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Welcome to the first-ever Maryland 5 Star!

On behalf of The Fair Hill Organizing Committee, the Sport & Entertainment Corporation of Maryland, our partner Fair Hill International and all the incredible supporters involved with our event, we are thrilled to welcome you to the inaugural Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill.

The Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill is one of only two 5 Star events in the US and just the seventh worldwide. The prestigious CCI5*-L designation is the pinnacle of the Olympic sport of Eventing, best described as an equestrian triathlon. This spectacular new event, being held at the newly constructed Fair Hill Special Event Zone, grew out of the famed Fair Hill International Event and continues the storied legacy of the sport of Eventing at Fair Hill.

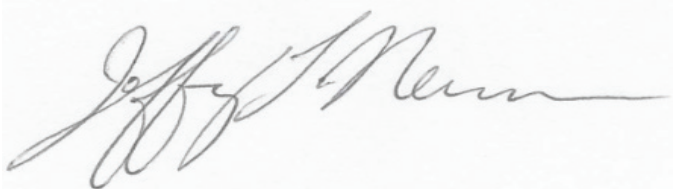
Hosting this world-class event, truly a dream come true, would not have been possible without the help of so many – from Cecil County, the state of Maryland the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Stadium Authority, the Maryland horse industry to the USEF, USEA and FEI, to all our sponsors, staff and volunteers, to the riders and officials who have come from all around the world, and, indeed, the entire Eventing community. We thank all of you for helping to bring this event to life!

Alongside the 5 Star, competition highlights include the 3 Star, serving as the USEF CCI3*-L Eventing National Championship, and The Dutta Corp. USEA Young Event Horse East Coast Championships Presented by Dubarry of Ireland.

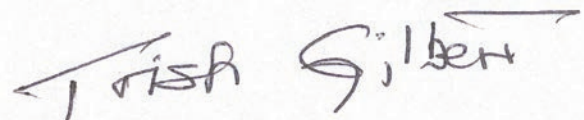
The Maryland 5 Star also features many great attractions outside the competition, including shopping, demonstrations, live music, kids' activities, the Maryland 5 Star Fresh Food Fest in partnership with Maryland Department of Agriculture and Seafood Marketing, and the Maryland 5 Star Beer, Wine & Spirits Showcase Powered by Grow & Fortify.

We thank all of you for coming and we wish every competitor the best of luck! We hope everyone enjoys their visit to Cecil County and this incredible event!

Sincerely,



Jeff Newman, President & CEO
Fair Hill Organizing Committee



Patricia "Trish" Gilbert, President
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Sport & Entertainment Corporation of Maryland



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A warm welcome to Cecil County



Greetings and welcome to the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill! We are thrilled that you are joining us for this historic inaugural event.

Over the coming days, you will see amazing feats of strength, endurance, and discipline from this year's participants. We are ecstatic that the world-class 5 Star eventing community has now come to realize what we as Cecil County locals have long known. From William duPont, Jr.'s prized steeplechase course to international competitions, Cecil County's equestrian heritage runs deep. We rank first in the state for equine value and are home to the largest Standardbred horse farm in the state. Cecil is proud to continue its equestrian tradition by hosting this prestigious event.

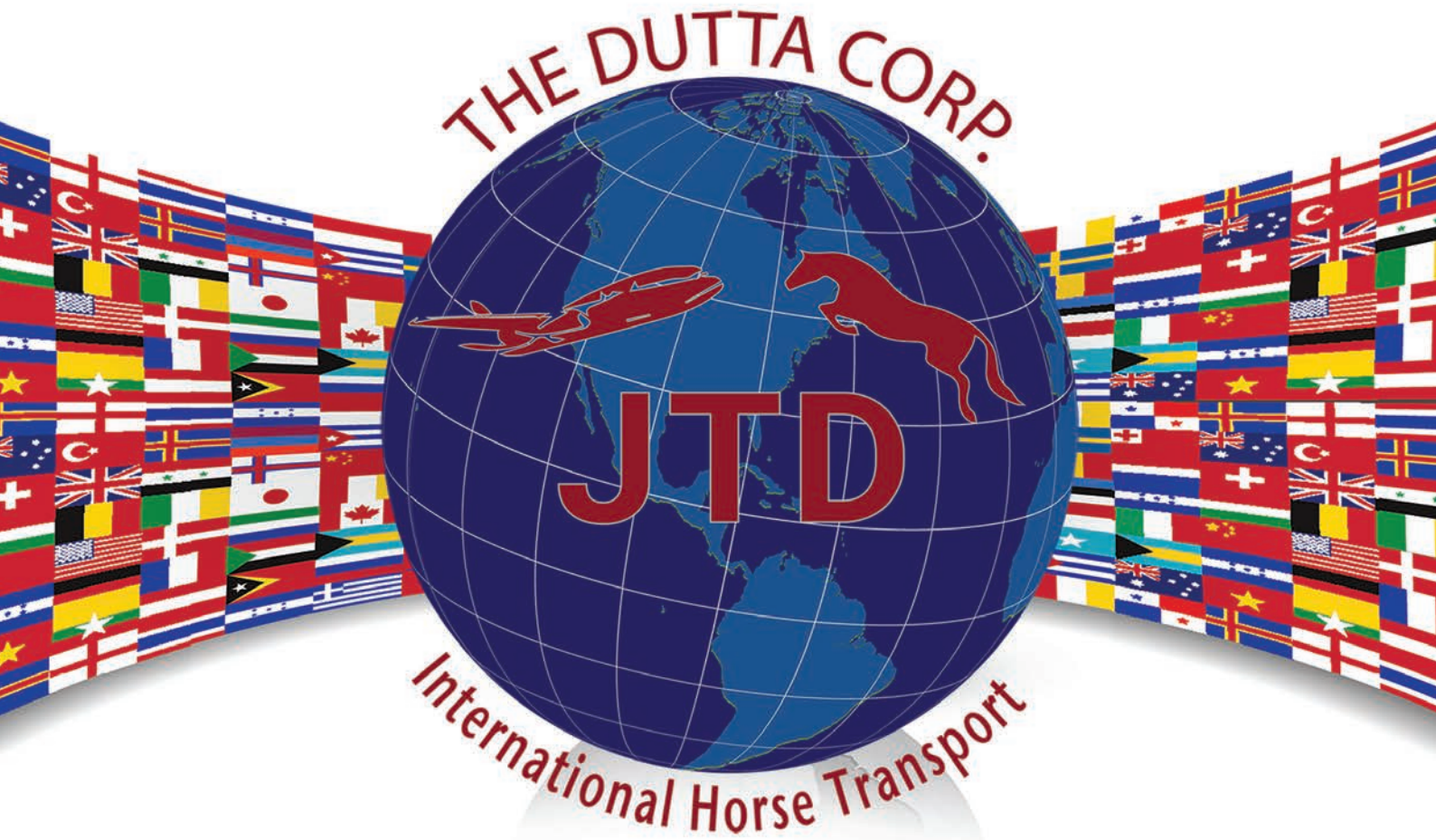
Our County is pleased to welcome visitors and competitors from around the globe to join in our love of eventing. While you are here, we hope that you discover what makes our home special, that Cecil County has something for everyone, known for economic vitality, agricultural heritage, and beautiful scenery. I encourage you to visit some of the best that Cecil County has to offer, including our picturesque main streets, lovely boutiques, authentic Chesapeake cuisine, and scenic waterways.

We are happy to have you here in Cecil County and we hope to see you again soon!

Sincerely,

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It is with real honor that I, on behalf of the Fair Hill Foundation, welcome you to the inaugural Maryland Five Star at Fair Hill in beautiful Cecil County. This event is the result of a number of years of tireless, collaborative work by the State of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Stadium Authority, Fair Hill International, the Fair Hill Organizing Committee, as well as this foundation. The idea that we would be joining only six other such events in the world would have been unfathomable several years ago. Now, it is coming to fruition through the hard work of so many.

Many of the world's finest horses and riders are welcomed to this hallowed ground. The Fair Hill steeplechase course has hosted some of the world's finest horses and jockeys over the past 80+ years. Few other venues around the world can boast such a tradition which will now include the world's finest event horses and riders as well.

Finally, while none of this would have been possible without the hard work and effort of those mentioned above, the generosity of numerous individuals and foundations is also greatly appreciated. The public and private sectors have come together to make all this possible!

Thanks again to all!



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Welcome to the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area and the inaugural Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill! We are so honored to host one of only two 5 Star equestrian events in the United States; and one of only seven in the world!

Formerly owned by Mr. William duPont, Jr., the landscapes and equestrian features at Fair Hill were inspired by Aintree in England. Our department acquired Fair Hill in 1975, adding it to our Maryland State Park system. Today, the 5,656-acre property is used by thousands of visitors each year including equestrians, outdoor recreation enthusiasts, and festival-goers alike.



We are pleased to host internationally renowned athletes who will experience the newly renovated Fair Hill Special Event Zone (SEZ) for the first time. The SEZ includes a proprietary blend of footing in the dressage and show jumping arenas and an Ian Stark-designed cross-country course that winds alongside our realigned and restored historic turf track. Each element of the construction and renovation was designed with the safety of our competitors and their horses in mind. All together, our facility boasts some of the best cross country, dressage, and show jumping features in the world.

We would also like to recognize the Fédération Equestre Internationale for choosing Fair Hill for this event, and the Fair Hill Organizing Committee for their tremendous work in putting together the Maryland 5 Star, building on Fair Hill's rich equestrian history by bringing an unprecedented level of competition to our state. This prestigious occasion also serves as a catalyst for what is yet to come for our diverse and notable equestrian industry.

Please enjoy your visit to Fair Hill, and here's to a successful event!

Sincerely,

Jeannie Riccio-Haddaway
Maryland Secretary of Natural Resources



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A message from the Governor

Dear friends,

Welcome to the inaugural Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill Special Event Zone in Cecil County! Since 1989, Fair Hill has hosted numerous events on their championship course. Maryland is honored to host one of only two 5 star events in the country. The prestigious 5 Star designation showcases four days of equestrian competition and welcomes competitors and visitors from across the globe to scenic Elkton, Maryland.

On behalf of the State of Maryland, I wish the best of luck to all of the owners, trainers, and jockeys competing in this year's event. Please accept my best wishes for a successful and memorable weekend.



Sincerely,

Larry Hogan
Governor

Meet me in Maryland:



THE STORY OF Eventing at Fair Hill

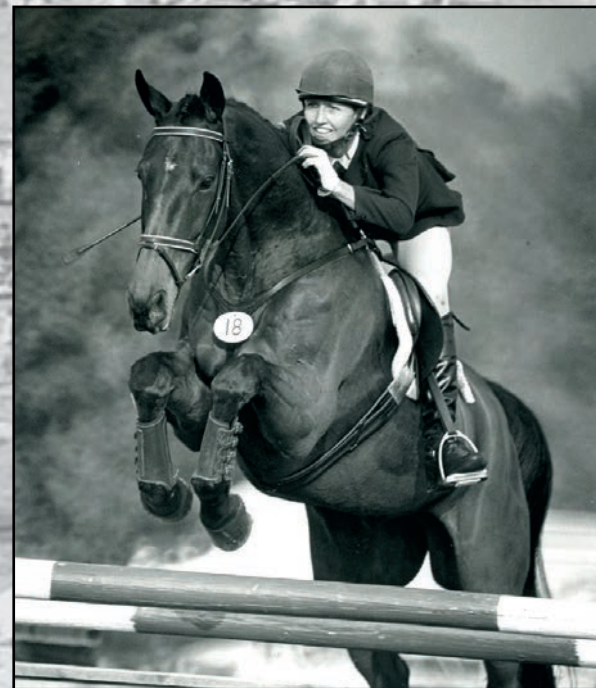
In 1925, William duPont, Jr. began to assemble a mass of land on the Maryland-Pennsylvania border that would eventually encompass more than 7,600 acres, to serve as a nature preserve and venue for his two favorite past times: horseracing and foxhunting. He designed a spectacular steeplechase course, recognizing the thick, healthy turf and giving it years to grow before putting it to use in 1934. Mr. duPont also built bridges, tunnels and a 17-mile “super fence” to ensure his hounds’ safety during foxhunting. After duPont’s death in 1965, the state of Maryland purchased their 5,633- acre portion of the estate, and created the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area.

In 1989, Elkins “Elkie” Wetherill and John Ryan, organizers of the Chesterland Three-Day-Event in Unionville, PA, were looking for a new site for their three-star competition, as the level was known then. They were directed to Fair Hill and enlisted the aid of Trish Gilbert.

When they saw the property, they knew the rolling terrain and lush turf made it an ideal venue for Eventing. A Founders Committee was formed, consisting of Trish Gilbert, Denis Glaccum, Kate Jackson, Jim Ligon, Bodgie Read, John Ryan, Col. D. W. Thackeray, Judy Thayer, Dick Thompson, Elkins Wetherill and Lana Wright. They also secured the services of England’s Michael Tucker to design the cross-country course.

The first event was held in 1989 and the initial CCI3* competition was won by Karen (Lende) O'Connor on Nos Ecus. The venue was an instant success. Tucker continued as course designer until 1999 when he passed the reins to Derek di Grazia, a former competitor and then an up-and-coming course designer. Di Grazia has since gone on to become one of the world's most respected course designer, as evidenced by his being selected as course designer for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

In 2003 when the Dominican Republic, lacking a cross country course, was unable to host eventing, Fair Hill International hosted the Pan American Eventing Championships. In 2011, the Young Event Horse East Coast Championships for 4/5- year-olds was held at Fair Hill, and that event has remained here ever since. In 2013, the Future Event Horse East Coast Championships for 1/2/3-year-olds were held on the Fair Hill grounds with great success.



But it's among the horses and riders that Fair Hill has earned its well-deserved reputation as a cradle of champions. It has always attracted the best of the best. Riders come here to test themselves and their horses to see if they have the talent and courage to succeed at the upper levels. Several winners of the now-CCI4*-L competition at Fair Hill have gone on to achieve glory for themselves and their country at the Olympics, including David and Karen O'Connor, Phillip Dutton and Bruce Davidson.



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Competition Schedule



Wednesday

CCI3*: First Horse Inspection 12:00pm - 1:00pm
 CCI5*: First Horse Inspection 1:00pm - 3:00pm
 Arena Familiarization: 4:00pm - 5:00pm



Thursday

CCI3* Dressage: 8:00am - 11:00am
 CCI5* Dressage: 1:00pm - 4:00pm
 YEH4/YEH5 Dressage & Conformation: 8:00am - 4:30pm
 YEH4 Jumping: 10:00am - 5:30pm
 YEH4 Awards: 5:30 - 6:00pm
 Arena Familiarization: 5:00pm - 6:00pm



Friday

CCI3* Dressage: 8:00am - 11:00am
 CCI5* Dressage: 1:00pm - 4:00pm
 YEH5 Jumping: 8:00am - 5:00pm
 YEH5 Awards: 5:00pm - 5:30pm



Saturday

CCI3* Cross Country: 8:00am - 11:00am
 CCI5* Cross Country: 1:00pm - 4:00pm



Sunday

CCI3* 2nd Horse Inspection: 8:00am - 8:30am
 CCI5* 2nd Horse Inspection: 8:30am - 9:30am
 CCI3* Show Jumping: 9:30am - 11:00am
 CCI3* Awards: 11:00am - 11:30am
 CCI5* Show Jumping: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
 CCI5* Awards: 3:00pm - 3:30pm

**There's plenty to do
 outside the arena at
 Maryland 5-Star, too!
 Don't miss...**

- Our Retail Vendor Booths (Arena Side & In Field) - Open Thursday through Sunday from 8:00am to 6:00pm (or 30 minutes following the completion of competition)
- The Maryland 5 Star Beer, Wine & Spirits Showcase Powered by Grow & Fortify - Saturday, October 16th from 12:00pm - 5:00pm
- The Maryland 5 Star Fresh Food Fest in Partnership with Maryland Department of Agriculture - Sunday, October 17th from 9:00am - 2:00pm

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President: Christian Landolt (SUI)
Member: Gretchen Butts (USA)

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Cross Country Course Builder.....Eric Bull
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YEH Five-Year-Old Judges.....Debbie Adams
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Special Events

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It's not (just!) about the horses this week at the Maryland 5 Star. We've got a packed program of events on throughout the week, from food festivals to special performances. Here's what you can expect...

DEMOS AND PERFORMANCES

Elisa Wallace Mustang Demonstration Friday, October 15th at 1:00 p.m.

Ever wondered what goes into training a wild horse? 5 star eventer and Mustang trainer Elisa Wallace will be demonstrating her training methods and giving a showcase of all these incredible horses have to offer on Friday, October 15th at 1.00 p.m.

Military Horse Show Saturday, October 16th at 12:00 p.m.

This year the Military Riding Showcase, will be held at the Maryland 5 Star Event at Fair Hill at noon, on Saturday, October 16, 2021. Our Military riding event will include a "Meet & Greet" and book signing with the Soldiers and horses of The Old Guard Caisson Platoon. They will also be providing a mounted color guard. In addition, the US Army band will be providing a Soldier to sing the National Anthem while mounted. We have invited mounted Police units from Maryland, to demonstrate in the main ring, how they train their horses for on duty obstacles. We will also be having the Freedom Hills Veterans Drill Team performing a mounted drill to music.

Chincoteague Pony Drill Team Saturday, October 16th from 10:30 a.m.-12.00 p.m.

If you grew up reading Misty of Chincoteague and dreaming of your own island pony, don't miss the Chincoteague Pony Drill Team, who'll be performing their impressive routine.

EAT AT THE WELLWOOD

Owned by the Metz family for over 50 years and run at the historic Wellwood in Northeast, MD, the restaurant will offer an on-site seafood restaurant for attendees to experience authentic Maryland Blue Crabs and other local cuisine.

Feeling hungry on the go? Grab a bite to eat from one of our on-site food trucks:

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Kilby Creamery
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DAILY EVENTS:

HORSELAND

Horseland at the Maryland 5 Star is a haven for horse lovers of all ages who want to learn more about horses or simply enjoy interacting with them “up close and personal.” Meet the horses and their trainers from Maryland’s Horse Discovery Centers who love sharing their knowledge about horses. The exhibit is open daily during the 5 Star and is a free attraction sponsored by the Maryland Horse Industry Board.

DIAGEO

Diageo is excited to present six brands across multiple activations at Maryland Five Star’s inaugural event! Stop by the Tailgate for activations featuring Smirnoff Seltzer and Tanqueray. Bulleit Bourbon will be featured in the Athlete’s Lounge as Johnnie Walker and Guinness will have a presence at the Farmer’s Market, and Blade & Bow will spearhead Tier 1 for the duration of the weekend.

KONG EQUINE DOG PARK

Planning to bring your dog to Fair Hill? Visit the KONG Equine Dog Park for some off-leash fun and complimentary doggy-day care services. There are limited reserved spots available, so be sure to sign up online through the Maryland 5 Star ticket portal! Walk-ins will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. You can also join KONG Equine for Puppuccinos from 8am- 9am each morning at the KONG Equine tent.

THE MARS VIPET EXPERIENCE

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PLUS:



**Saturday, October 16th
from 12:00pm - 5:00pm**

The Maryland 5 Star Beer, Wine & Spirits Showcase
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**Sunday, October 17th
from 9:00am - 2:00pm**

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Map Key

- 5* Course
- 3* Course
- Tailgating

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22AB

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11 The Brushes

Vendor Guide

Ready to shop until you drop? With more than 75 tradestands, our retail fair and vendor village are fully-stocked with everything you could possibly want – and you'll find some unbeatable deals, too!



