

# Canter's in the Clover

A horse with a brother who has been on the podium at five-star secures the five-year-old final

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**COOLEY CLOVERLAND** went one better when he won the five-year-old Dubarry Burghley young event horse final, having finished second in the four-year-old showdown last year.

The winner – who is by Cavalier Land out of Clover Light Girl (by Clover Hill) and owned by Kate and Joe Walls and Rob and Tricia Sargent – led the competition from start to finish under Ros Canter. He is a full brother to Ros's Cooley Lands, who was third at Badminton under Chris Burton in 2019, and finished an impressive 6.75 marks ahead of his nearest rival.

"He was so laid-back and took it all in his stride," said Ros, who was awarded 24.75 out of 30 for the dressage (judged by Sue Baxter and Les Smith), 39 out of 40 for the jumping (judged by Nicola Wilson and Jane Holderness-Roddam) and 14 out of 20 for suitability and type (judged by Jenny

Ros Canter pilots Cooley Cloverland to victory in the five-year-old final, finishing an impressive 6.75 marks ahead of their nearest rival



Hall). Andrew Nicholson, who was responsible for judging the gallop, cemented Cooley Cloverland's victory by awarding him top marks.

"He's got a bit of a fresh and spooky streak, which is a good thing for a horse that is hopefully going to be a top one some day, but when it comes down to it, he's actually very rideable," explained Ros.

Alex Postolowsky and Sandro Couture took second, with the horse ridden by Max Warburton in the final gallop, as Alex rode her other horse My

Friend Bill, who finished sixth. Sandro Couture, by Sandro Hit out of the Dolphin Supreme mare Supreme Couture and owned by Couture Sport Horses, also took home the prize for the highest-placed British-bred horse.

Holly Woodhead and Linda Penfold's Jagerbomb PH – who is by Womanizer, out of Desir De L'Esprit (by Desir Du Chateau) – picked up third.

## OSCAR ON TOP

**MIKE JACKSON** was the clear winner of the four-year-old final, riding his own Oscar.

Oscar, who is by Kitt SB out of the Quasimodo daughter Flair, was awarded 23 for the dressage, 37.5 for the jumping and 17 for suitability and type. Andrew Nicholson then put the gelding in third in the final gallop assessment, but it was still enough for Mike to secure victory by 3.25 marks.

Mike sourced Oscar early in his three-year-old year from Mark Bosanko.

"He was then and still is now very immature physically, but he definitely had that

presence and he was just light on his feet in all of his paces," said Mike of the impressive bay gelding.

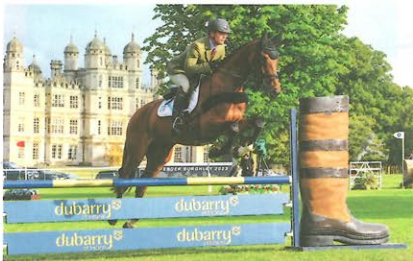
"He has been so straightforward. I knew he was nice, but you never know how they're going to react, and he just took it all in his stride."

Mike pinpointed Oscar's "consistent outline, contact and paces" as helping towards his victory.

"He is definitely one of the nicest four-year-olds I've had."

Second went to Elspeth Williams, 26, aboard her own Dutch warmblood mare Milena, who rose one place after their final gallop, for which Andrew Nicholson awarded nine out of a possible 10 marks.

Malawi Lancer, who is by Duke Of Hearts xx out of Fame VI (by Canturano), was third under Catherine Robinson, for owners Nicky Coates and Penny Cabourne. Andrew Nicholson rewarded their outstanding gallop with full marks, which propelled them up the ranks from sixth after the initial phases. **H&H**



Mike Jackson and Oscar claim the four-year-old final spoils