



Izliot DHI focuses fully and claims a CCI4\*-S victory – one of two class wins for Ros Canter



## Canter celebrates with two wins

The world champion follows up her wedding with two wins, British team long-listed horses are on form and Oliver Townend keeps up his Burgham record

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ROS CANTER lifted her second CCI4\*-S of the year, winning section I of the Hambro Sport Horses-sponsored featured class with her own and Alex Moody's outstanding nine-year-old, Izliot DHI. She added fractions of time-faults in both jumping phases to her dressage score of 20.5.

Oliver Townend added a fifth top-level Burgham victory in recent years when he took the other CCI4\*-S section, H, on Paul and Diana Ridgdon's Swallow Springs. He also finished second

to Ros with Ballaghmor Class. Ros Canter, who had married her long-term partner Chris McAleese the previous weekend, was on fire, also winning section A of the CCI3\*-S on Cooley Copresenter.

Izliot produced a stunning test, with one judge having them on 80.63%, to lead the section from Laura Collett on London 52 and Monkeying Around under Izzy Taylor, with Ballaghmor Class in fourth.

"I knew this was going to be a challenge for him as he's been spooky in the past at brush fences. He's a real flight animal and if his first thought is 'That's not a jump', he can fly off in the wrong direction. But he was logical today



Sarah Bullimore finishes third in both but foot-perfect home-bred Courou

and working with me," said Ros. "I'm always aware he could run out, but I take each fence as it comes."

"Looking at the start list, I wouldn't have put our names at the top this weekend although I know he's capable of beating the best in the world and think he could win medals one day."

"But we're not in a hurry, it's all about doing the right thing with him."

Izliot will be aimed at Blenheim or Boekelo later in the season.

Swallow Springs scorched round to win in section H, with Oliver saying he could easily have knocked another 30 seconds off his time.

"He's the fastest event horse I've ever ridden and he could win a race at Cheltenham," said Oliver.

"I was pleased with all my horses, although this is the start of their autumn campaigns and they are not fully tuned up at this stage, particularly on the flat."

"It's a great event and the ground was as good as it could be, given the dry summer we've had. The organisers deserve a lot



Harry Mutch steers HD Bronze to fifth in the CCI4\*-S section I



Oliver Townend and Swallow Springs

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