The vendor village is open daily from Thursday to Sunday, beginning at 8.00 a.m. and closing at 6.00 p.m., or 30 minutes after the completion of the day's competition.

ARENA SIDE

1A	KONG Equine
2A	The Posh Pony Boutique
3A	DE Collections
4-5A	Malvern Saddlery
6A	County Saddlery
7A	Dubarry of Ireland
8A	GLC Direct
9-10A	MARS Equestrian
11-14A	Fair Hill Saddlery

1B	Bates Saddlery
2B	Quarry View Building Group
3B	Outback Adventure Co.
4B	Emerald Valley Natural Health
5B	Human Touch
6B	LaCigale
7B	Somerset Equestrian Trading
8B	Equine Network LLC
9B	Black Petticoat
10B	Mane 'n Tail
11B	Magnawave
12B	Hound & Hare
13-14B	Stubben North America

IN FIELD STANDS

1	Boehringer Ingelheim
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5-6	CWD
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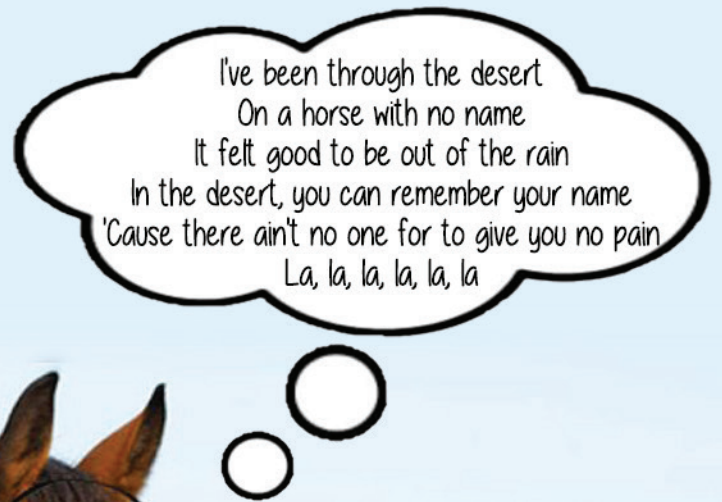
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IN MEMORIAM: JOHN RYAN



In 1988, John Ryan was the Executive Director of the Chesterland Horse Trials that was coming to an end. John, along with a small group of others, began looking for the location of a suitable replacement. Their search led them to the naturally rolling terrain of Fair Hill. And, in October of 1989, the first Fair Hill International Three Day Event was run.

John had studied architecture at the University of Pennsylvania, which came in very handy for his work on course and festival layouts. John was a rider, held a TD license and was Area II Chairman for USCTA (now USEA). He had served on the committees for Radnor and Chesterland, and was a long-time FHI Board Member.

At Fair Hill, John was on the grounds nearly every day. He was more of a “Behind the Scenes” kind of guy to the competitors and spectators. But, he was behind every scene. John was heavily involved in everything to do with the cross country courses... maintenance, painting, decorating, galloping lanes - the list goes on. He was in charge of tent placement, ice, water, dumpsters, restrooms - the list goes on. He was in charge of picking up XC score sheets at Horse Trials, spotting at schoolings, creating course maps - the list goes on.

In 2016, John was named the FHI Volunteer of the Year, a very well-deserved award that seems a bit like an understatement. John is missed everyday at Fair Hill. We miss his knowledge. We miss his stories. We miss his steady presence.

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IN MEMORIAM: **BODGIE REED**



During the early years of Fair Hill International, Bodgie Reed was asked to help set up dressage, and that would begin her long relationship with FHI. She would go on to become the Dressage Coordinator, the Volunteer Coordinator, the Vet Box Coordinator, the person who flagged the courses, the person who created signs in her garage late at night after being at Fair Hill all day, and countless other jobs.

Bodgie graduated with a BS in Biology in 1955. She had grown up riding horses in Aiken, and her father was part of a small group of people that started the United States Pony Club in 1954. Bodgie was the Regional Supervisor of the Delmarva Region of USPC for 41 years. She holds the honor of being the longest continuously serving RS in US Pony Club history.

Bodgie didn't volunteer for just FHI and USPC. Bodgie was everywhere. She was volunteering at Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding Program, Radnor Three Day, Chesterland, Plantation Field, DVCTA, St. Augustine Pony Club, Olde Hope, and many, many other venues.

In 2015, Bodgie was named the very first FHI Volunteer of the Year. There was no contest. There was nobody else who deserved the award more. Referring to all of the friends she had made along the way, Bodgie had this to say, "All of those relationships made working those long hours at Fair Hill, in all kinds of weather, absolutely worthwhile." We couldn't agree more. Bodgie, your FHI Family misses you dearly.

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WHAT IS Eventing?

Eventing (which has previously been known as three-day eventing or combined training) is a three-phase competition that tests a horse's all-around ability as well as the rider's strategy, judgment and skill. It is the ultimate test of teamwork between horse and rider.

The three phases of Dressage, Cross Country and Jumping form an equestrian triathlon patterned after the skills of military horses in cavalry days: precision, elegance and obedience; jumping ability, speed, courage and versatility; and finally, the horses' ability to recover from a physical challenge and remain in service.

Dressage takes place first to show balance, obedience, flexibility, and harmony between horse and rider. Next is Cross Country, the most demanding and challenging phase, testing boldness, speed and endurance. Finally, horses must demonstrate conditioning, resilience and agility in the culminating Jumping phase. The overall winners are determined by converting Dressage scores to penalties and adding the penalties incurred in Cross Country and Jumping. The competitor with the fewest penalties wins.

There are five levels of competition in eventing. Levels are designated by stars — one-star through five-star, with five-star having the highest degree of difficulty. Horses and riders must earn the right to compete at these levels. At each successive level, a horse has to jump higher, run farther and faster, as well as trust its rider more. The degree of difficulty for gymnastic exercises — both on the flat in the Dressage phase and over fences during the Cross-Country and Jumping tests — increases progressively.



Dressage

The objective of the Dressage test is to demonstrate harmonious development of the horse's physique and balance. Each horse-and-rider combination is required to perform a prescribed set of movements within a confined area. Three independent judges award marks for each movement, ranging from 0 to 10. There are also collective marks for the horse's pace, impulsion and submission to its rider's direction, as well as for the rider's position and use of aids. The test must be executed from memory. Errors or incorrect sequences of movements are penalized by subtracting points.

Throughout the Dressage test, the judges are looking for calmness and relaxation, combined with impulsion and rhythm, all from a horse that should be at a peak of fitness and full of energy for the strenuous demands of the competition still to come. A Dressage performance should be fluid, balanced and accurate, providing an overall picture of grace and harmony.

Cross-Country

Cross-Country is a test of jumping ability, speed and endurance and is the most exciting and challenging part of competition. It is set in varied terrain, which must be jumped boldly and with speed. The jumping obstacles test a variety of skills and some may include four or five separate jumping efforts.

Competitors must complete the phase within a prescribed "optimum time" and time penalties are incurred for exceeding this time. Penalties are incurred for jumping faults, such as refusals and run-outs. Under adverse conditions of weather or terrain, phase length and time allowed may be altered for safety reasons.

This week's 5 Star course features 44 jumping efforts set over 6,330 meters, just under four miles. The 3 Star course features 34 jumping efforts set over 4,658 meters, just under three miles.

Jumping

The final phase is Jumping. Horses must pass a veterinary inspection after their great efforts of the previous day before moving on to Jumping. This inspection is similar to the inspection they passed before being allowed to begin the competition. A Jumping course consists of varied colored, moveable obstacles with penalties assessed for knockdowns, refusals, falls or exceeding the time allowed.

This week's 5 Star Jumping course includes a maximum of 13 obstacles requiring a maximum of 16 jumping efforts. The 3 Star Jumping course has a maximum of 11 obstacles requiring a maximum of 14 jumping efforts. Both are set over a distance of no more than 600 meters.



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What's the Big Deal About a 5 Star?

Besides \$300,000 in prize money? A 5 Star event (CCI5*-L) is the pinnacle of the sport of eventing. It consists of the most advanced form of competition as it pertains to the skill level executed in the field of dressage, as well as tougher terrain and obstacles in both cross-country and stadium jumping. There are only seven CCI5* events in the world, with two being in the United States (Kentucky and Maryland).

The CCI5* event takes place over four days. The first two days of competition taking place on Thursday and Friday will feature dressage tests completed in the main arena. The third day of competition on Saturday is the cross-country test, where riders jump up to 45 obstacles over almost four miles of varying terrain. The final day of competition on Sunday is show jumping, where riders jump over fragile obstacles in the main arena.



Four of the other CCI5* competitions in the world are set in Europe, the hub of the sport, and the advent of a new competition at this level in the US offers more opportunities for developing horses and riders to gain valuable education at the top level, while providing our elite athletes with a chance to hone their skills and be competitive on the world stage at Olympics and World Championships. This week, a top-class field will battle to become the first-ever Maryland 5 Star champion – and even more excitingly, we might just get to see our first US CCI5* winner since Phillip Dutton won Kentucky in 2008.

**2021 FEI EVENTING
CCI 5* DRESSAGE TEST B**

**Time : from entrance to final salute – approx 5 minutes
Judge on the side should be positioned at B**

CCI 5* Test B
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		TEST	Directive ideas	Mark	MARK	Remarks
1	A I C	Enter at collected canter Halt, salute, proceed collected trot Track right	Regularity, rhythm, and straightness of canter. Transition to halt, immobility, contact and poll. Transition to collected trot. Balance of the turn.	10		
2	C-M M-X-K K	Collected trot Medium trot Collected trot	Regularity, rhythm, elasticity, lengthening of stride and frame. Transitions.	10		
3	F-X	Half-pass left	Regularity and quality of trot, collection and balance, flexion, bend, fluency, crossing of legs.	10		
4	X	Circle right 8 meters	Quality of trot and bend, size of circle.	10		
5	X-G C	Shoulder in right Track left	Regularity and quality of trot, collection and balance, flexion, bend and angle.	10		
6	H-X-F F	Extended trot Collected trot	Extension and regularity of steps, elasticity, balance and lengthening of frame.	10		
7		Transitions to and from extended trot	Rhythm, engagement of hind legs into extended trot and return to collected trot.	10		
8	K-X	Half-pass right	Regularity and quality of trot, collection and balance, flexion, bend, fluency, crossing of legs.	10		
9	X	Circle left 8 meters	Quality of trot and bend, size of circle.	10		
10	X-G	Shoulder in left	Regularity and quality of trot, collection and balance, flexion, bend and angle.	10		
11	C	Track right and transition to medium walk	Transition to walk. Regularity of steps, rhythm, outline and acceptance of contact.	10		
12	M-E	Extended walk	Regularity, lengthening of steps and outline, acceptance of contact, freedom of shoulders, overtrack.	10		
13	E-F-A	Medium walk	Regularity of steps, rhythm, outline and acceptance of contact.	10		
14	A	Halt	Transition, engagement and immobility.	10		
15	A	Rein Back 5 steps, proceed collected canter right lead	Accuracy, regularity of steps, straightness, balance and acceptance of contact in the reinback.	10		
16	K-S S-R	Medium canter Half circle right collected canter	Rhythm and length of frame and stride. Engagement of hind legs. Balance and self-carriage in medium canter. Balance, impulsion and regularity of canter.	10		

To carry forward

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17	R-V	Flying change crossing center line	Precise execution. Flying change on the aids, with uphill tendency and expression.	10		
18	F	Half-pass left to quarter line, between I and S	Quality of collected canter. Ground cover and bend in half-pass.	10		
19		Straight ahead to flying change on the quarter line, then turn right	Straightness of flying change. Flying change on the aids, with uphill tendency and expression.	10		
20	M	Half-pass right to quarter line, between L and V	Quality of collected canter. Ground cover and bend in half-pass.	10		
21		Straight ahead to flying change on the quarter line, then turn left	Straightness of flying change. Flying change on the aids, with uphill tendency and expression.	10		
22	F-M M	Extended canter Collected canter	Transition into extended canter. Rhythm, length of stride and frame. Straightness. Transition to collected canter.	10		
23	C	Circle left 20 meters Working canter allowing the horse to stretch forward and down, before C shorten the reins	Maintenance of rhythm and balance. Gradually stretching forward and downward while maintaining contact and bend, with stretch over the back. Retaking the reins without resistance.	10		
24	C S-P	Collected canter Flying change crossing center line	Precise execution. Flying change on the aids, with uphill tendency and expression.	10		
25	A L	Down center line Halt, salute	Quality of canter and straightness on center line. Halt and immobility during salute.	10		
Leave the arena at a free walk on a long rein at A						
SUB TOTAL				250		
		COLLECTIVE MARK		Mark	MARK	Remarks
1		Harmony of Athlete and Horse	A confident partnership created by adhering to the scale of training.	10 Coeff. 2		
TOTAL				270		

To be deducted / Penalty Points :

Errors of course are penalised :

1st time = 2 points

2nd time = 4 points

3rd time = elimination

Other errors : Two (2) points per error to be deducted

TOTAL

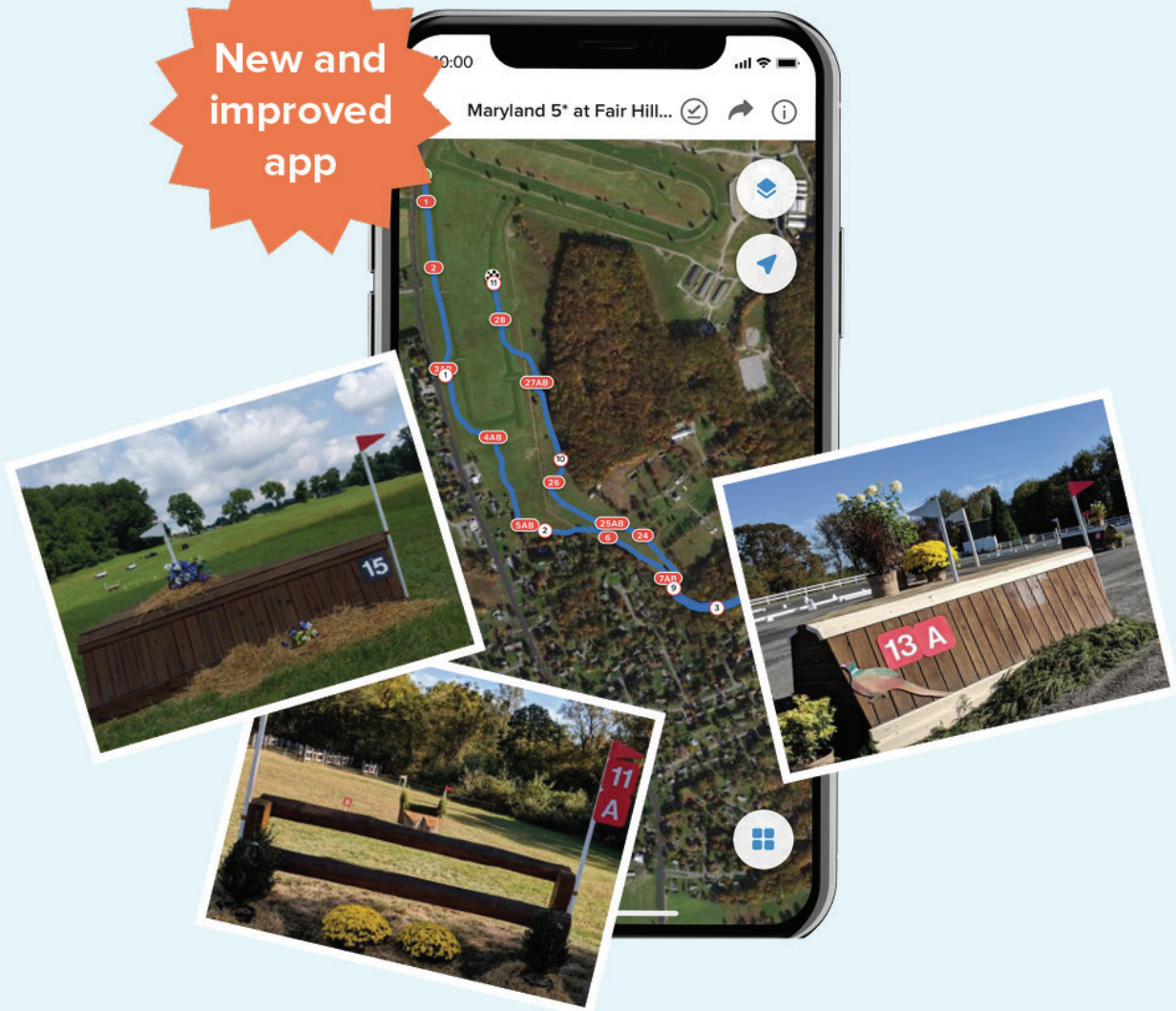
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Note 2: Snaffle bit only or double bridle is allowed for 4*and 5*



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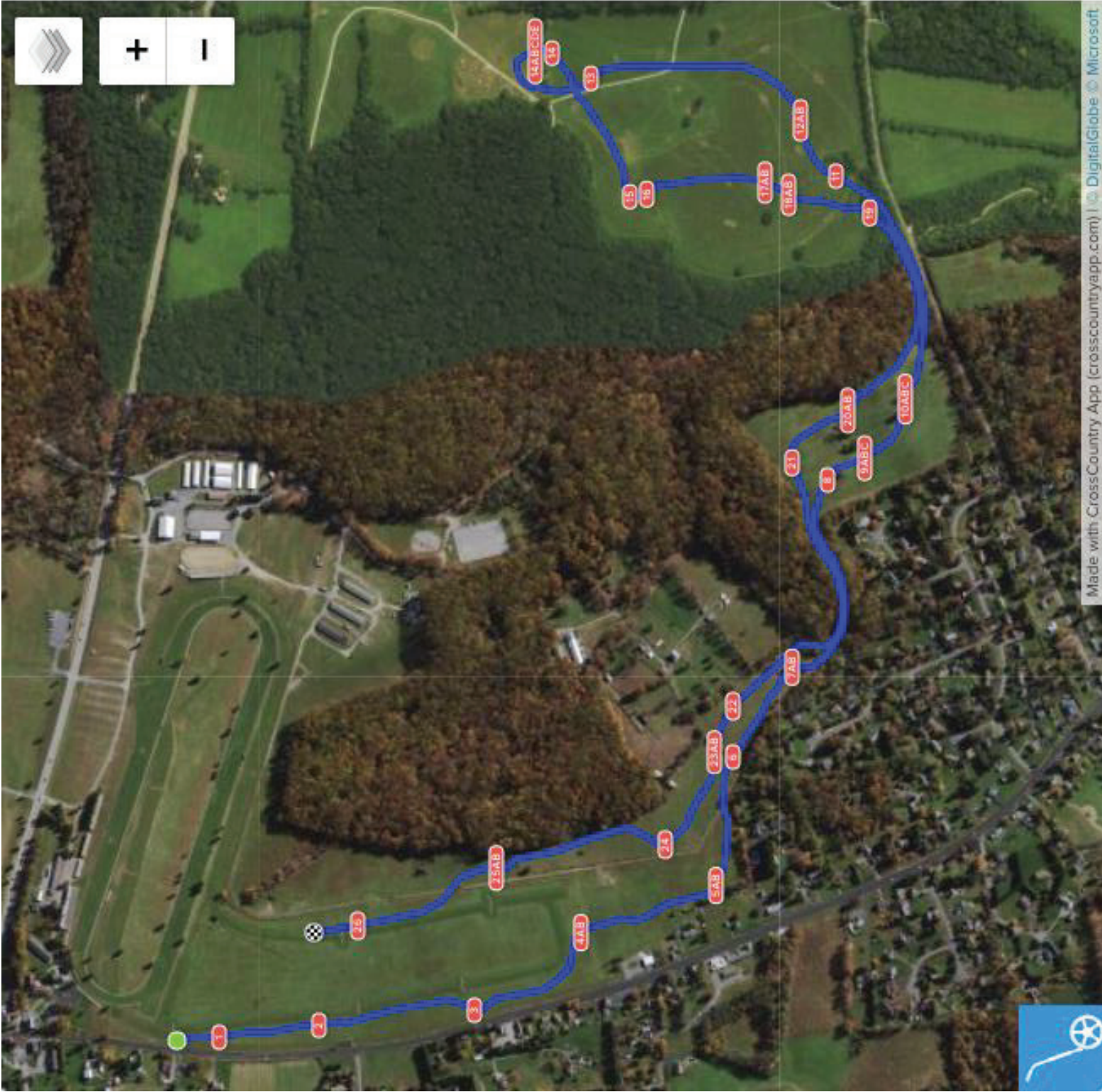
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- 9ABC Coffin
- 10A Brush combination
- 10B Skinny brush oxer
- 10C Brush corner
- 11 Starburst Table
- 12AB Double of Timber Rails
- 13 Brush Oxer
- 14ABC Hanging crab drop to stepup
- 14DE Normandy Bank to skinny
- 14 skinny brush
- 15 Open Oxer
- 16 Vicarage V
- 17A Roller Coaster
- 17B Fair Hill Drop
- 18AB Camden Yard Houses
- 19 Potting Shed
- 20AB Portable to Corner
- 21 Shelter
- 22 Gate
- 23A Left Owl Corner
- 23B Right Owl Corner
- 24 Steeplechase
- 25A Oriole in water
- 25B Oriole out
- 26 Brush couch





