



Joe Davison wins the young riders with Egano Star



'Which way now?': Umorkus perfects the art of turning for Louise Pavitt in the winter grade B and C qualifier

who has won internationally with the No Limit daughter. "I'll jump her in some bigger classes this year and see what she's made of."

Although Joe Davison's father, Richard, told him to go steady in the jump-off of the World Class development programme young riders qualifier, a look at a cut through two wings was enough to convince the 19-year-old to go for the win.

"The ones with the quicker rounds had done it," said Joe, who was last drawn with his father's Egano Star. "When I saw it, I thought I might as well have a crack."

Sam Hutton, the winner of the previous 1.40m and two 1.30m classes here with Top Limit, was holding first and second places with Olympia III and Astral 57. But Joe's decision resulted in him finishing 0.09sec faster than Sam.

Joe took over the ride on the 12-year-old son of Spirit at the beginning of the winter season from his older brother Tom, who is studying at university and is part of the band Dakota.

"Tom had ridden him since we got him as a three-year-old and



First time lucky: Simon Crippen lands the Blue Chip grade B and C with Louis Latour

was fifth in last year's final," said Joe, who has been getting help from Tony Newbery while his regular mentor, Billy Twomey, is competing in Spain.

#### Barton banks his ticket

RICHARD BARTON took the top British Showjumping Business Partnership winter grade C ticket to the British Open with Caroline

and Nicola Wainwright's Borana.

"I knew he would be quick in the jump-off," said Richard, who has ridden the 10-year-old gelding for two years. "I did a handbrake turn to the second and he had a tap. He tries harder when he does that."

Last year, Borana jumped some 1.40m classes on grass and this season he'll be moving up a level.

"He's ready for more 1.40m classes now," said Richard, who finished ahead of Matt Lanni (Venetia), the second ticket claimer. "Then we'll see how far he goes."

With a late draw on Emma Harrison's Umorkus in the winter grade B and C qualifier, Louise

Pavitt had the opportunity to watch a number of her rivals ride the jump-off track.

"I changed my mind over what I was going to do about 10 times," said Louise. "In the end, I called my dad [Tony] and asked him what he thought. He told me to keep moving him on."

The tactics worked and Louise beat the previously qualified Bruce Menzies and Sultan V by 2sec. The second ticket passed to Lucy Henderson (Calypso T).

"Gus is getting better and better at turns. He almost waits as if to say, 'Which way now?'" said Louise. "Since coming back from his winter break a month ago, he's jumped nothing but double clears."

#### Shore scores a treble

KEITH SHORE claimed a winning hat-trick. One of these came in the Halsall Electrical 1.25m qualifier with his ride of only two days, Springs Equestrian's Zegreanne Z.

"I experimented with her in the 1.20m on the first day," said Keith of the former ride of Jonathan Dixon. "She's always been a winner and her ambition is to keep fences up."

"I'm building up a string of grade As for the county circuit, so I'll see how I go with her — maybe she'll jump a few trials this summer."

Helen Ravenscroft's Stranger II boosted Keith's winnings by £750 after heading the Cushionbed 1.40m, while Roskamoor took a Horse & Hound Foxhunter class.

During his first attempt at a Blue Chip grade B and C qualifier, Jenny Bingham's Louis Latour secured first place for Simon Crippen.

"He's got a lot more jump in him than I thought he'd have," said Simon, who qualified the eight-year-old for the winter grade C final at Arena UK. "He lands over the fences and can get going right away."

Simon doesn't plan to rush the gelding, but believes he will be a good speed horse in the future.

"I've got a good string at the moment and I'm planning to go abroad this year," he said. "I will try him over bigger tracks and, with his ability, I don't think that's going to be any problem for him."



Keith Shore scoops the 1.25m qualifier with Zegreanne Z having only had the ride for two days

#### Results

**1.30m.** — 1, Top Limit (S Hutton); 2, Voyager III (K Shore); 3, Otto (P Allen). **PCA rising stars.** — 1, Shearwater Upanda (J Whitaker); 2, Caritar Z (P Miller); 3, Arlette II (M Bunting). **Horse & Hound Foxhunter.** — 1, Roskamoor (K Shore); 2, Balloon JX (G Billington); 3, Lavandelle (T Hearne). **1.20m.** — 1, Jhyba Plardiere (L Newman); 2, Van Douze (S Marsh); 3, Novella (M Lanni). **12 Mar: Halsall Electrical 1.25m.** — 1, Zegreanne Z (K Shore); 2, Jhyba Plardiere; 3, Sporting Charisma (L Redfearn). **BS Business Partnership winter grade C.** — 1, Borana (R Barton); 2, Venetia (M Lanni); 3, White Star III (J Tuff). **Cushionbed 1.40m.** — 1, Stranger (K Shore); 2, Little Lady (M Whitaker); 3, Ingliston Twister (M Lanni). **Horse & Hound Foxhunter/grade C.** — 1 &

3, Wings Sublime & Lavandelle (T Hearne); 2, Russellstow Hill (L Pavitt). **13 Mar: High Offley Stud 1.30m.** — 1 & 2, Top Limit & For A Smile (S Hutton); 3, Zegreanne Z. **winter B&C.** — 1, Umorkus (L Pavitt); 2, Sultan V (B Menzies); 3, Calypso T (L Henderson). **1.40m.** — 1, Top Limit; 2, Brando Van Het Bruno 'Shof (P Miller); 3, Pino (L Newman). **WCDDP yr.** — 1, Egano Star (J Davison); 2 & 3, Olympia III & Astral 57 (S Hutton). **14 Mar: High Offley Stud 1.30m.** — 1, Royal Rose II (T Whitaker); 2, Jhyba Plardiere; 3, Leandro III (H Broad). **Blue Chip Dynamic B&C.** — 1, Louis Latour (S Crippen); 2, Mid Summer Nights Dream (D Charles); 3, KBIS Yorkshire Business (T Fletcher). **BS winter A&B gp.** — 1, Pedro VI (G Billington); 2 & 3, GIG Uddokus & Little Lady (M Whitaker).