

British-bred six-year-old champion Strijder IV (Georgie Crumley) still has his ears pricked, despite the torrential downpour



Nicole Pavitt and her mother Sandra and Lisa Tudor's Festiena Van Texelhof, five-year-old non-British winner



## SIX-YEAR-OLD CHAMPIONSHIP

### Bend it like Beckham and Zidane

ROBERT MAGUIRE had a lucrative time in the Young Horse Supporters Club non-British, he was the sole winner of the £4,000 bonus with Beckham IV, while his rider Rachel Connor took the final with Robert's Grosso Z son Zidane VII.

"Because I'd had an unlucky four faults in the second prelim round and was out of the bonus, I went for it," said Rachel, who has been riding for Robert for 18 months. "I opened him up over the last three fences and trusted him on the corners."

Rachel and Robert had actually swapped their two rides for this show. Michelle Rothwell's Beckham is usually ridden by Rachel, but she was finding him a bit green.

"So I am very grateful to Robert for letting me ride Zidane," said Rachel of the Tri-Zone newcomers finalist.

**Strijder IV takes top ticket**  
ALTHOUGH she had already jumped the only first-round clear to win the British-bred six-year-old final with Strijder IV, Georgie Crumley had to contest the jump-off course in order to contest a HOYS and Marsh national six-year-old final place.

The six tickets were decided from the results of both six-year-old championships, so a second round was necessary for her. The pressure was enough as it was, but as the course-building team began to raise the fences, heavy rain battered the arena. Georgie and Kevin Crumley's son of Shearwater Oliver braved the elements nonetheless and gained the clear they needed to add

qualification for Birmingham to their first prize.

The remaining five qualifiers from the non-British-bred section went to Rachel Connor (Zidane VII), Shane Breen (Cor Dela Rossa), Robert Maguire (Elixir ST and Beckham IV) and Angela Thompson (Zomeroos).

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Nicole Pavitt on her five-year-old non-British victor Festiena Van Texelhof

## HOW THE WINNERS WERE BRED

HORSE	BREEDING
Sultan V	AES Irco Mena x Lianta (Voltaire)
Winde III	KWPN Sumero Uno x Sante (No Limit)
Zidane VIII	KWPN Grosso Z x Topsy K (Hors La Loi II)
Fahad II	BWP Vigo D'Arrouillies x Bagatelle (Parco)(No Limit)
Strijder IV	AES Shearwater Olivier x Jacaranda (Emilion)
Festiena Van Texelhof	BWP Bentley Van De Heffinck x Celiem (Stewboy)
Billy Manhattan	AES Cevin Z x Amantico (Amanti)

## FIVE-YEAR-OLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Pavitt goes with the flow

THE last time Nicole Pavitt competed her mother Sandra and Lisa Tudor's Festiena Van Texelhof was at Addington a month earlier, when she qualified the mare for the Tri-Zone newcomers final with a win in the class.

This time, she headed the Old Lodge non-British with the daughter of Bentley Van De Heffinck.

"I don't want to keep her going and going just for the sake of it," said Nicole. "She is something special and, like I did in the newcomers qualifier, I just let her flow round." H&H

## Billy Manhattan is best of British

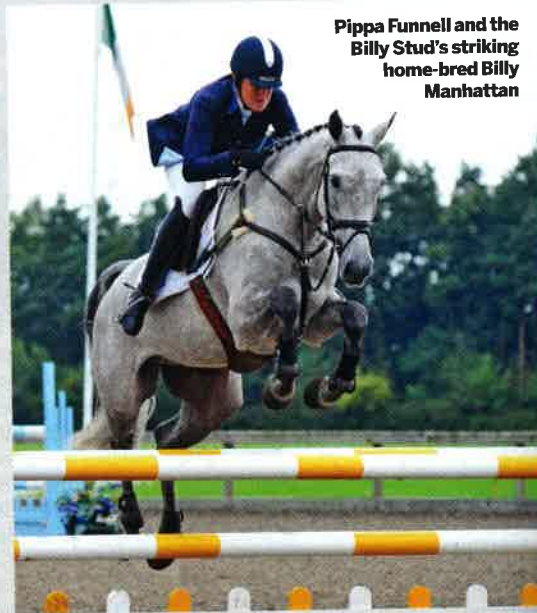
PIPPA FUNNELL claimed the British-bred title for the five-year-old age group on the Billy Stud's Billy Manhattan, the operation having won a title here for the past three years.

"[My husband] William had told me to keep moving, but not go too mad," said Pippa, who is part of Britain's WEG eventing team.

"I do enjoy the showjumping, but I am going to have to put my eventing head-on for a while now," she added.

Winning owners and grooms at the show were presented with bottles of champagne from Addington Manor EC, and Pippa decided to pass hers on to Emma McGlynn, who works full-time for the Funnells, but recently suffered an injury on the yard.

"She was clipping a four-year-old to come here at the beginning of the week and it caught her in the face with a front leg," said Pippa. "Emma had done a lot of the early work with Billy Manhattan."



Pippa Funnell and the Billy Stud's striking home-bred Billy Manhattan