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Maryland 5-Star CCI5*-L Entries













	Galloway Sunrise – Fylicia Barr 12-year-old American Warmblood mare (Duty Officer x Coco Channel, breeding unknown) Owned by Shannon and Daniel Barr and the rider
	Indy 500 – Andrea Baxter 16-year-old Thoroughbred mare (Cromwell x Tens Of Thousands, by Spend A Buck) Owned by the rider
	Jollybo – Hawley Bennett-Awad 17-year-old British Sport Horse mare (Jumbo x Polly Coldunnell, by Danzig Connection) Owned by the JollyBo Syndicate LLC and the rider
	Stella Artois – Jennifer Brannigan 13-year-old Hanoverian mare (Satisfaction I x Comtess, by Contender) Owned by the Stella Artois Syndicate
	Harbour Pilot – Hannah Sue Burnett 18-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Cruising x Shannon, by Catch On Fire) Owned by Jacqueline Mars
	DonDante – William Coleman III 11-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Pachio x Muckno Clover, by Euro Clover) Owned by Team Rebecca LLC
	Tight Lines – William Coleman III 12-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (VDL Arkansas x Drumagoland Bay, by Ard Ohio) Owned by the Off The Record Syndicate
	K.E.C. Zara – Zoe Crawford 14-year-old Irish Sport Horse mare (Aldatus Z x Puissance Flight, by Puissance) Owned by the rider



	<p>Erroll Gobey – Bruce Davidson Jr 10-year-old Holsteiner gelding (Cassini II x Ulla II, by Contender) Owned by Cassandra Segal, Lisa Darden, and Natalie Sandler</p>
	<p>Jak My Style – Bruce Davidson Jr 16-year-old Thoroughbred gelding Breeding unknown Owned by Kathleen and Roberto Cuca</p>
	<p>Fernhill Singapore – Phillip Dutton 11-year-old KWPN gelding (Singapore x Riedellia, by Animo) Owned by Tom Tierney, Annie Jones, and Dave and Patricia Vos</p>
	<p>Sea Of Clouds – Phillip Dutton 10-year-old Thoroughbred gelding (Malibu Moon x Winner's Ticket, by Jolie's) Owned by the Sea Of Clouds Partnership</p>
	<p>Mama's Magic Way – Will Faudree 10-year-old Hanoverian gelding (Mighty Magic x Straightaway, by Star Regent) Owned by Jennifer Mosing and Sterling Silver Stables</p>
	<p>Pfun – Will Faudree 14-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Tadmus x Celerina, by Cento) Owned by Jennifer Mosing and Sterling Silver Stables</p>
	<p>Honor Me – Lisa Marie Fergusson 14-year-old Welsh Cob/Thoroughbred gelding (Brynarian Brenin x Dream Contessa, by Royal Chocolate) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>FE Stormtrooper – Clayton Fredericks 12-year-old Hanoverian gelding (Stakkato's Highlight x Levina, by Levisto) Owned by Kingfisher Park</p>
	<p>Corvett – Emily Hamel 13-year-old Holsteiner gelding (Corrido x Tina XI, by Clearway) Owned by Black Flag Option LLC</p>
	<p>LCC Barnaby – Lillian Heard 14-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Guy Cavalier x Lady Tanjour, by Rafael) Owned by the rider</p>

CCI5*-L Entries



	<p>Candy King – Holly Jacks-Smith 11-year-old British Sport Horse gelding (Grafenstolz x Eye Candy, by Moothyeb) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Bendigo – Ema Klugman 19-year-old Saddlebred cross gelding (Refuse To Lose, dam unknown) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Morswood – Alexandra Knowles 13-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Ricardo x Princess In Arms, by Present Arms) Owned by Katherine O'Brien</p>
	<p>Voltaire de Tre – Leslie Law 12-year-old Selle Francais gelding (Gentleman IV x Jasmina du Fresne, by Socrate de Chivre) Owned by Tre Book</p>
	<p>Master Frisky – Emma Lomangino 17-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Master Imp x Frisky Legs, by Coopers Hill) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Long Island T – Boyd Martin 14-year-old Oldenburg gelding (Ludwig von Bayern x Highlight, by Heraldik) Owned by the Long Island T Syndicate</p>
	<p>On Cue – Boyd Martin 14-year-old AES mare (Cabri d'Elle x On High, by Primitive Rising) Owned by Christine, Thomas, and Tommie Turner and the rider</p>
	<p>Islandwood Captain Jack – Caroline Martin 12-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Jack Of Diamonds x Suir Touch, by Touchdown) Owned by Sherrie Martin and the rider</p>
	<p>Superstition – Harry Meade 12-year-old Hanoverian gelding (Satisfaction FRH x unknown dam, by Cordalame) Owned by Mandy Gray and the rider</p>
	<p>Emporium – Ashlynn Meuchel 12-year-old KWPN gelding (Cartano x Upana, by Opan) Owned by the rider</p>



	<p>Johnny Royale – Joe Meyer 13-year-old New Zealand Thoroughbred gelding (His Royal Highness x Chivaney, by Tights) Owned by the Team Johnny Syndicate</p>
	<p>Landmark's Monte Carlo – Lauren Nicholson 15-year-old Irish/Thoroughbred cross gelding (Formula One x Glamour, breeding unknown) Owned by Jacqueline Mars</p>
	<p>Vermiculus – Lauren Nicholson 14-year-old Anglo-Arab gelding (Serazim x Wake Me Gently, by Be My Native) Owned by Jacqueline Mars</p>
	<p>Babylon de Gamma – Astier Nicolas 10-year-old Selle Francais gelding (Mylord Carthago*HN x Sunshine Des Ka, by Happy Vergoignan*HN) Owned by Etienne Grivot, Marielle Grivot Bize, and the rider</p>
	<p>Palm Crescent – Meghan O'Donoghue 15-year-old Thoroughbred gelding (Quiet American x Edey's Village, by Silver Deputy) Owned by William Duhring and the rider</p>
	<p>Quantum Leap – Doug Payne 10-year-old German Sport Horse gelding (Quite Capitol x Report To Sloopy, by Corporate Report) Owned by Jessica Payne and the rider</p>
	<p>Steady Eddie – Mike Pendleton 18-year-old Thoroughbred gelding (Jetball x Tuonella, by Chief's Crown) Owned by Pierre Colin, Denise Lahey, George & Gretchen Wintersteen</p>
	<p>Bogue Sound – Jessica Phoenix xx-year-old Thoroughbred gelding (Crafty Shaw x Carolina Blue) Owned by Amara Hoepfner</p>
	<p>Classic Moet – Jonelle Price 18-year-old British Sport Horse mare (Classic x Gamston Bubbles, by Bohemond) Owned by Trisha Rickards, Jacky Green, and the rider</p>
	<p>Xavier Faer – Tim Price 14-year-old British Sport Horse gelding (Catherston Liberator x Faerie Dazzler, by Catherston Dazzler) Owned by Trisha Rickards, Nigella Hall, and the rider</p>

CCI5*-L Entries



	<p>Favian – Valerie Vizcarrondo-Pride 13-year-old Oldenburg gelding (French Kiss x Risiko, by Relevant) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Covert Rights – Colleen Rutledge 14-year-old Thoroughbred/Clydesdale gelding (BFF Incognito x Let's Get It Right, by Covert Operation) Owned by FSG Inc and the rider</p>
	<p>Bolytair B – Dominic Schramm 15-year-old KWPN gelding (Polytair x Nobelle, by Glennridge) Owned by Team Bolytair B LLC</p>
	<p>Fernhill Wishes – Karl Slezak 11-year-old Irish Sport Horse mare (Russel x Jenaway Dream, by Mister Lord) Owned by Kirk Hoppner and the rider</p>
	<p>RF Cool Play – Lynn Symanksy 13-year-old German Sport Horse gelding (Condors Champion x Roxana, by Radscha) Owned by The Donner Syndicate LLC</p>
	<p>Class Affair – Zara Tindall 12-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (OBOS Quality 004 x Ruby's Rosshaven Flight, by Laughtons Flight) Owned by Gleadhill House Stud Ltd</p>
	<p>Cooley Master Class – Oliver Townend 16-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Ramiro B x The Swallow, by Master Imp) Owned by Angela Hislop</p>
	<p>Cooley On Show – Sharon White 13-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Ricardo Z x Jogantina, by Grand d'Espagne) Owned by the rider</p>



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In addition to hosting a CCI5*-L competition, the Maryland 5 Star will also host a CCI3*-L competition featuring many more of the best athletes and horses from around the world. Highlighted as a portion of the competition will be the USEF CCI3*-L Eventing National Championships, which is open to all U.S. competitors entered in the three-star competition. The CCI3*-L National Championship has been hosted at Fair Hill for over 30 years and will be a perfect addition to the CCI5* roster to truly showcase the sport at its very best.

The CCI3* level of eventing is comparable to the Intermediate level in National competition. Horses who compete at the three-star level must be at least six years of age. Athletes are eligible to compete once they turn 16 years old, and there's a \$25,000 prize pot up for grabs.

This level of the sport is used as a stepping stone en route to the topmost echelons of the sport, and so it's a great place to spot the superstars of the future – both human and equine. CCI3* competition is every bit as adrenaline-packed and exciting as CCI5*, with three highly influential phases to tackle in the hunt for glory – and, of course, that coveted national title.

You can even spot a former winner in action this week: Boyd Martin and On Cue will compete in the CCI5* after winning the CCI3*-L National Championship in 2018.



2018 winners Boyd Martin and On Cue.



2019 winners Woods Baughman and C'est la Vie 135.

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CCI 3* DRESSAGE TEST B**

Time : from entrance to final salute – approx 4:45 minutes

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		TEST	Directive ideas	Mark	MARK	Remarks
1	A I	Enter collected canter Collected trot	Regularity, rhythm, straightness of the canter; transition to collected trot; quality of trot.	10		
2	C M-X-K K	Track right Medium trot (sitting or rising) Collected trot	Balance and bend in turn; regularity, rhythm, elasticity and lengthening of strides and frame; transitions.	10		
3	F-B B-X	Shoulder-in left Half circle left 10 metres	Angle, uniformity of bend, regularity and elasticity of steps; balance in turn.	10		
4	X-E E-H	Half circle right 10 metres Shoulder-in right	Balance in turn; angle, uniformity of bend, regularity and elasticity of steps.	10		
5	C M	Medium walk Turn right to G	Transition; regularity of steps, rhythm, outline and acceptance of contact.	10		
6	G G-H	Halt, rein back 4 steps Proceed in Medium walk	Correct rhythm, straightness and acceptance of contact.	10		
7	H H-M	Turn left 20 meter half circle left Extended walk	Regularity and lengthening of the steps; outline; acceptance of the contact; freedom of the shoulder and over-track.	10		
8	M C	Medium walk Collected canter left lead	Quality of medium walk; precise execution of the transition and fluency of canter.	10		
9	S-K K	Medium Canter Collected canter	Regularity and rhythm; lengthening of strides; straightness and the transitions	10		
10	A	10-meter circle left	Quality of canter; shape and size of the circle.	10		
11	P-X-S	Change rein with a Simple change at X	Transition directly to walk, 3-5 walk steps, transition directly to canter.	10		
12	C	10-meter circle right	Quality of canter; shape and size of the circle.	10		

To carry forward

120

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Carried forward				120		
13	R-X-V	Change rein with a Simple change at X	Transition directly to walk, 3-5 walk steps, transition directly to canter.	10		
14	K A	Collected trot Turn down center line	Transition to trot; balance in turn.	10		
15	L	Half-pass left to between S&H	Regularity and quality of trot, collection, flexion, uniform bend, fluency, crossing of legs.	10		
16	H C I	Collected trot Down center line Half-pass right to between V&K	Balance in turn; regularity and quality of trot, collection, flexion, uniform bend, fluency, crossing of legs.	10		
17	K-A-F F-K	Collected trot Working trot 20-meter half circle allowing the horse to stretch forward and down in rising trot	Forward and downward stretch over the back into a light contact, maintaining balance and quality of trot; bend, shape and size of circle, willing clear transitions.	10		
	Before K	Shorten the reins				
18	A	Turn down center line	Balance on the turn, Straightness on center line	10		
19	L	Halt, salute	Transition to halt; straightness and immobility.	10		
Leave the arena at a free walk on a long rein at A						
SUB TOTAL				190		
		COLLECTIVE MARK		Mark	MARK	Remarks
1		Harmony of Athlete and Horse	A confident partnership created by adhering to the scale of training.	10		
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TOTAL	210
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To be deducted / Penalty Points:

Errors of course are penalised:

1st time = 2 points

2nd time = 4 points

3rd time = elimination

Other errors : Two (2) points per error to be deducted

TOTAL

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Note 1: Only snaffle bridle is allowed for CCI 3* level (no double bridle).

Note 2: All trot work must be executed "sitting" unless the term "rising" is used in the test.



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Time Limit: 16m 58s

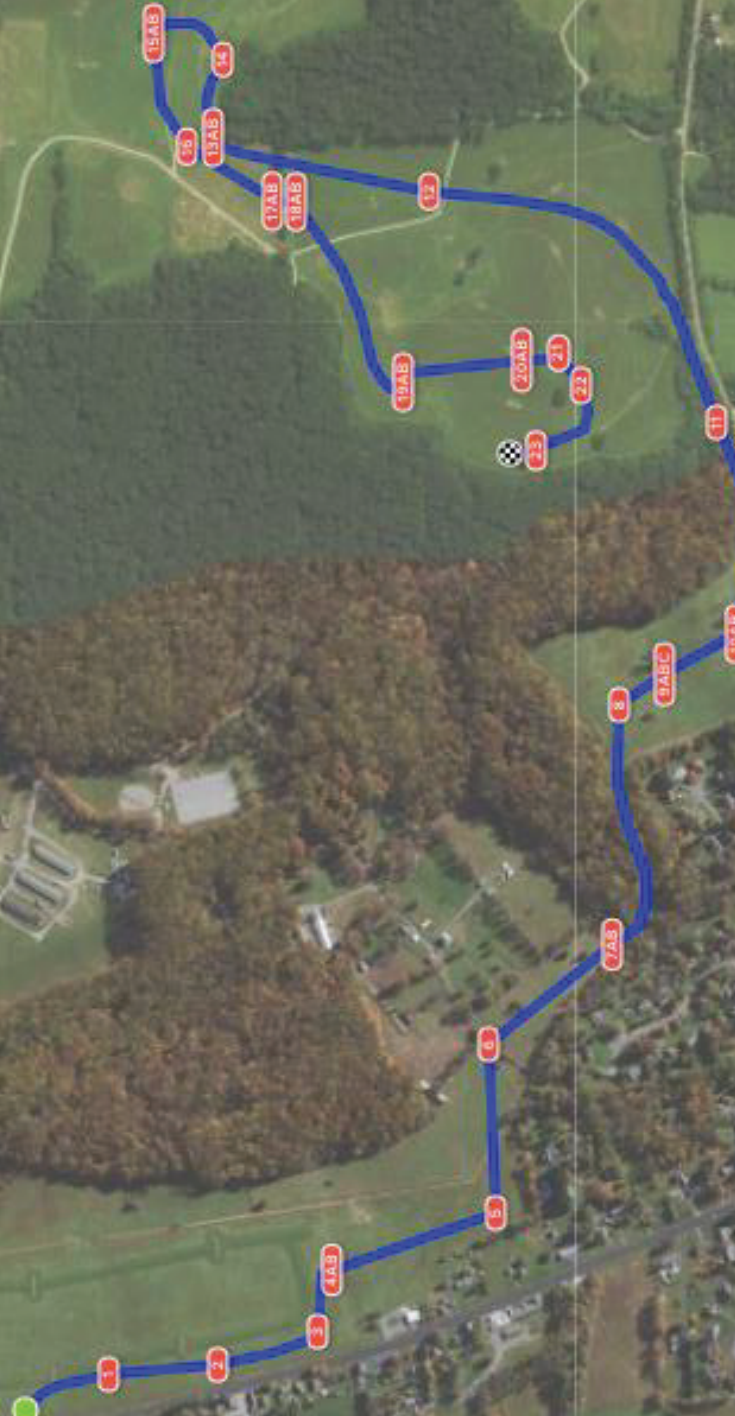
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- 1 Md Flag flower ramp
- 2 Double Brush
- 3 Paul Bunyan Table
- 4A Rolltop
- 4B Timber Field Trakehner
- 5 Firehouse Water Cargo ship
- 6 Curved Ditch and Brush
- 7AB Jefferson Porches
- 8 Ascending Oxer
- 9ABC Middle Hay Field 3* coffin
- 10AB Double Roll Brushes
- 11 Potting Shed
- 12 Pheasant Pluckers Son
- 13AB Keyhole to corner
- 14 Lincoln Logs
- 15AB Foundation Bank to Bounce
- 16 Farmhouse Corner
- 17AB Hanging crab drop to Viaduct in water
- 18AB Log off mound to Triple Brush Wedge
- 19A Open Oxer
- 19B Elephant Trap
- 20AB Roller Coaster to FH Drop
- 21 Offset Camden Yard Houses
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- 23 Horseshoe



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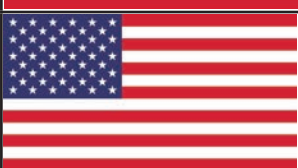
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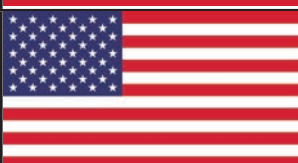
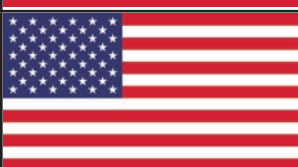


