



Ros Canter and the experienced Pencos Crown Jewel finish in third

Saumur and his next was snowed off," said Tom.

"But I was very happy with him as he coped with the atmosphere and it was good to showjump on grass. He's a serious horse and good in all three phases."

Tom returns next month to contest Bramham's CCI4*-L.

The leader going into cross-country was Ros Canter with her own and Alex Moody's Izilot DHI, who added 2.4 showjumping time-faults to an impressive 23.3 dressage. But she opted to give the smart nine-year-old a confidence-giving run rather than chase him over the terrain and finished 12th.

"He's a sharp horse and every run is more a building block

towards the future as we think a lot of him. I'm delighted with his performance here," said Ros.

It was left to her more experienced Pencos Crown Jewel to fly the flag, and Ros put her foot down on Annie Makin and Kate James' mare. The pair remained at the head of proceedings for a long time, eventually finishing third.

Tom Rowland was an agonising 0.1 of a penalty behind in fourth, having been a second faster cross-country, but also having picked up 0.4 of a time-fault in the showjumping on Jo Handman and Alison Sharpe's Quintilius.

"I had three rides and he coped the best with the twisty terrain. I call him my Audi go-kart as