Vito III (T Pearson) **Capitol Sport Horses 4-y-o.**—1eq, 3 tied **Dodson & Horrell KBIS British novice.**—1, Cor Van Ter Heide (L Long); 2 & 3, Calypso Peter Pan & Sussex Caretino (L Pavitt) **Equissage discovery.**—1, Caretino Delight (J Heath); 2, Zandigo III (T Pearson); 3, Talisman XXI (M Pike) **Carl Duggan Equine Dentist 1m.**—1, Bahlmann Z (T Pearson); 2, Samantha W; 3, Wayside Diamond Vision (C Day) **Tri-Zone newcomers 2nd rnd.**—1, Evamore (F McCartney); 2, Wish (L Cox); 3, Zovidus R (M Fursdon) **D&D Construction South of England ladies' ch.**—1, Hamilton Tropics (L Pavitt); 2, Vienna II (P Goddard); 3, Rowena II (C Purves) **Cusionbed 1.40m.**—1, Amariyllis Van De Heffink (N Pavitt); 2 & 3, Caretino Glory & Crème Van T Steenje (L Pavitt) **Therma Homes Europe Ltd 1.05m adventurer.**—1, Roseberry Hill (S Dillon); 2, Grangeclare Boy (C Gray); 3, Zandresse (C Reynolds) **1.05/1.10m.**—1 & 2, Welshman II & Lord Concorde (A Boyce); 3, But Lux Alike (J Palfreyman) **7 Aug: JB Arenas am ch.**—1, Welshman II; 2, Symphony Red (A Peruzzi-Smith); 3, CurraCHASE Dd Z (C Gray) **Arundel Equine Hospital 1.15m.**—1, Crest Of A Wave (L Pavitt); 2, Lapaloma (S Smith); 3, Darline V (E Elliott) **Kelly Brown Bill Brown quality stakes.**—1, 2 & 3, Darciion, Hamilton Tropics & Caretino Glory (L Pavitt) **Alphatou Garage & AES 5-/6-y-o h'cap q.**—1eq, 13 tied **Stoner Jewellers South of England yr ch.**—1, Valdi Vee (C Uden); 2 & 3, Antrim Sunshine & Naturella (M Singleton) **Mr & Mrs Thompson 80cm.**—1, Puidam (R Pearson); 2, Park Mist (C Diamond); 3, Umea Vrouwe (R Littlewood) **Mr & Mrs Thompson 90cm.**—1, Walfried (K Welch); 2, Sadler's Hill (H Harris); 3, Darco Maestro (D Johns) **Sarah Dunsdon 1m Derby.**—1, Rockal Rise & Hodson Abbey Ohio (S Leadbetter); 3, Pauldaries Mysteque (M Baker) **Dodson & Horrell KBIS British novice.**—1, Credit Crunch (B Hatt); 2, Zola Fontaine (M West); 3, Cor Van Ter Heide **Katherine James 1m novice.**—1, Renkum Coralie (H Minderman); 2, Zandigo II (T Pearson); 3, Sussex Caretino **1m.**—1, Wayside Diamond Vision (C Day); 2, Loughnataousa Jimbo (R Pearson); 3, Wavanta II (A Ray) **8 Aug: Mr & Mrs Thompson Sandrock 1.10m.**—1, Mieke II (V Cooper); 2, Sebastians First; 3, Renkum Val De Sinna (A Peruzzi-Smith) **Dodson & Horrell KBIS British novice.**—1, Nabab's Heartbreaker (M Shirley); 2, Temple De La Cruz (L Ridgeway); 3, Beckham III (C Lewis) **7 Fifty Two Solutions BS HOYS am classic.**—1, Diamond Touch II (A Measor); 2, Symphony Red; 3, Vancour II (D Connock) **Sarah Dunsdon nov ch.**—1, Rosalind Des Rois (D Connock); 2, Sussex Caretino; 3, Chance Encounter IV (B McCaul) **Tri-Zone newcomers.**—1, Rosalind Des Rois; 2, Pauldaries Mysteque; 3, Caretino Lady (L Pavitt) **90cm am.**—1, Temple Savanna (D Dickson); 2, Praetorian Guard (C Purves); 3, Graf Truly (T Vernon) **Finch Jewellers 1m Derby.**—1, Praetorian Guard; 2, Bonnie III (N Waring); 3, Red Ramiro (J Hall) **D&R Pike Crane Hire sm ch.**—1, Renkum Coralie; 2, Bellissima IV (C de Verteuil); 3, Concorde (L Hanan) **Horse & Hound Foxhunter.**—1, El-Thuder; 2, VIP III (P Scott); 3, Castaldo (P Lear) **1.20m.**—1, Arctic Clover (P Lear); 2, Billy Laden (D Moseley) **Highland Security Systems gp.**—1 & 2, Gemmaire Precious & Abeer (N Pavitt); 3, Uno II (S Harvey)

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