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	<p>I Spye – Alexandra Baugh 10-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Harlequin du Carel x Lombardos Corner, by Lombaro) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>MHS Fernhill Finale – Alexandra Baugh 9-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Verdi x MHS Ryans Daughter, by Olympic Lux) Owned by Altorac Farm</p>
	<p>Hopak de Greenbay Z – Woods Baughman 8-year-old Zangersheide gelding (Herald III x Cado de Greenbay, by Cassini I) Owned by Manderly Farm LLC</p>
	<p>Quality Obsession – Tim Bourke 8-year-old KWPN mare (Zambesi TN x Zabine W, by Indoctro) Owned by Barbara Cassani, Mary Bourke and the rider</p>
	<p>Monbeg Libertine – Tim Bourke 8-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Womanizer x Chill Lady, by Chillout) Owned by Lisa Takada</p>
	<p>Carnaby – Katherine Brown 8-year-old Oldenburg gelding (Cabachon x Clingolda, by Clinton H) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Carsonstown – Hannah Sue Burnett 9-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Lougherne Cappuchino - Nonavic Spyridonna, by Limmerick) Owned by Christa B. Schmidt</p>
	<p>Skyfall 007 – Heather Bush 12-year-old Thoroughbred gelding (Helissio x Jolie Roslin, by Joli Wasfi) Owned by the rider</p>











	<p>FE Glamour – Dana Cooke 10-year-old KWPN mare (Vigo D Arsouilles STX x Princess Roos, by Karlstad) Owned by Kingfisher Park</p>
	<p>Harlequinn – Dana Cooke 8-year-old KWPN/New Forest Pony gelding Breeding unknown Owned by the Harlequinn Syndicate LLC</p>
	<p>Truly Wiley – Sally Cousins 14-year-old Thoroughbred gelding (Salute The Truth x Tears Of A Loss) Owned by The Truly Wiley Syndicate</p>
	<p>CSF Dasset Decoy – Mary Bess Davis 8-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Flipper d’Elle*HN* x CSF Doorin Cruise, by Cruising) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Imperio Magic – Mary Bess Davis 7-year-old AES gelding (Cassander C x Khadija Des Hayettes, by Banboula du Thot) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Breakin’ All The Rules – Ellen Doughty-Hume 7-year-old Thoroughbred mare (Due Date x Lisa, by Capitalimprovement) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Cooley By Design – Gina Economou 9-year-old Zangersheide gelding (Plot Blue x Uthree Z) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Phelps – Mia Farley 8-year-old Thoroughbred gelding Breeding unknown Owned by David O’Connor</p>
	<p>Pleasant Humphrey – Will Faudree 9-year-old Thoroughbred gelding Breeding unknown Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Fernhill Limited Edition – Alex Green Kerby 12-year-old British Sport Horse gelding (Take It 2 The Limit x Top Totty, by Puissance) Owned by Paul Green</p>
	<p>Cooley Gentleman – Lillian Heard 7-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Acorad 3 x HHS Crystal Clear) Owned by the rider</p>

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	<p>Welbourne – Juli Sebring 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood/Thoroughbred gelding Breeding unknown Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Ideal HX – Shannon Lilley 8-year-old KWPN gelding (Vittorio x Elocia, by Ustinov) Owned by Alex Lilley and the rider</p>
	<p>Keysoe – Kimberley Keeton 11-year-old Thoroughbred gelding (Maverick x Lovely Ghost) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Audacious – Kendal Lehari 8-year-old Canadian Sport Horse gelding (Ironman x Meagan's Mayflower) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Catarina – Boyd Martin 8-year-old Holsteiner mare (Cascadello I x Bouquet du Ro, by Diarado) Owned by Nancy Hathaway</p>
	<p>HAH Vamanos – Caroline Martin 8-year-old Zangersheide gelding (Andiamo VH Kapelhof Z x Quasimodelle Kapelhof Z) Owned by Sherrie Martin and the rider</p>
	<p>Redfield Dexter – Caroline Martin 8-year-old KWPN gelding (Dexter R x Zyreina Weering, by Solitair) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Harbin – Joe Meyer 11-year-old Irish Thoroughbred gelding (Verglas x Rainbow City, by Rainbow Quest) Owned by Rebecca Brown</p>
	<p>Flying Again – Lauren New 9-year-old Thoroughbred gelding (Awesome Again x Casperina, by Golden Missile) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Zick Zack – Elinor O'Neil 12-year-old Swedish Warmblood mare (Blue Hors Zack x Mercedes, by Master) Owned by Sally Cox</p>

	<p>Flashback – Alina Patterson 10-year-old German Sport Horse gelding (Fuerst Fugger x Queen of Joy, by Quarterback) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Camarillo – Doug Payne 7-year-old German Sport Horse gelding (Chicardo x Rehobeth, by Riverman) Owned by Patrice Jennings-Rado and the rider</p>
	<p>RF Eloquence – Meg Pellegrini 16-year-old Holsteiner gelding (Contender x D-Ginger, by Grundyman) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Slow Heart Break – Missy Ransenhousen 11-year-old Thoroughbred gelding (Johar x Born To Royalty, by King of Kings) Owned by Bonnie and Jeffrey Kibbie</p>
	<p>On Broadway – Alex Reed 14-year-old Thoroughbred gelding (Mass Market x Catz, by Catrail) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>Global Inviato DHI – Autumn Schweiss 8-year-old KWPN gelding (Up To Date x Rosieta P, by Lancelot) Owned by Julie Schweiss</p>
	<p>LVS Dasset Charisma – Marley Stone Bourke 12-year-old Irish Sport Horse mare (Cobra x Windsor Black Minstral, by Black Minstral) Owned by Tim Bourke and the rider</p>
	<p>FE Mactan – Sydney Solomon 8-year-old Wurttemberg gelding (Metteur x FBW Hopelja, by Heraldik) Owned by Leslie Solomon and the rider</p>
	<p>Crystal Crescent Moon – Allison Springer 8-year-old Connemara/Thoroughbred gelding (Catherston Dazzler x Ebony Moon, by Mystic Replica) Owned by Nancy Winter</p>
	<p>Vandyke – Allison Springer 7-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Vancouver x Shannondale Willow, by Touchdown) Owned by the Rico Syndicate LLC</p>

CCI3*-L Entries

	<p>Superstorm Sandy – Lucia Strini 11-year-old Irish Sport Horse mare (Russel x Jenaway Dream, by Mister Lord) Owned by Plain Dealing Farm and Benita Strini</p>
	<p>Corture – Briggs Surratt 8-year-old Thoroughbred cross mare (Cor Magnifique x Leap of Faith, by Malthus) Owned by Elisa Wallace and the rider</p>
	<p>Jos Bravio – Dani Sussman 10-year-old Argentine Silla gelding (Jos Fapillon x Remonta Guinea II, by Chiasso) Owned by the rider</p>
	<p>My Atlantic Spark – Chris Talley 7-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Atlantic Sparkey x Atlantic Tracey, by Maltstriker) Owned by Jessica Chappell</p>
	<p>Ulises – Oliver Townend 14-year-old Spanish Sport Horse gelding (Fines x Emeraude du Ponet, by Un Amour IV) Owned by Juli Sebring</p>
	<p>Limited Edition – Rebecca von Schweinitz 13-year-old Oldenburg mare (Licotus x Delta Queen, by Curacao) Owned by Kimberley von Schweinitz</p>
	<p>Riot Gear – Elisa Wallace 12-year-old Oldenburg gelding (Confetti x Lucy, by Fuerst Gotthard) Owned by Steve and Vicki Sukup</p>
	<p>Munson Slew – Elisa Wallace 10-year-old Thoroughbred gelding (Chesterfield Slew x Miami Advice, by Mister Jolie) Owned by Rick Wallace</p>
	<p>Sharp Decision – Elisa Wallace 10-year-old Thoroughbred gelding (Sharp Humor x Reining Princess, by Storm Boot) Owned by Susan Day</p>
	<p>Happily Twisted – Kim Wendel 10-year-old Thoroughbred gelding (Oliver's Twist x Runaway Elegance, Runaway Groom) Owned by the rider</p>



Cooley Kildaire – Sharon White
8-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding
(Fortunus x HHS Clo Jo, by Clover Echo)
Owned by Manon Davidson



Apogee – Arden Wildasin
14-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding
(Harlequinn du Carel x Lavalley Breeze, by Sky Boy)
Owned by the rider



Sunday Times – Arden Wildasin
14-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding
(Cult Hero x Lackaghbeg Crest, by Sea Crest)
Owned by the rider



Cooley Flight – Ryan Wood
9-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding
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The Dutta Corp. Young Event Horse East Coast Championship: Four-Year-Old Entries

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Redtail Whistler Rider: Claire Anderson	Westphalian gelding (Toronto x Miss Bizzi) Owned by Sally Cox Bred by Sally Cox
Undercover Quality Rider: Tim Bourke	Irish Sport Horse gelding (Chacoa x KEC Safari) Owned by Lisa Takada Bred by William Kennedy
Quintessa AF Matthew Bryner	Oldenburg mare (Qredit x All That Glitters) Owned by Lily Kovach Bred by Denise Hayman
Excel Star Ever Hopeful Rider: Courtney Cooper	Irish Sport Horse gelding (Rehy High Society x Kilkee Girl) Owned by the Dare To Dream Team Bred by Michael Blake
Na Hoku Rider: Sarah Cousins	Thoroughbred mare (Americain x Tustin) Owned by Melissa Stubenberg Bred by Richard Forbush
Chesterland's Silver Lining Rider: Bruce Davidson Sr	Irish Sport Horse gelding (Keltic Lion x Rolex) Owned by Noah and Samantha Stanlaske Bred by the rider
Judge Johnny Rider: Carleigh Fedorka	Thoroughbred gelding (Empire Maker x Lucas Street) Owned by Bonne Chance Farm LLC Bred by Bonne Chance Farm LLC

YEH: 4-Year-Old Entries


Islander Rider: Savannah Fulton	Oldenburg stallion (Innerness x Sandro Skyy) Owned by Ursula Ferrier Bred by Ursula Ferrier
Innspired Rider: Savannah Fulton	Swedish Warmblood mare (Innerness x Magie's Moonlight Inspiration) Owned by Shari Rayne Bred by Shari Rayne
Lanakai Rider: Alexandra Green Kerby	Oldenburg gelding (Levisonn x Avalon) Owned by the rider Bred by Elizabeth Callahan
FVF Wildflower Rider: Ema Klugman	Oldenburg mare (Westport x dam unlisted) Owned by the rider Bred by the rider
Archelos Rider: Rebecca Lee	Thoroughbred gelding (Despite The Odds x Speedboat Sally) Owned by April Shepherd Bred by Robin H. Perry
As Good As Cash Rider: Caroline Martin	Holsteiner gelding (Casand Carry x Almoretta) Owned by the rider Breeder unknown
HSH Best Kept Secret Rider: Caroline Martin	Irish Sport Horse gelding (Adieu Z x unknown dam) Owned by the rider Breeder unknown
Mister Chin Rider: Caroline Martin	KWPN gelding (Gaspahr x Z-Retina SR) Owned by the rider Breeder unknown
Redfield Mary Jane Rider: Caroline Martin	Warmblood mare (Fandango HX x Ucarola) Owned by the rider Breeder unknown
Mystic Serenade Rider: Abigail McGowan	Irish Sport Horse mare (Soprano x Mystic Joy) Owned by the rider Bred by the rider

YEH: 4-Year-Old Entries

Virginia Peach Rider: Amelia McGuirk	Thoroughbred mare (Swiss Yodeler x Nashi) Owned by the rider Bred by Ray and Patricia Pennington
Zenith Petite Etoile Rider: Lauren New	Westphalian mare (Quebec x Vativia) Owned by Molly Adams Bred by European Warmblood Stallion Zentrum INC
Reina Van Hellehof Rider: Elinor O'Neal	Belgian Warmblood mare (Gino H x Surprise Van Paradijs) Owned by Elinor MacPhail O'Neal Bred by Lieven Baten
Infinite Muis Rider: Shannon Riley	Dutch Warmblood gelding (Impressive VDL x Imora) Owned by Ryan Wicker Bred by Bosman Van De Most
La Russe Petite Rider: Claire Robinson	Trakehner mare (Stiletto PGE x d) Owned by the rider Bred by Royal Palm Farm
Karisa T Rider: Colleen Rutledge	Holsteiner mare (Caligula II x Elena T) Owned by the rider Bred by Andras Szieberth
Cool Springs Mr. Darcy Rider: Alexandra Saksen	Connemara gelding (Blue Ridge Monroe x Zaria) Owned by Jill McNicol Bred by Jill McNicol
24 Carat Quality Rider: Greta Schwickert	Irish Sport Horse gelding (Cobra 18 x Greenhall Maybe So) Owned by Kent Schwickert Breeder unknown
Sing To Me Cooley Rider: John Secan	Irish Sport Horse mare (Tyson x Milchem Dreamer) Owned by Hedgerow Farm Bred by Jaclyn Whitaker

YEH: 4-Year-Old Entries

Electric Quality Rider: Marley Stone Bourke	Irish Sport Horse mare (S Creevagh Ferro Ex Siebe x Tynan Lily) Owned by the rider Bred by Marshall Jenkinson
MBF Gambler Rider: Kim Wendel	Irish Sport Horse gelding (Ramiro B x Monalease) Owned by Wendel Veterinary Services Bred by MBF Sporthorses/Brian Flynn
Castle Cavalier Rider: Ryan Wood	Irish Sport Horse gelding (Sligo Candy Boy x Rosalita) Owned by Amy Peloquin and the rider Bred by Fran and Grace Kelly
Fernhill Domino Rider: Ryan Wood	Irish Sport Horse gelding (Sligo Candy Boy x Unbelievable Cappolla) Owned by the Fernhill Domino Syndicate Bred by Emily Smallman
Nesbitt Rider: Ryan Wood	Irish Sport Horse mare (High Scope x Connelly Road) Owned by Martha Barchowsky Bred by Martha Barchowsky



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Kung Fu Quality Rider: Tim Bourke	Thoroughbred gelding (Imothep x Rose and Crown) Owned by Marley Stone Bourke Bred by Sally Futh
LJS Lana Traveler Rider: Emily Bradford	Dutch Warmblood mare (R Johnson x Saretta) Owned by the rider Bred by Lazy J Sporthorses
Quaden AF Rider: Matthew Bryner	Oldenburg stallion (Qredit HTF x Glitter) Owned by the rider Bred by Equisential LLC and the rider
Bond 007 Rider: Heather L. Bush	Dutch Warmblood gelding (Emilion x Z Adermie) Owned by the rider Bred by J. Bakker
Butts Arthur Rider: Daniel Clasing	Warmblood gelding (Graf Top x Heraldik's Angara) Owned by the Butts Arthur Group and the rider Bred by Shauna Spurlock
Jaguar My Rider: Daniel Clasing	Sport Horse gelding (Jaguar Mail x Katlyn Lil) Owned by Dennis Glaccum Bred by Dennis Glaccum
Briarhill Excel Star Take 2 Rider: Courtney Cooper	Irish Sport Horse mare (King's Comet x Briarhill Cruise) Owned by the B.E.S.T. Group Bred by Neal Camens
Redfield Splash of Cream Rider: Ivie Cullen-Dean	Warmblood gelding (Canabis Z x Violette II) Owned by the rider Bred by N.J.H. van der Meet

YEH: 5-Year-Old Entries

Chesterland's Sunswick Rider: Bruce Davidson Sr	Thoroughbred mare (Keltic Lion x Tears Of A Loss) Owned by the rider Bred by the rider
L'Amour WV Rider: Gabby Dickerson	Dutch Warmblood gelding (Harley VDL x Eneve WV) Owned by Arnoud Sekreve Bred by Wesseks/Vetker
EverdanceRSF Rider: Ellen Doughty-Hume	Oldenburg gelding (Everdale x Eavesdrop) Owned by the rider Bred by Melissa Scherer
Lincoln's Address Rider: Phillip Dutton	Thoroughbred gelding (Union Rags x Sincerely) Owned by Evie Dutton Breeder unknown
BE Capricorn Rider: Phillip Dutton	Irish Sport Horse gelding (Capri Van Ovriz Z x ESI Lady) Owned by Brett Handy Breeder unknown
Fernhill Pimms Jr Rider: Elyse Eisenberg	Irish Sport Horse gelding (Randolin x Celestial Touch) Owned by the rider Bred by Imelda Creighton
HH Goldfinch Rider: Mia Farley	Quarter Horse gelding (SHS Owlie Todd x Scamps Powder) Owned by Nicle Byars Bred by Arnold Langley
Invictus Rider: Mia Farley	American Warmblood gelding (Diarado x Sunset Paradise) Owned by Karen O'Connor Bred by Karen O'Connor
BGS Calculated Chaos Rider: Mia Farley	Irish Sport Horse mare (OBOS Quality 004 x Frisky Amber) Owned by Danny Samson Bred by Mia Farley
Sparrowhawk WE Rider: Ariana Freeman	Oldenburg gelding (Rabble Rouser WE x Husabye Lady) Owned by Wits End Eventing Breeder unknown
Velvet Alley Rider: Savannah Fulton	Thoroughbred mare (Courageous Cat x Shak Shak) Owned by Lauren Axelle Bred by Nick Wilson
Mahket Basket Rider: Lindsey Hall	Thoroughbred gelding (Drill x Wedding Bells Soon) Owned by the rider Bred by M.C. Reardon and Jorge Burgos

YEH: 5-Year-Old Entries

<p>HSH Hillside D'Artagnan Rider: Megan Kepferle</p>	<p>Irish Sport Horse gelding (Larcon x BM Barbie Doll) Owned by the rider Bred by Katy Murphy and Belmont Stud</p>
<p>Quality Collusion Rider: Babette Lenna</p>	<p>Irish Sport Horse gelding (OBOS Quality x KEC Sassari) Owned by Lauren Norton Bred by William Kennedy</p>
<p>Lynton Rider: Megan Loughnane</p>	<p>KWPN gelding (Glenfiddich VDL x Zonnelay) Owned by the rider Breeder unknown</p>
<p>Galwaybay Redfield HSH Connor Rider: Caroline Martin</p>	<p>Irish Sport Horse gelding (Connor 48 x Galwaybay Merstona) Owned by Emil Spadone Breeder unknown</p>
<p>HSH Crypto Rider: Caroline Martin</p>	<p>Irish Sport Horse gelding (Casallco x Cumano Kiss) Owned by the rider Breeder unk</p>
<p>HSH Redfield Haras Rider: Caroline Martin</p>	<p>Irish Sport Horse gelding (OBOS Quality x Kilmullen Cruisalier) Owned by the rider Breeder unknown</p>
<p>Redfield Legend Rider: Caroline Martin</p>	<p>KWPN gelding (Cicero Z Van Paemel x Free Time) Owned by the rider Breeder unknown</p>
<p>Cooley Cadence Rider: Erin Murphy</p>	<p>Holsteiner gelding (Caricello x Starry Eyes) Owned by the rider Bred by Catherine Moynagh</p>
<p>Creative Genius Rider: Elinor O'Neal</p>	<p>Thoroughbred gelding (Creative Cause x Bonnie Rose) Owned by Elinor MacPhail O'Neal Bred by Lazy Lane Farms Inc.</p>
<p>FE Lions Darco Rider: Elinor O'Neal</p>	<p>Westphalian gelding (Latour DVM x Stutbuch 1 Claire) Owned by Elinor MacPhail O'Neal Bred by Christian Niemeyer</p>
<p>Adagio's Nobility Rider: Holly Payne Caravella</p>	<p>Holsteiner gelding (Adagio de Talma x Noble Lady) Owned by Mary Bancroft Bred by Martin Prignitz</p>

YEH: 5-Year-Old Entries

Vince Van Go Rider: Doug Payne	Trakehner gelding (Stiletto x Visions of Grandeur) Owned by Debi Crowley Bred by Debi Crowley
Cooley On A Quest Rider: Catherine Pournelle	Irish Sport Horse gelding (Ramiro B x Beyond Rubies) Owned by the rider Bred by Linda Hudson
Remington Steele Rider: Maggie Proffitt	Dutch Warmblood gelding Breeding unknown Owned by the rider Breeder unknown
Ingress Rider: Shannon Riley	Trakehner stallion (Tatendrang x Isla Mujeres) Owned by Janice Simons Bred by Janice Simons of Infinite Loop Farm
Zenith Fly Me To The Moon Rider: Alexandra Saksen	Irish Sport Horse gelding (Fairly Ransom x Doris Daye) Owned by the Sparrow Syndicate Bred by Hilary O'Co
SH Just For Laughs Rider: Lexi Scovil	American Warmblood gelding (Weston Justice x Laugh Out Loud) Owned by the rider Bred by the rider
Qualitini Rider: Marley Stone Bourke	Irish Sport Horse mare (Womanizer x Chill Lady) Owned by the rider Bred by Anne O'Malley
Gina Rider: Chris Talley	Hanoverian mare (Gentleman x Ballerina) Owned by Corwin Sport Horse LLC Bred by Hartwig Van Holten
Loughtown Cici ZA Rider: Chris Talley	Irish Sport Horse mare (CC Captain Clover x Castledown Diamond Clover) Owned by the rider Breeder unknown
Rappahannock Rider: Chris Talley	Oldenburg gelding (Rosenthal x Sunny Dey) Owned by Lynn Berry Bred by Lynn Berry
Sarabande Rider: Chris Talley	Oldenburg gelding (Sonatra Song x Savannah's Sweet Harmony) Owned by Lisa Barry Bred by Lisa Barry



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The past year and a half has been a learning experience for us. With the Covid-19 pandemic affecting all aspects of life – and changing the way we see the world in the process – we needed to evolve and step up to the new challenges we were facing. I'm very proud of the Eventing Nation team for navigating the twists and turns together, never failing to see the big picture and always putting that little bit of extra effort into their work.

So it's our honor and privilege to introduce our latest Form Guide in partnership with the inaugural Maryland 5 Star. We are a small, remote team, and my eternal gratitude will truly never be enough to thank our all-star writers for making this project a reality.

Our goal is to bring each horse and rider into focus from an intimate angle, both for the true-blue eventing nerd and for the newly indoctrinated who've only just learned about the sport. Each rider has worked immensely hard to be here, and the words we've written about them merely scratches the surface of the incredible effort it takes to become a five-star rider.

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Shelby Allen grew up riding thanks to a mother who shares her love for horses. Hilltoppers Pony Club got her hooked on the thrill of going cross county, and she hasn't looked back since. After a two-year stint living in Middleburg, Va. and working for the USEA, Shelby joined the EN team in 2017. She now lives in Georgia with her trio of fantastic guys: Justin (the horse), Franklin (the dog), Kody (the understanding husband).

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BUCK DAVIDSON

★ ★ ★
CARLEVO



Owner: Katherine O'Brien

Age: Fourteen

Height: 16.3hh

Breed: Holsteiner

Pedigree: Caresino x Ramatuelle, by Levernois

Country: USA

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:
28.6

SPEED PREDICTION:
10

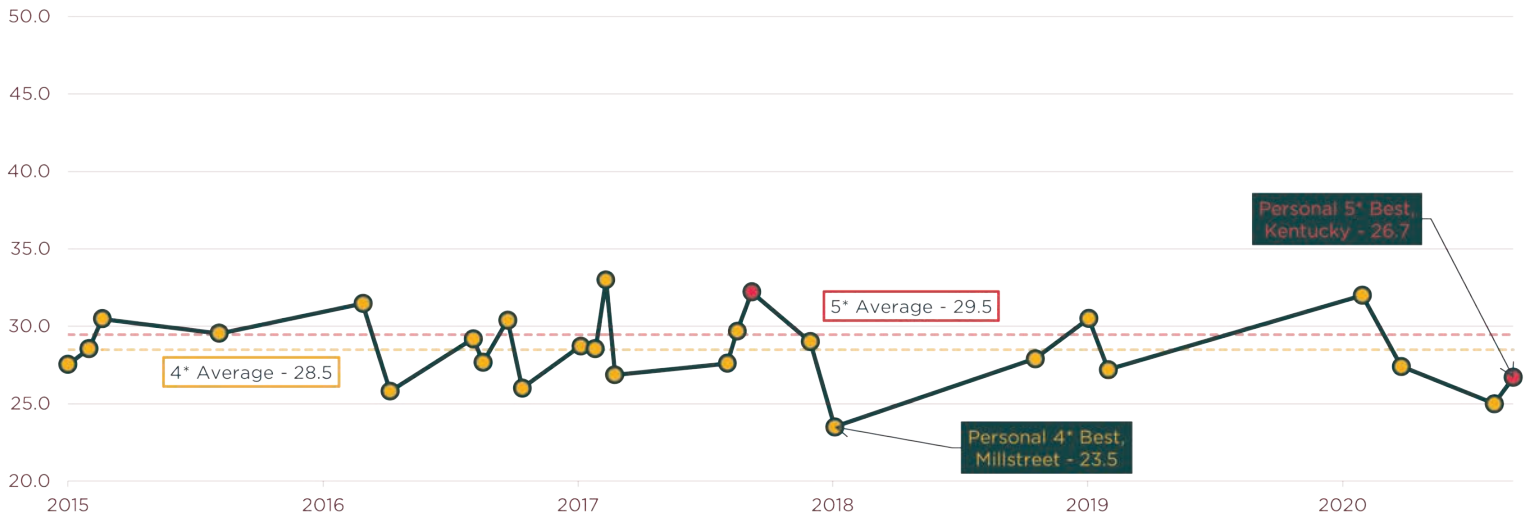
PREDICTED POLES:
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If Carlevo was a person, he might be the kind of chap who wears airy harem trousers and has to pay for extra pages in his passport. That's how well-travelled this experienced gelding is (though as Buck describes it, his vibe is a bit more 'high-flying CEO with a heart of gold'). His career began in Germany with Dirk Schrade, and since joining Buck's string in 2015, he's competed at the likes of Boekelo CCI04*-L in the Netherlands, Blenheim Palace in the UK, Tattersalls and Millstreet in Ireland, and Aachen in Germany. He's also headed north of the border, with a fourth-place finish at Canada's Bromont CCI4*-L in 2019 - but surprisingly, for all that jetsetting, this will only be his third CCI5*. He completed Kentucky in 2018 and again this spring, finishing in the top twenty both times. As the very last horse out of the box, and in the worst of the weather this year, he produced rather a slower round than we'd expect - so expect him to deliver his best-ever performance here. After all, he has venue form: he was fourth in the CCI4*-L back in 2017.



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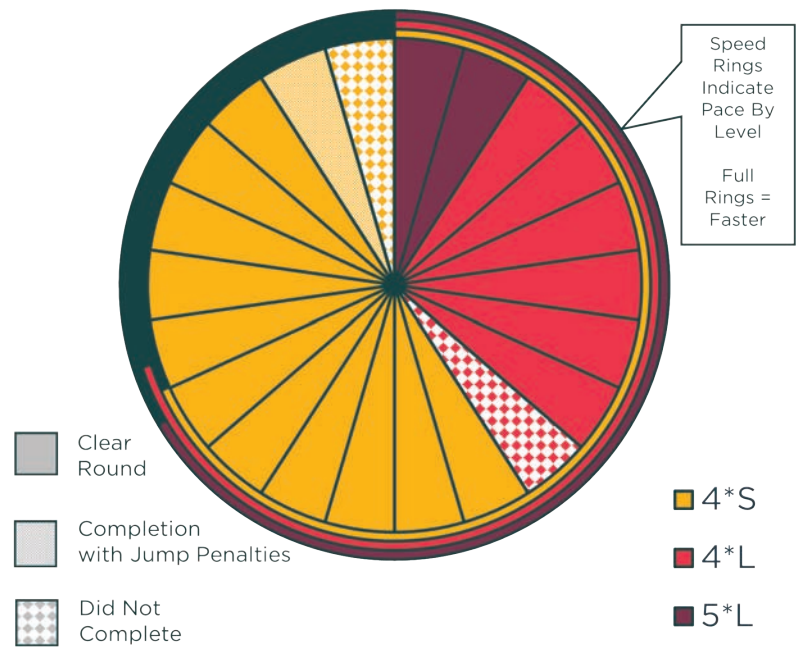
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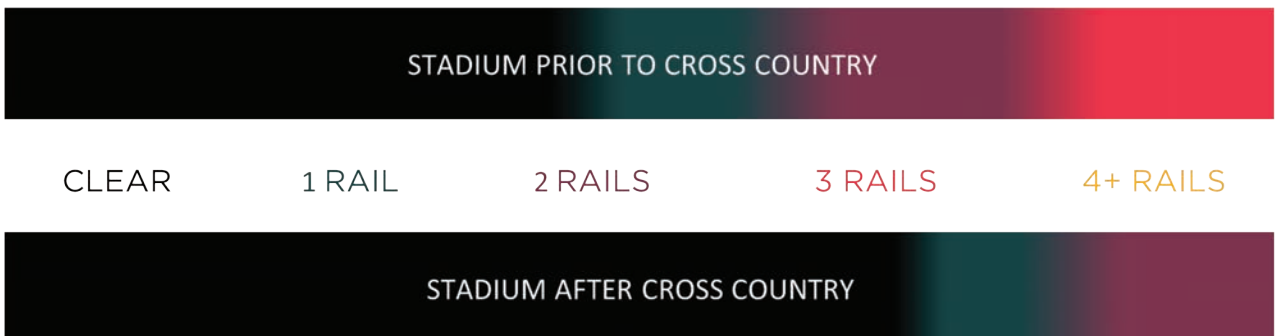
BY THE NUMBERS

Carlevo has jumped clear for a top-twenty finish in both previous outings at five-star, so this duo will be feeling confident as they head to a venue where they've previously done well at CCI4*-L level. You can expect them to put up a fight in the first phase, as their scores inch ever-closer to the mid-20s, and they should be classy and reliable across the country, though not among the fastest. It all hinges on the showjumping for this pair: they're just as likely to go clear as they are to take two or three rails.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE





BOYD MARTIN

★ ★ ★

LONG ISLAND T



Owner: The Long Island T Syndicate

Age: Fourteen

Height: 16.2hh

Breed: Oldenburg

Pedigree: Ludwig von Bayern x Highlight, by Heraldik XX

Country: USA

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

27.3

SPEED PREDICTION:

1.6

PREDICTED POLES:

0

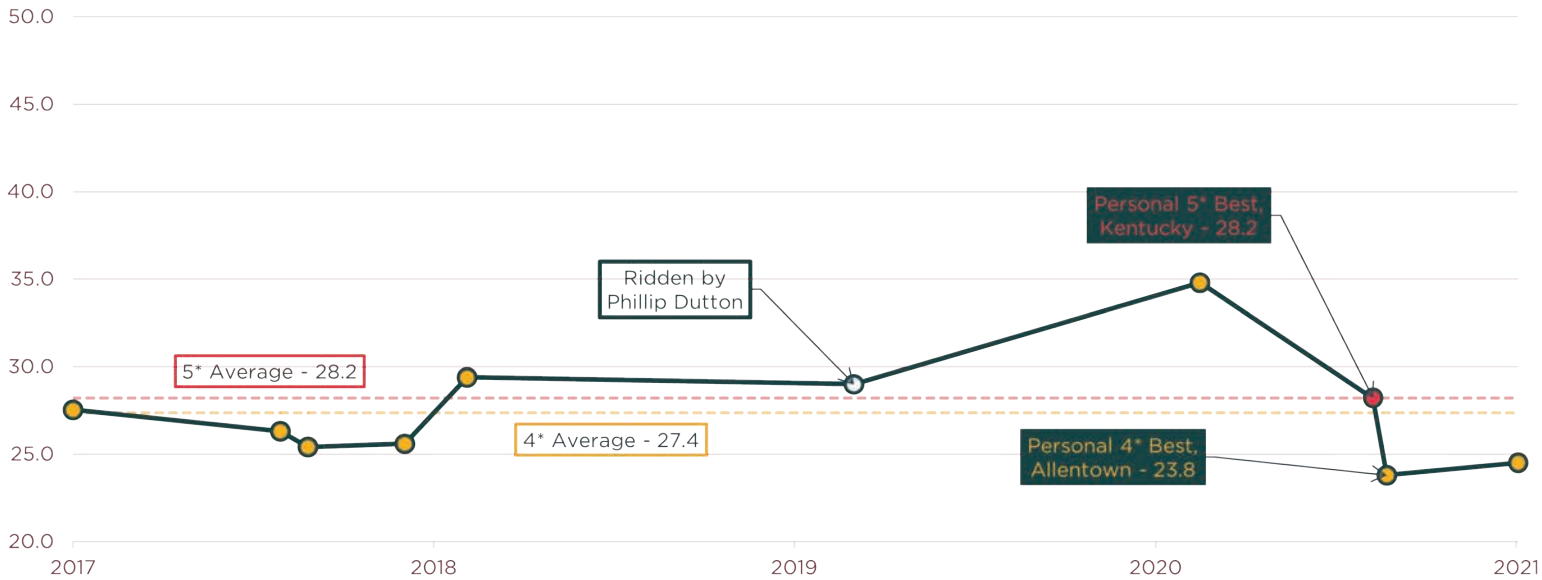


After competing up through the former CCI2* level with Canada's Peter Barry, Long Island T (or "Ludwig" as he's known around the barn) was acquired by Boyd Martin through the Long Island T Syndicate after the 2016 season. Boyd took some time to acquaint himself with the big, strong German-bred gelding and eventually brought him to Kentucky this past April for his CCI5* debut. It wasn't meant to be, however, as the two parted ways coming out of the Head of the Lake complex in Kentucky.

Since then, Boyd has worked to get Ludwig's confidence back up to brimming. He rebounded nicely at Jersey Fresh following Kentucky, finishing 10th in the CCI4*-L there, but also encountered some trouble on course at the USEA American Eventing Championships over the summer. For his final prep run, Boyd stepped the gelding down to the Preliminary level, where he won his division on an impressive score of 15.9.

We know that this horse has talent and potential spades, but the question mark still remains as to whether or not Long Island T will prove his mettle as a five-star horse this weekend. If he does, expect him to put up a very competitive performance.

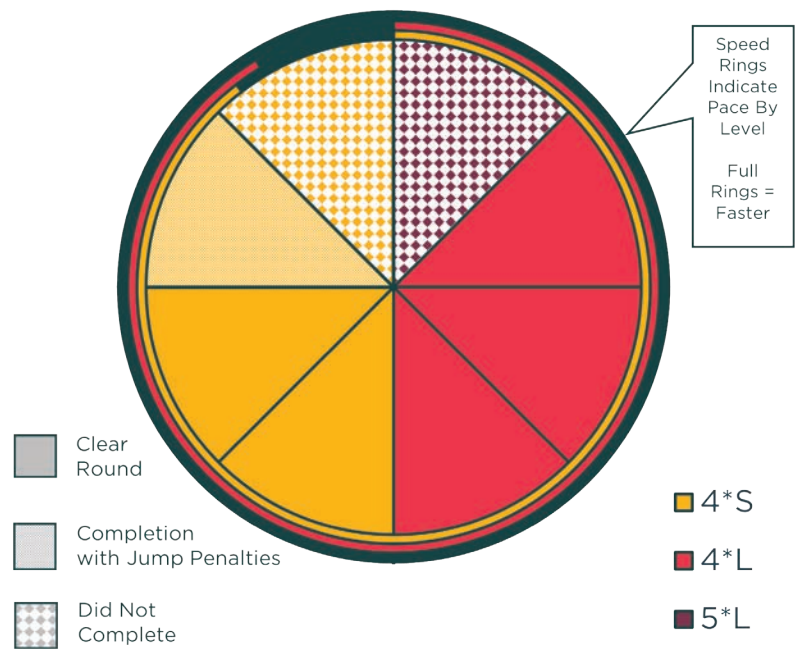
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BY THE NUMBERS

Ludwig has two excellent phases and one that remains a bit of a wild card, but his hugely experienced rider has put a lot of time, effort, and patience into producing the German gelding and this could be his week to shine. Expect him to put up a fight in the first phase and feature among the best of the US contingent, and on Sunday, you can look forward to a likely clear round, too. Saturday could go either way, but after an educational season, we suspect this could be the horse's moment to shine.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE

STADIUM PRIOR TO CROSS COUNTRY

CLEAR

1 RAIL

2 RAILS

3 RAILS

4+ RAILS

STADIUM AFTER CROSS COUNTRY

WILL COLEMAN



DONDANTE



Owner: Team Rebecca LLC

Age: Eleven

Height: 17.3hh

Breed: Irish Sport Horse

Pedigree: Pachio x Muckno Clover, by Euro Clover

Country: USA

It'll be a sophomore appearance at the five-star level for Will Coleman's incredibly tall DonDante, who debuted at Kentucky in the spring but finished his week early when he hung a leg at the Head of the Lake, giving Will a free diving lesson in the process.

But as frustrating as an unplanned dunking is, it's also an educational moment - and Will will certainly have spent the months since Kentucky solidifying his form, which he's proved with a classy clear at the CCI3*-S at Great Meadow since. While it's not quite DonDante's time to fight for the win, expect him to deliver three solid performances and make the most of the course: after all, he finished 12th in his first-ever CCI4*-L here back in 2019, and he's easily one of the best showjumpers in the field with just one international rail to his name in fifteen FEI starts.

Oh, and his name? It comes from a song by My Morning Jacket - one of Will's favorite bands.

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

37.2

SPEED PREDICTION:

2.4

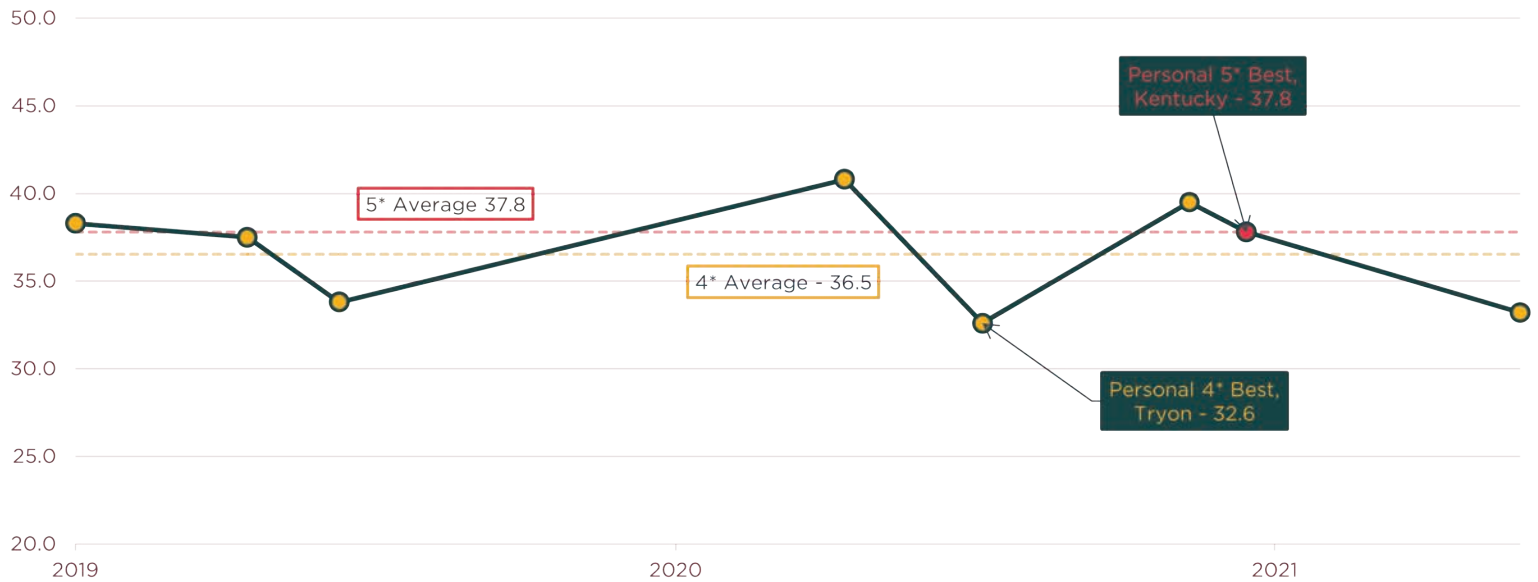
PREDICTED POLES:

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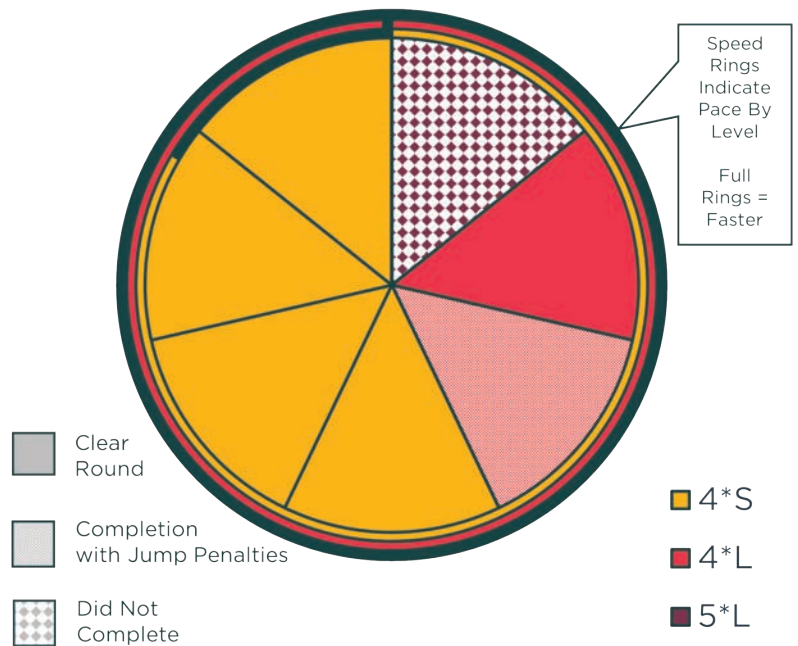
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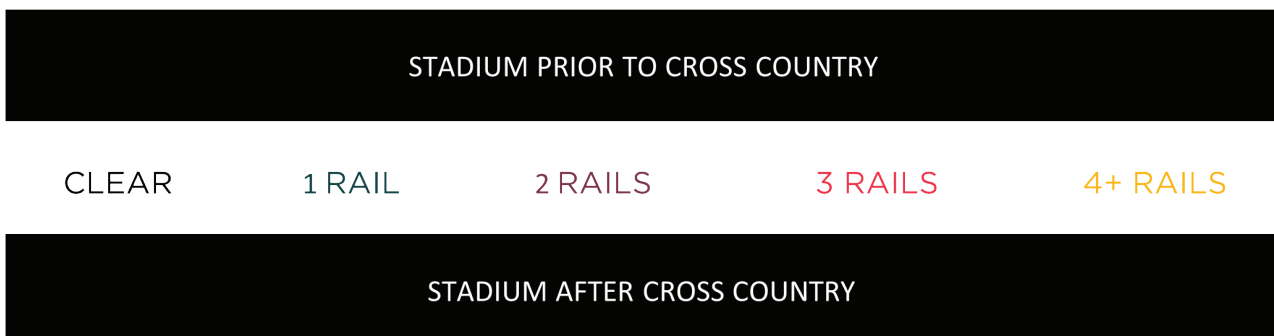
BY THE NUMBERS

The primary job on Will's mind this week will be nailing down that all-important completion with DonDante, who doesn't yet have one on his record at this level. But it won't be far from his mind that the gelding is capable of much, much more in the years to come - and could pull out a very respectable result this week, too. His first phase performance will have him out of touch with the leaders, but a solid cross-country round would help him climb - and this is the horse everyone wants to ride come Sunday.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



WILL FAUDREE



PFUN



Owner: Jennifer Mosing and Sterling Silver Stables

Age: Fourteen

Height: 16.2hh

Breed: Irish Sport Horse

Pedigree: Tadmus x Celerina, by Cento

Country: USA

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

33.4

SPEED PREDICTION:

6

PREDICTED POLES:

0



We didn't get to see the excellent Pfun make his third CCI5* this spring because the gelding was sidelined with a minor injury – but now he's back, baby, and ready to show his younger and less experienced stablemate a thing or two, despite a pretty low-mileage year. His 2021 started out well: he finished third in both the Advanced Intermediate at Pine Top and the CCI4*-S at Carolina, before enjoying a leisurely summer presumably sipping margaritas while he watched his friends go off to do the hard graft of going in circles and jumping big fences. A sparse season won't worry Will, though, because his experienced gelding has been so consistent in the eight years they've been tackling the FEI levels together. In fact, the last time Pfun had a jumping penalty in an international was on his CCI5* debut at Kentucky in 2017 – since then, he's been delivering the goods, finishing fifth in the CCI4*-L at Millstreet, Ireland and fourth in the CCI4*-S at Unionville. His dressage scores have drastically improved over the last eighteen months, and he'll be coming here to compete, not just to take part.



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LAUREN NICHOLSON



VERMICULUS



Owner: Jacqueline Mars

Age: Fourteen

Height: 16.1hh

Breed: Anglo-Arab

Pedigree: Serazim x Wake Me Gently, by Be My Native XX

Country: USA

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

30.3

SPEED PREDICTION:

8.8

PREDICTED POLES:

1

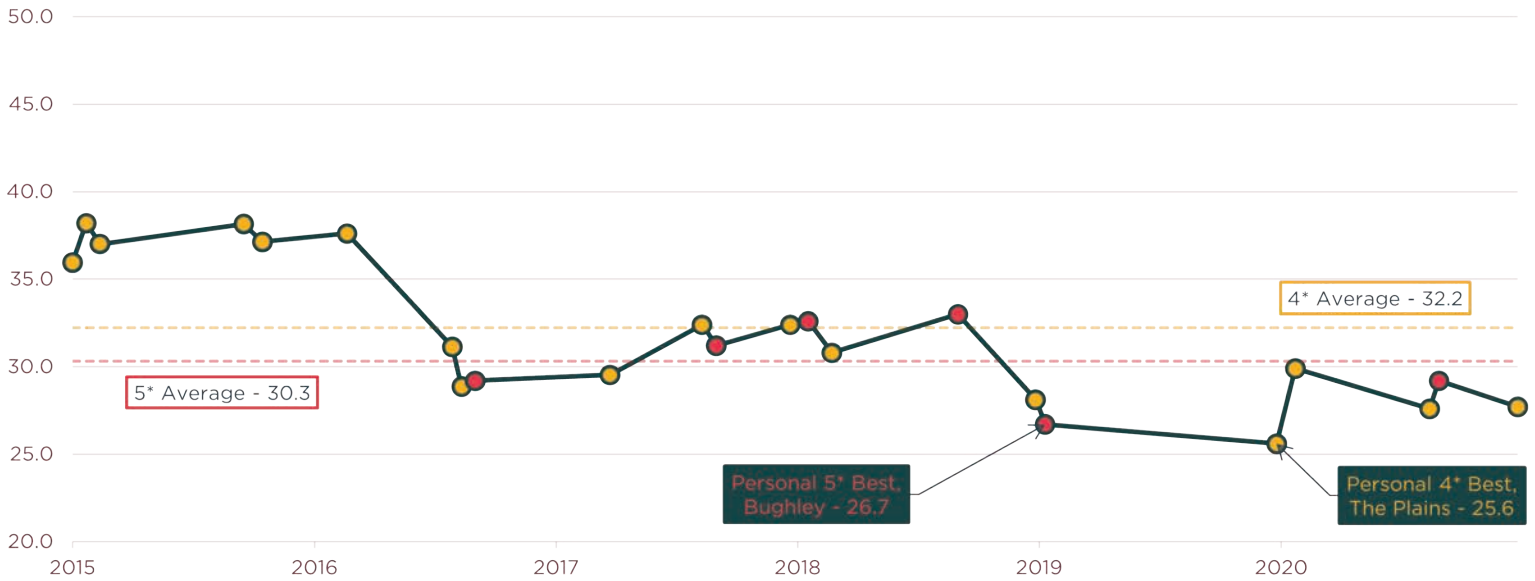
A full brother to her first CCI5* horse, Snooze Alarm, Vermiculus comes forward for his seventh start at the level. Vermiculus, whose name translates to “worm” in Latin in allusion to his brother, nicknamed “Maggot”, has become one of Lauren’s most prolific partners, partnering with her for the 2018 WEG as well as Aachen last month.

Lauren and Vermiculus earned a top-20 finish at Kentucky in April, but they’ve finished in the top 10 in three other CCI5* events, including a fifth place in the horse’s debut at the level in 2018. While a fall near the end of the 2018 WEG track cost them a championship finish, this pair is quite capable of achieving a competitive result in Maryland. Lauren would classify their performance in Aachen last month as a bit of a disappointment — she knows what this horse is capable of, and what she is capable of bringing out in him — but she’ll be setting out with a firm game plan this week.



Well-known around the barn as quite the cheeky guy, “Bug” has a larger-than-life personality. Lauren, who is widely respected for her thoughtful production of horses from the early days of their careers, has had to work through some quirks with the gelding through the years. But some tweaks have helped this pair shine their brightest, and this just could be a weekend where all that attention to detail pays off in spades.

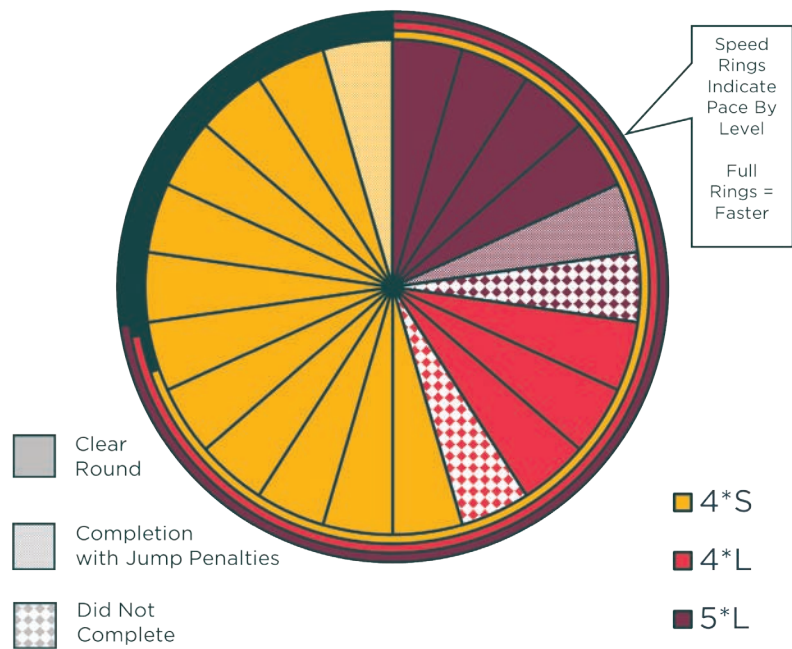
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BY THE NUMBERS

A 35.6 on their last outing at Aachen drives Vermiculus's first-phase average up, but we'll actually be looking for a sub-30 score from his fan-favorite gelding. He'll be right up there going into cross-country day, where we can expect him to be reliable and confident, and though he's not naturally as fast as some of the horses in the field, Lauren is super experienced and will seek out economical lines to shave off the seconds. They're likely to have a pole on Sunday but if they don't, we should see a top ten finish this week.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE

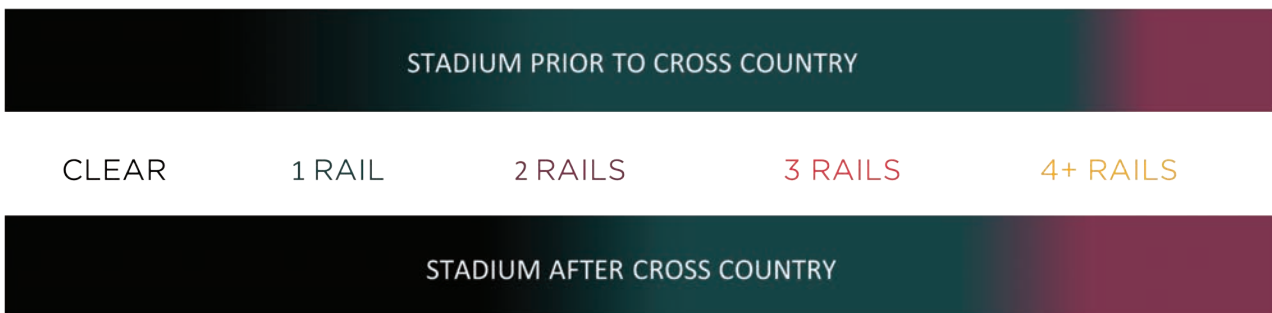


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PHILLIP DUTTON



SEA OF CLOUDS



Owner: Sea Of Clouds Partnership

Age: Ten

Height: 16hh

Breed: Thoroughbred

Pedigree: Malibu Moon XX x Winner's Ticket XX

Country: USA

This is a relatively experienced CCI5* field with just a handful of debutant horses, but the ten-year-old failed racehorse Sea Of Clouds will certainly give fans of the 'underdog' something to cheer about.

'Socs' didn't have much success on the track, and actually retired from racing after just two starts, despite costing a whopping \$170,000 as a yearling. But he'd been in training with Graham Motion, who had also trained Icabad Crane, and so the trainer - and owner Sheikh Fahad al-Thani - decided to give the system another go.

Socs proved a prodigy in his new career, winning his first-ever event, and since stepping up to the upper levels, he's picked up innumerable top-ten placings, including third in the Morven Park CCI4*-S in 2019, tenth in the Great Meadow CCI4*-S in 2020, and fifth at Jersey Fresh CCI4*-L this May. He's naturally very quick and bold, and though this is a major step up, he'll be prepared to fight for the top Thoroughbred title.

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

33.8

SPEED PREDICTION:

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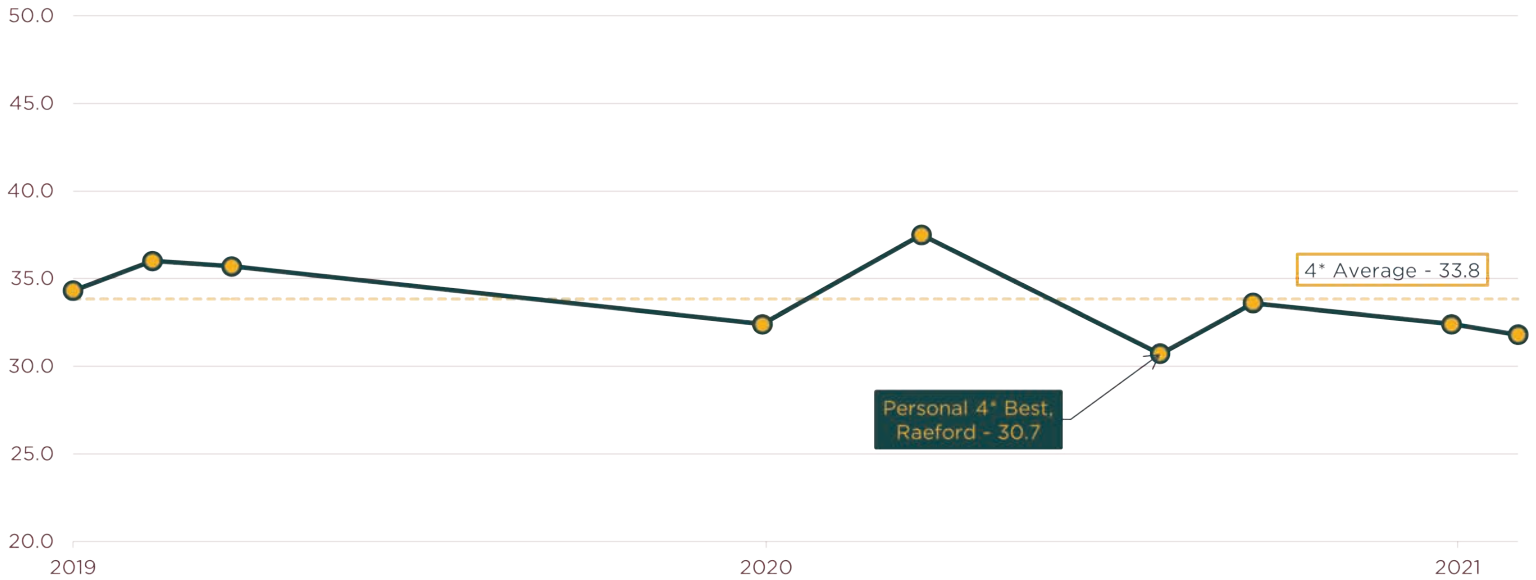
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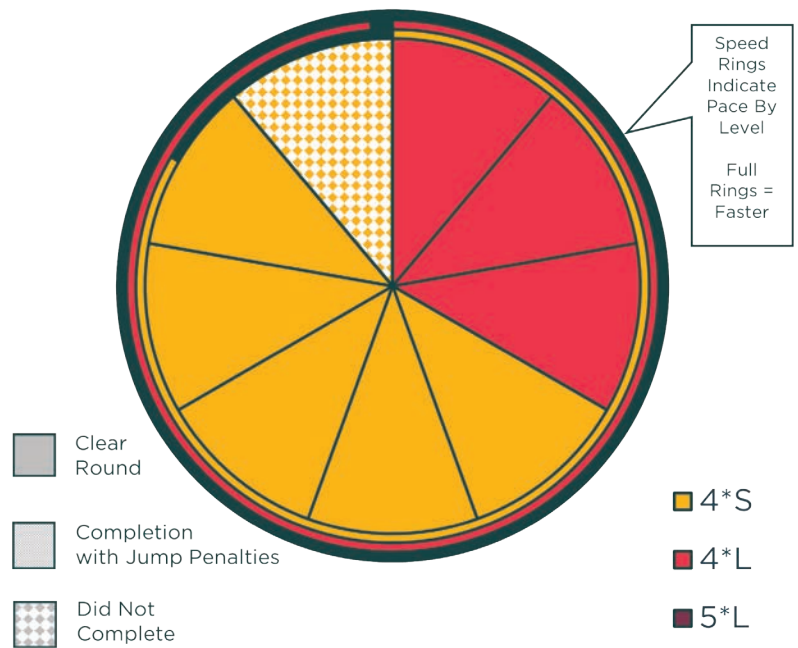
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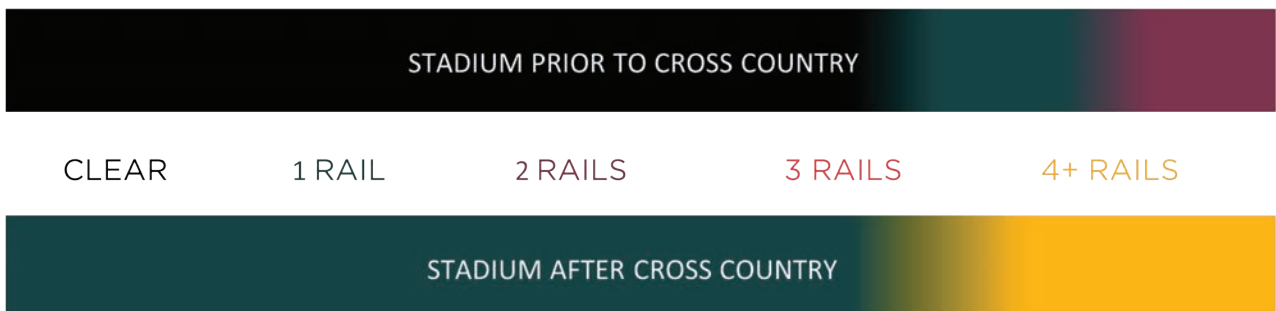
BY THE NUMBERS

Cross-country mounts don't get much more consistent than Sea Of Clouds, who has just one blip in this phase on his FEI record - but even that was just a technical elimination in his final prep run at Stable View, so we certainly can't hold it against him. This is one of the most exciting debutants of the week, particularly for fans of off-the-track Thoroughbreds - he's very capable of a low-30s score from which he can easily climb, though as he's a young, inexperienced horse, a steady and educational run could be on the cards. He won't be competitive just yet - he's still green on the final day.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



CLAYTON FREDERICKS



FE STORMTROOPER



Owner: Kingfisher Park

Age: Twelve

Height: 16.2hh

Breed: Hanoverian

Pedigree: Stakkato's Highlight x Levina, by Levisto

Country: Australia

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

33.6

SPEED PREDICTION:

14

PREDICTED POLES:

1



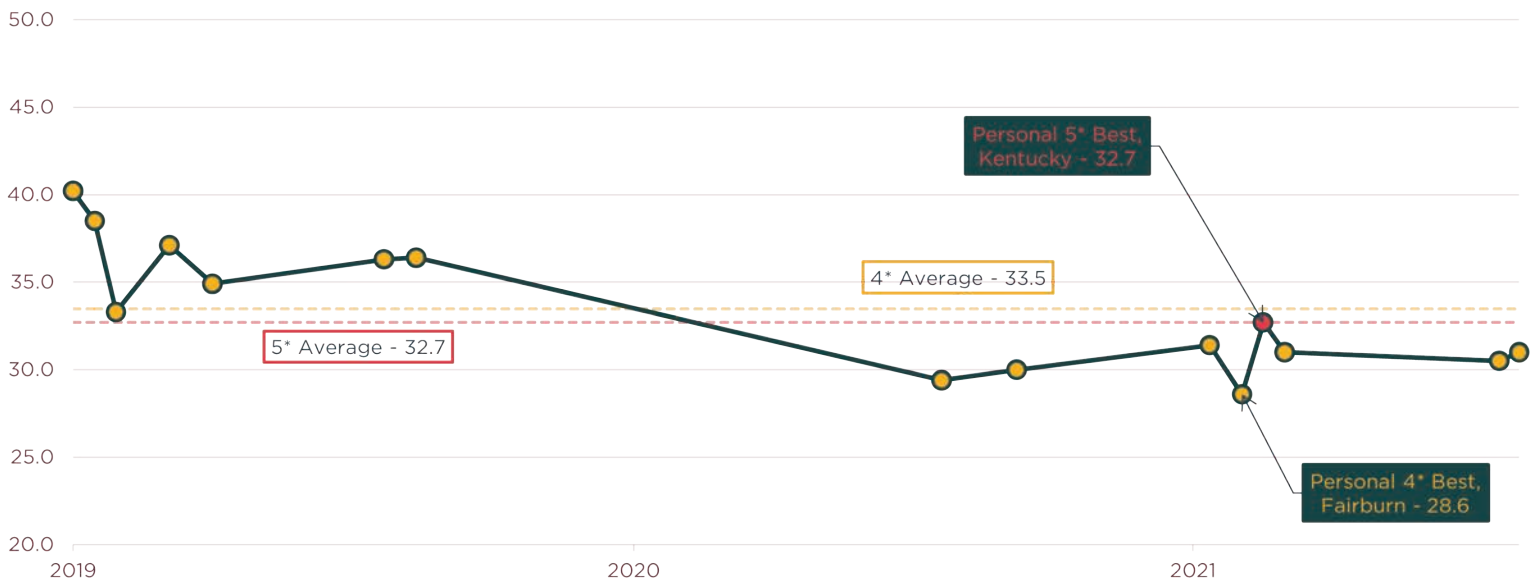
Australian Olympian Clayton brings forward an anchor member of his squad in FE Stormtrooper, who he imported under his booming Fredericks Equestrian (FE) moniker. The Hanoverian gelding was originally ridden in North America by Canada's Dana Cooke but made his way back into Clayton's program in 2018.

FE Stormtrooper made his CCI5* debut at Kentucky this spring, but a fall on cross-country eliminated the pair from competition. Clayton spent the rest of the season aiming for Maryland, and most recently the pair finished seventh in the CCI4*-S at Stable View in September.

Clayton describes FE Stormtrooper as an interesting type of character: a bit on the nervous side, but he's begun to really come into his own over the recent months. Confidence has been the key as they continue their march toward Maryland, and Clayton has been pleased with the gelding's ramping up for round two at the five-star level.

Clayton and his wife, Lisa, run a busy operation with importing horses, operating Fredericks Equestrian International temporary stabling, designing cross country courses, and raising their son, Hunter. Despite the omnipresent hustle, Clayton's managed to produce a handful of horses up to the five-star level, and he's ready to give a masterclass this weekend.

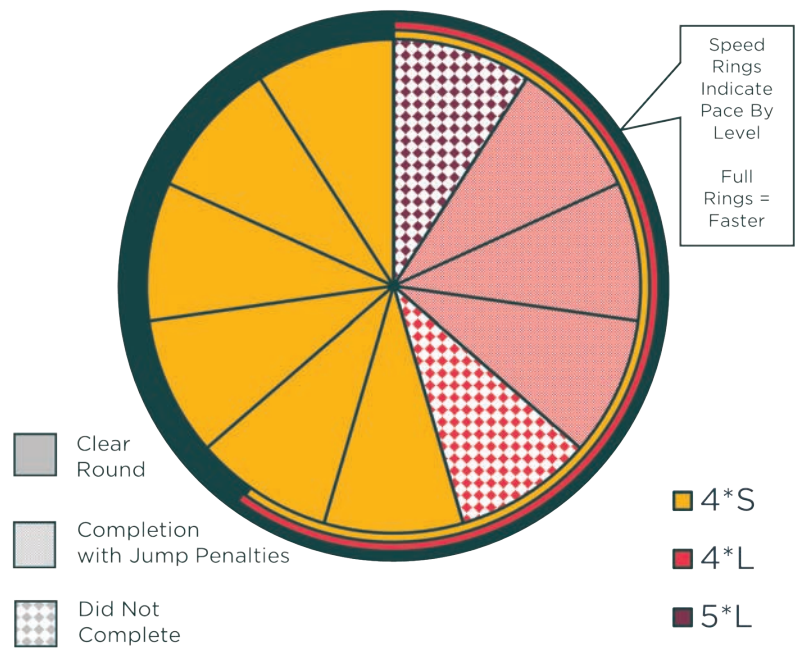
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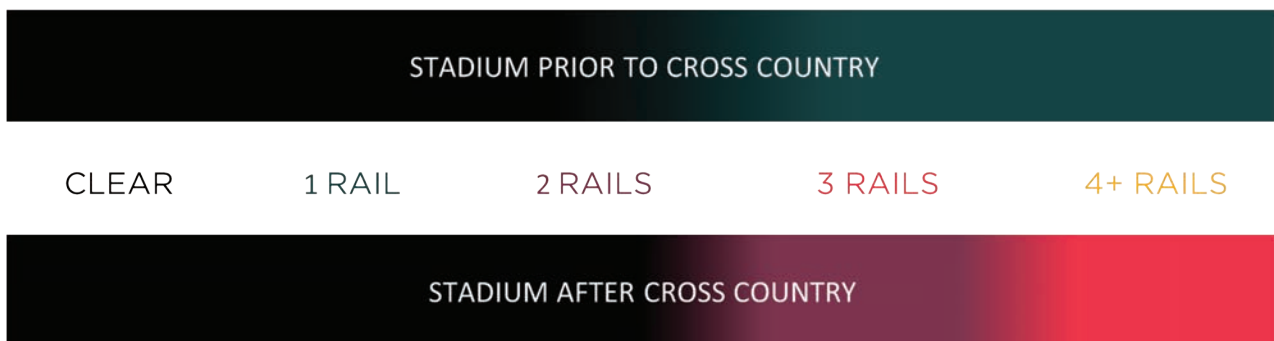
BY THE NUMBERS

This week's competition will be a chance for inexperienced FE Stormtrooper to solidify his education thus far after a frustrating early finish to his debut at Kentucky earlier this year. They'll deliver a low-30s score to start their week - though they've proven they can go lower - and then their focus will be on a steady, sensible clear round, rather than trying to catch the clock. On Sunday, they can jump clear or take a couple of rails, but a classy clear in their final prep run looks a promising omen.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



LYNN SYMANSKY



RF COOL PLAY



Owner: The Donner Syndicate LLC

Age: Thirteen

Height: 17.1hh

Breed: German Sport Horse

Pedigree: Condors Champion x Roxana, by Radscha

Country: USA

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:
30.5

SPEED PREDICTION:
8

PREDICTED POLES:
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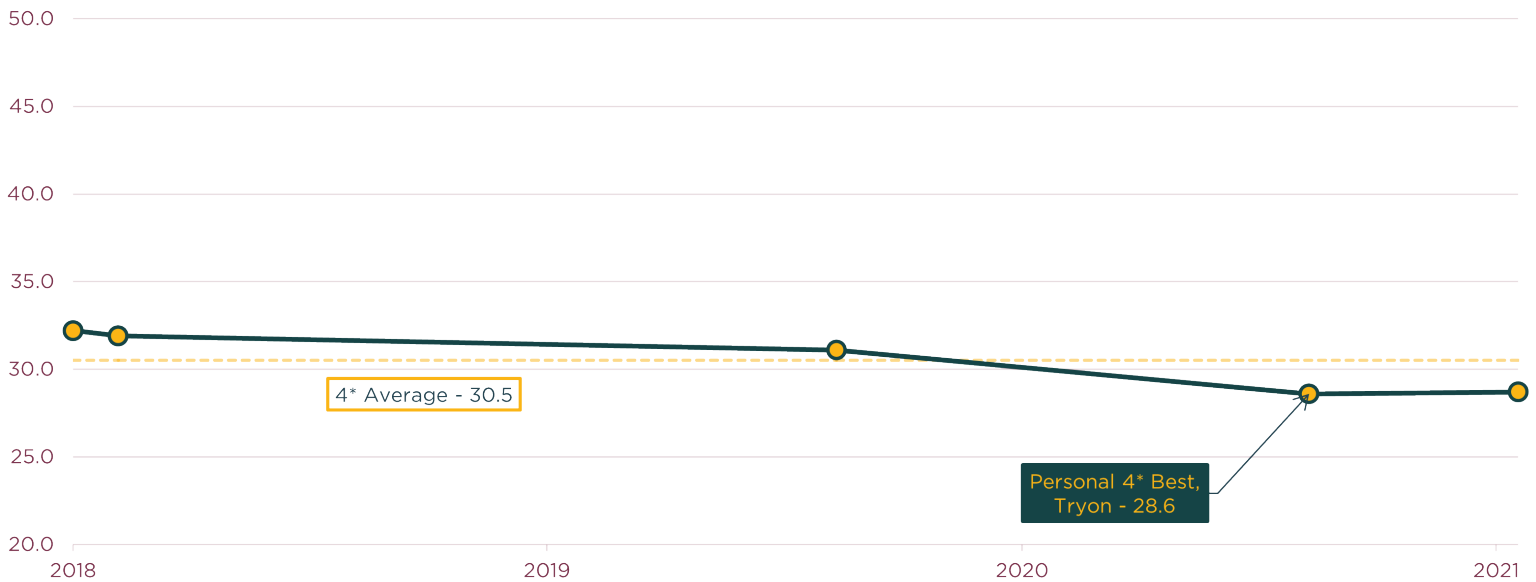
This weekend will be the CCI5* debut for RF Cool Play, who was purchased by the Donner Syndicate in 2016 as a rising star for Lynn Symansky. It would prove to be a shrewd addition, as “Coolio” went on to partner with Lynn as a part of the gold medal winning U.S. team at the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru. Lynn and Coolio were also individual silver medalists in Lima.

RF Cool Play has been a consistent performer for Lynn with competitive dressage abilities and barely a mark on his cross country jumping record throughout his career. The 13-year-old gelding finished 11th in his last CCI4*-L at Tryon just under a year ago. Experience and education in this first go will be the keys to the game for Lynn and this horse -- but she's still a competitive, gutsy rider who knows how to get the job done. She won't be one to leave a competitive finish on the table if it's within her reach.

Coolio is known around for barn for his big, in-your-pocket personality, and Lynn likes to joke that he's actually a German Riding Pony (spoiler: he's 17.1) when asked about his breeding.

ROOKIE HORSE

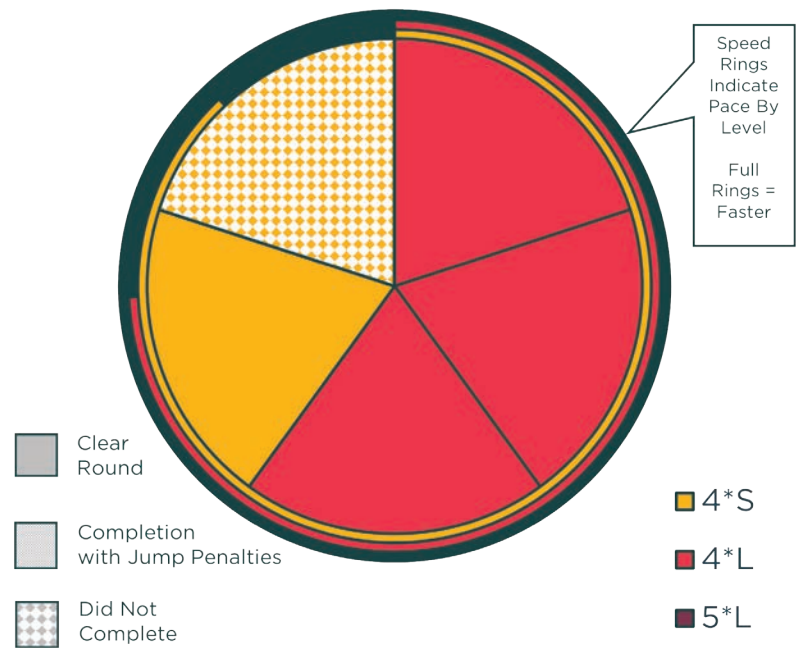
DRESSAGE PERFORMANCE



BY THE NUMBERS

The CCI5* debut of Pan Americans silver medallist RF Cool Play has been a long-awaited one, and despite his lack of experience at this level, we're looking at this horse as offering one of the great chances of a US victory this week. He's a consistent sub-30 scorer and a very, very good showjumper, and although Lynn took a tumble from him in Kentucky's CCI4*-S this spring, their cross-country record is generally nearly impeccable. The only question mark will be speed: he's not naturally super fast, and in his debut, Lynn may opt to run him more conservatively.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE

NO 4* RESULTS WITH STADIUM PRIOR TO CROSS COUNTRY

CLEAR

1 RAIL

2 RAILS

3 RAILS

4+ RAILS

STADIUM AFTER CROSS COUNTRY

ASTIER NICOLAS



BABYLON DE GAMMA



Owner: Etienne Grivot, Marielle Grivot Bize, and the rider

Age: Ten

Height: 16.1hh

Breed: Selle Français

Pedigree: Mylord Carthago*HN x Sunshine des Ka, by Happy Vergoignan*HN

Country: France

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

31.9

SPEED PREDICTION:

0

PREDICTED POLES:

1

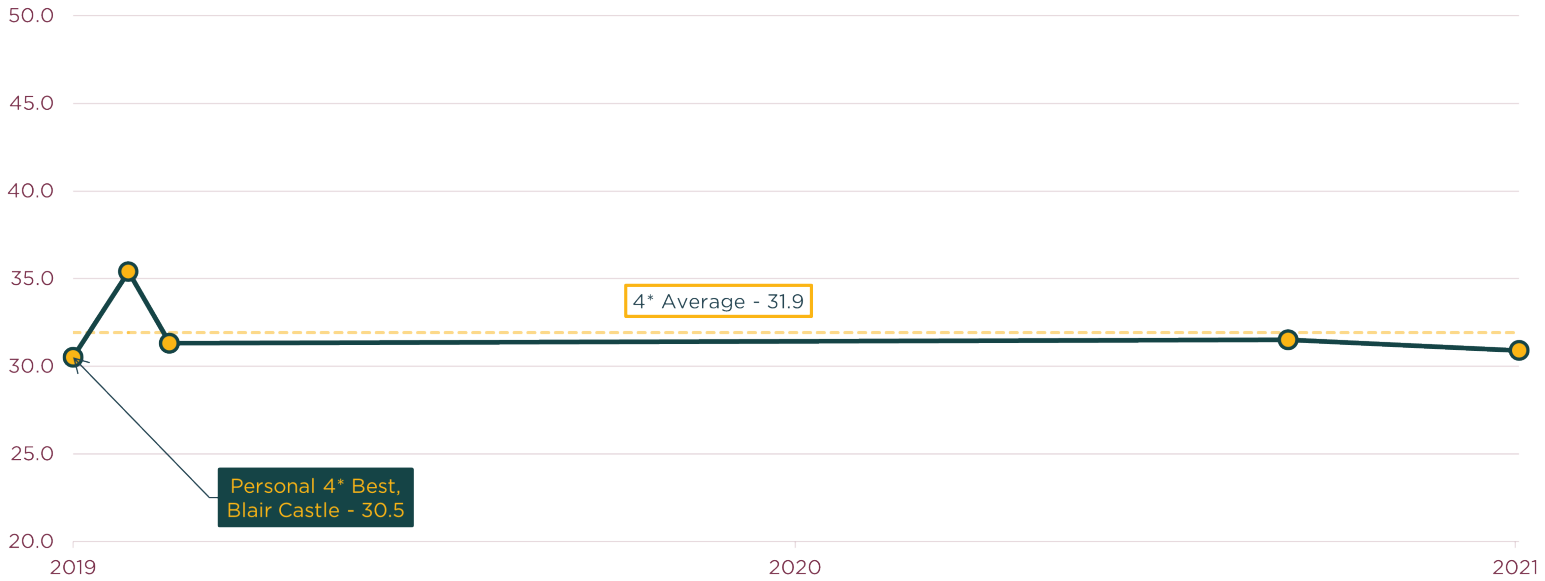
This is the first time former Pau winner and Olympic gold and silver medalist Astier has crossed the pond for a five-star, and he does so with an exceptionally exciting young horse. Babylon de Gamma is just a ten year old, but since stepping up to four-star back in 2019, he's had an extraordinary trajectory, winning on his CCI4*-S debut at Blair Castle that year and clocking up a top-twenty finish in the prestigious Blenheim CCI4*-S for eight- and nine-year-olds.

They've got just two CCI4*-L competitions under their belt, but their form is promising here, too: they jumped clear around Boekelo in the Netherlands in 2019, and they finished third at Saumur - a notably testing course - this year, before returning to Blair in Scotland to take second place in the CCI4*-S.

Astier, whose Olympic and five-star success came with the exceptional Piaf de b'Neville, thinks an awful lot of the rose-grey gelding, and it's easy to see why in each phase: the youngster, who finished third in the Seven-Year-Old World Championship at Le Lion d'Angers in 2018, has an enormous heart and will fight for a top placing this week. Don't forget to give them an "allez, allez!" as they gallop by, to help them feel at home!



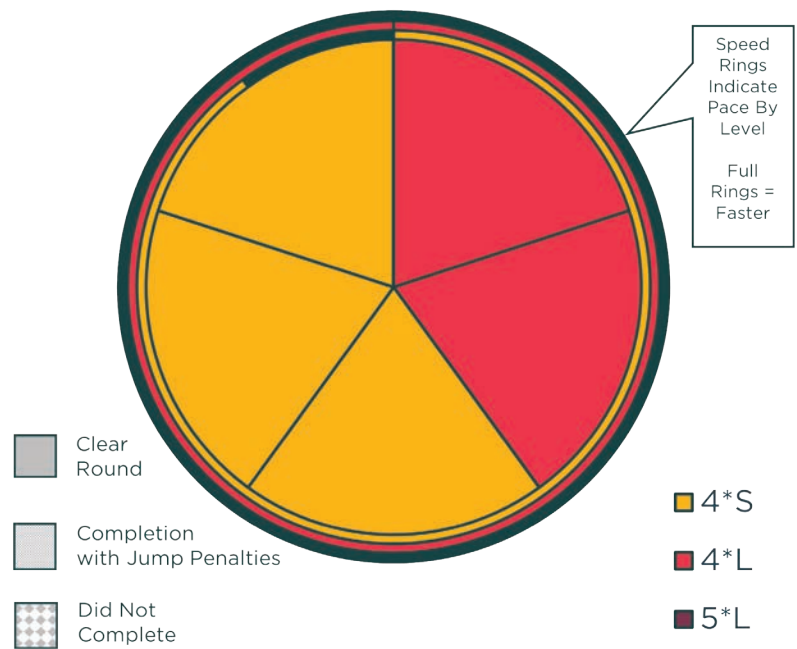
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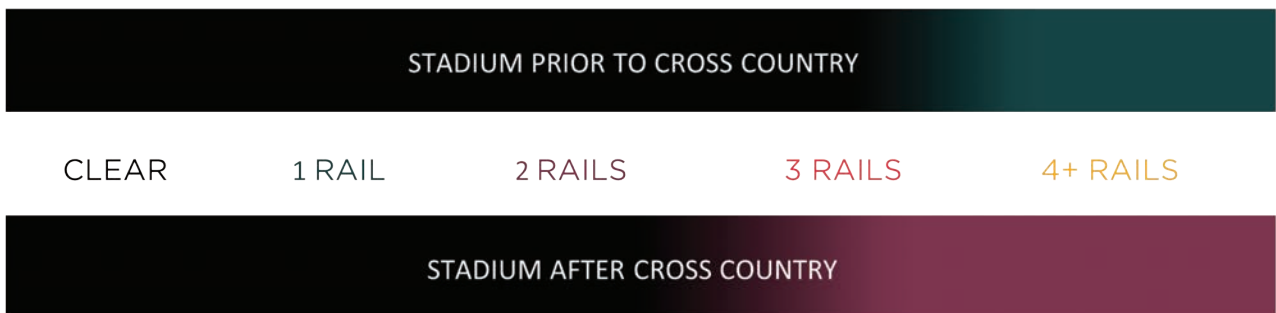
BY THE NUMBERS

It's hard not to feel that a seriously smart sub-30 score is on its way for Babylon de Gamma, but he hasn't managed it yet at four-star, so it would be a huge surprise if he were to pull it off in his five-star debut. But what we can expect is a solid score in the very low 30s, which he'll do his best to stay on - of course, nothing can be guaranteed at this level, especially for a first-timer, but this is one of the fastest, most consistent cross-country horses in the field; he hasn't had an FEI time penalty since 2019, and he's consistent over poles, too, which should help him climb.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



MEGHAN O'DONOGHUE



PALM CRESCENT



Owner: William Duhring and the rider

Age: Fifteen

Height: 16.1hh

Breed: Thoroughbred

Pedigree: Quiet American x Edey's Village, by Silver Deputy

Country: USA

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

35.8

SPEED PREDICTION:

0

PREDICTED POLES:

1

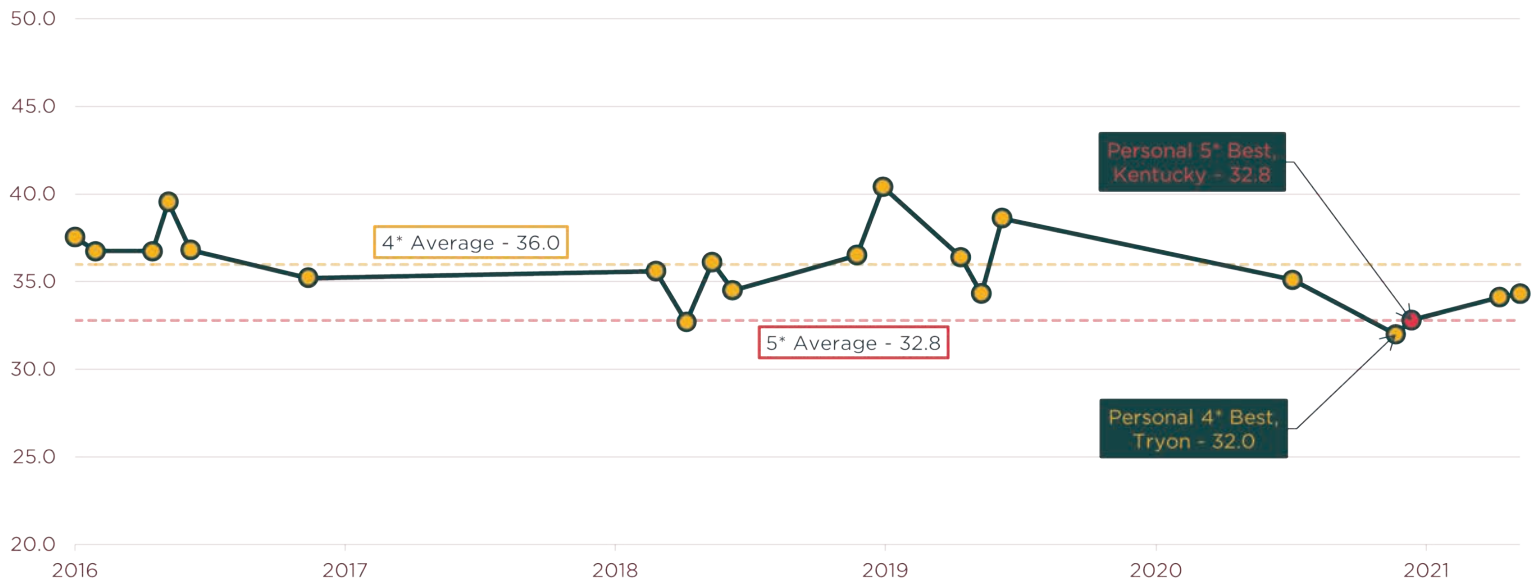
It was a circuitous journey that brought Palm Crescent to Meghan O'Donoghue, who became a fan favorite when she debuted her mighty off-track Thoroughbred, Pirate. After a three-year racing career during which he raced 12 times, "Palmer" was placed with CANTER MidAtlantic. After transitioning from track life under the watchful eye of Allie Conrad, the bright bay gelding eventually was purchased by and started his eventing career with Jan Bynny. He was later purchased by the Shipka family, who would go on to own the horse as a ride for Meghan as he showed his prowess at the upper levels. Meghan has since taken on sole ownership, but she's always quick to reflect back on all of the wonderful people who helped her find this next shining star.

Pony Club alum Meghan grew up as a member of the O'Donoghue family-run Le Cheval de Boskydell and Boskydell Pony Club. She now runs a busy coaching, sales and training business in Round Hill, Virginia.

Meghan brought Palm Crescent to Kentucky in April of this year, where he finished 23rd in his debut at the CCI5* level.



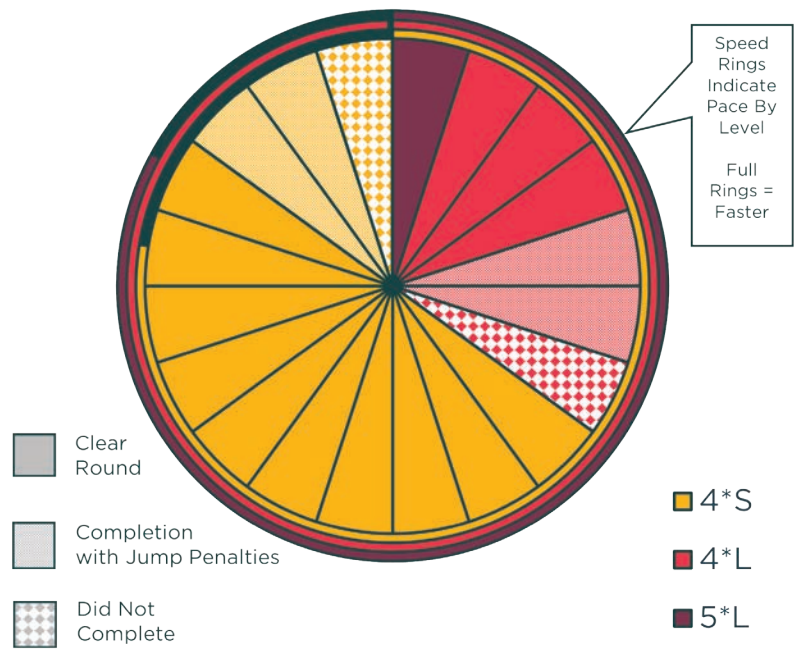
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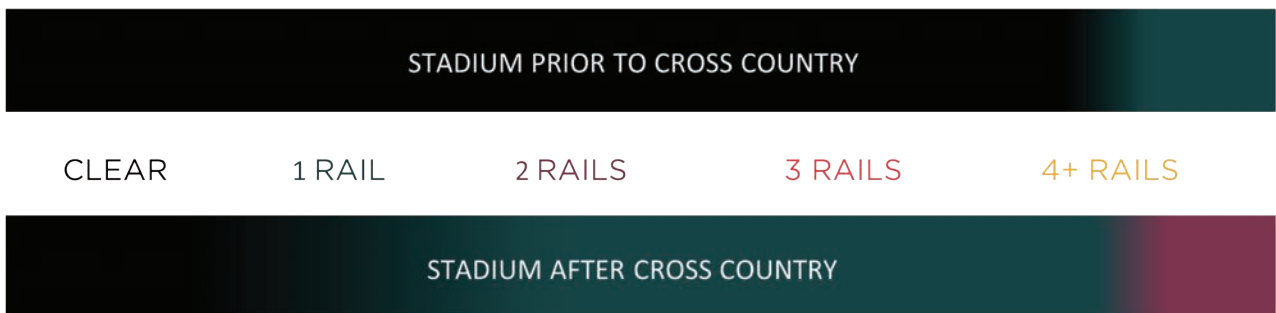
BY THE NUMBERS

Meghan and Palmer will be feeling confident coming to Maryland for their second five-star, because they have good form behind them at this venue: they finished sixth in the CCI4*-L here in 2019, adding nothing to their dressage score on cross-country day. They also finished just outside the top twenty after three solid performances at Kentucky this spring, nailing down one of their best-ever scores of 32.8, adding just 6.8 time penalties, and tipping two rails. Replicating the first two phases and improving the final one will put them in a competitive position.

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JESSICA PHOENIX



BOGUE SOUND



Owner: Amara Hoppner

Age: Fourteen

Height: 16.1hh

Breed: Thoroughbred

Pedigree: Crafty Shaw XX x Carolina Blue XX, breeding unknown

Country: Canada

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

37.8

SPEED PREDICTION:

8.8

PREDICTED POLES:

1

Bogue Sound, the Kentucky-bred Thoroughbred originally snapped off the track by Dorothy Crowell, was born to do cross-country. The chestnut gelding, who won a little over \$11,000 through seven racing starts, became Jessie's ride for owner Amara Hoepner in 2016 after he'd done some Preliminary events. Now 14, 'Bogie' is preparing for his second CCI5*, having finished in the top 15 in his debut at Kentucky in 2019. He also finished eighth in the Lexington CCI4*-S earlier this year.

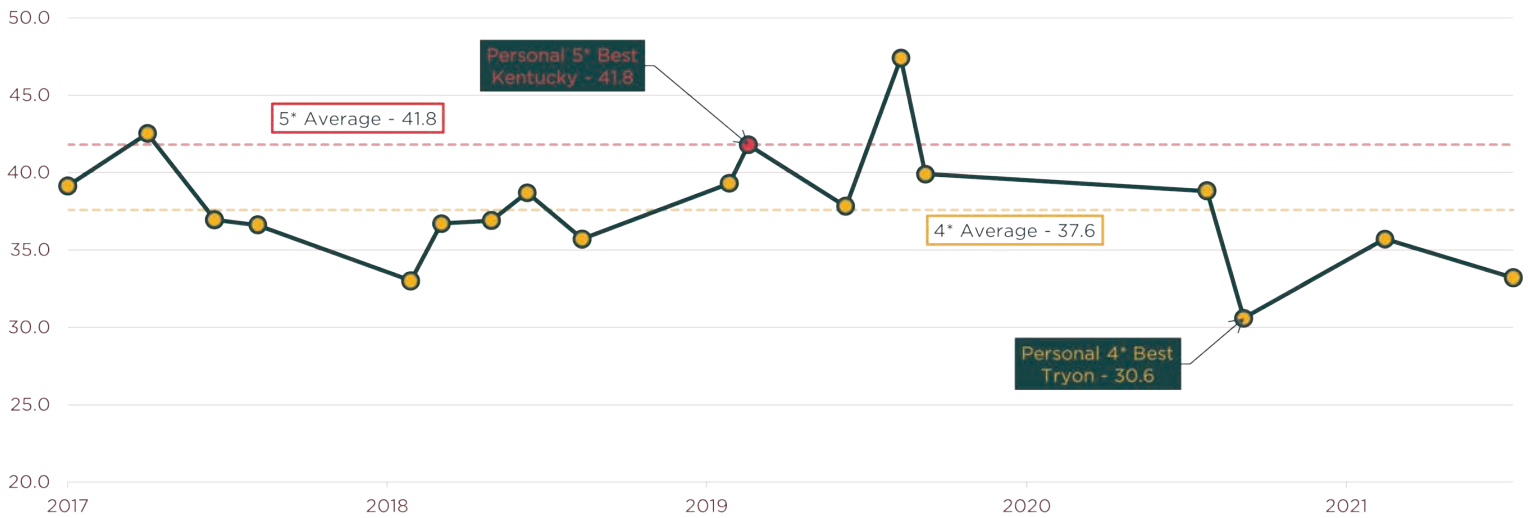
Olympian Jessie, who bases in Ontario for most of the year, is a bit of a superwoman herself. She's made several successful returns to competition after sustaining many a serious injury, two maternity leaves, and the multiple other highs and lows that can be found dotting any event rider's career timeline.

Now, Bogue Sound looks set to step up to Jessie's top string as she looks ahead to the World Equestrian Games in 2022. Look for her to seek a competitive finish here, maybe even improving on Bogie's top-15 in his first five-star. He's yet to pick up a jumping penalty in 21 international attempts with Jessie in the irons. And while he, like most Thoroughbreds, tends not to love the first phase of competition, his scores have trended towards more competitive as he's gotten stronger and more experienced.

Bogie's a trusting, laid-back guy who still has a good sense of humor. If he were to have a celebrity doppelganger, she told Horse Sport last year, it would likely be country singer Blake Shelton. No word yet on whether or not he can carry a tune.



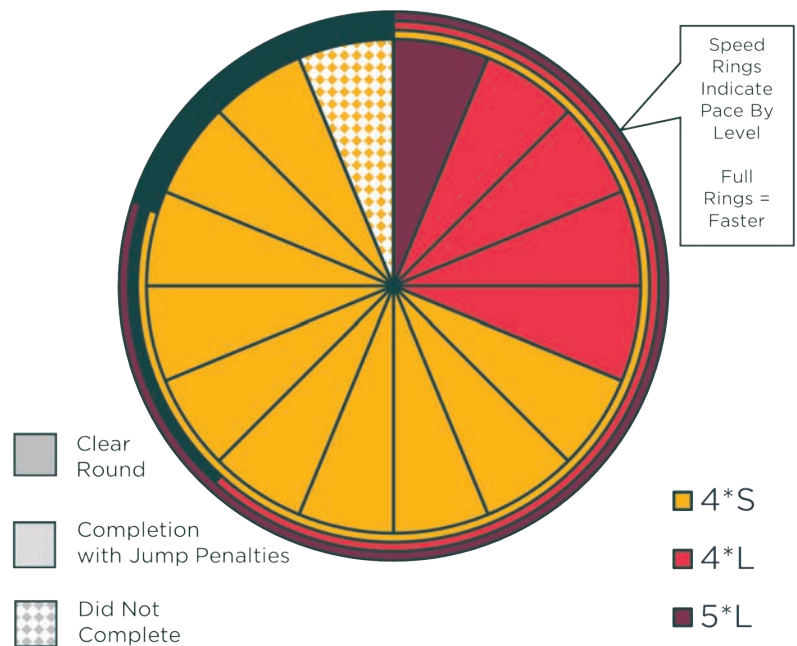
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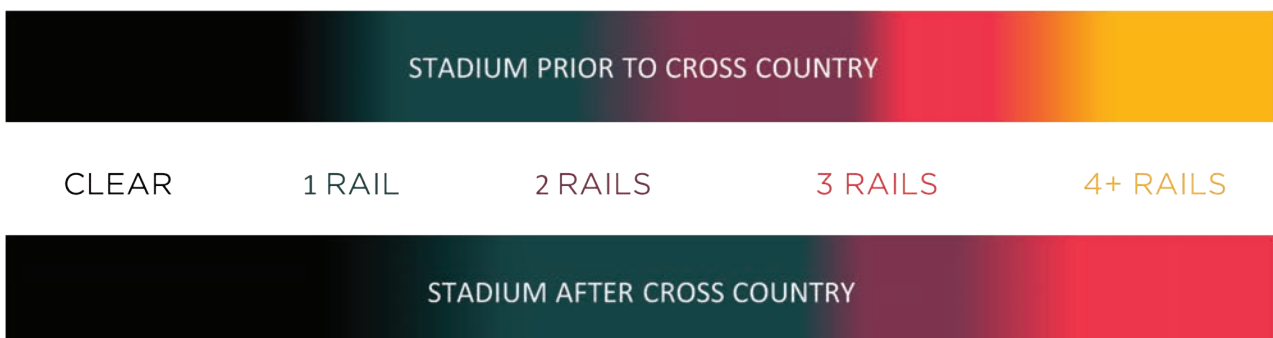
BY THE NUMBERS

Another top-15 finish could be well within the grasp of this classy Thoroughbred, who makes his 25th FEI start this week. While his averages trend high in dressage, his scores are creeping ever downward to the low 30s at four-star. His real forte, though? Cross-country - the tougher the better. He hasn't picked up a cross-country jumping penalty in an international since 2016, and even though he's not super speedy, that should stand him in good stead, though showjumping remains a weaker spot.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



JENNIE BRANNIGAN



STELLA ARTOIS



Owner: The Stella Artois Syndicate

Age: Thirteen

Height: 16.3hh

Breed: Holsteiner/Thoroughbred

Pedigree: Satisfaction I x Comtess, by Contender

Country: USA

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

30.7

SPEED PREDICTION:

0.4

PREDICTED POLES:

0

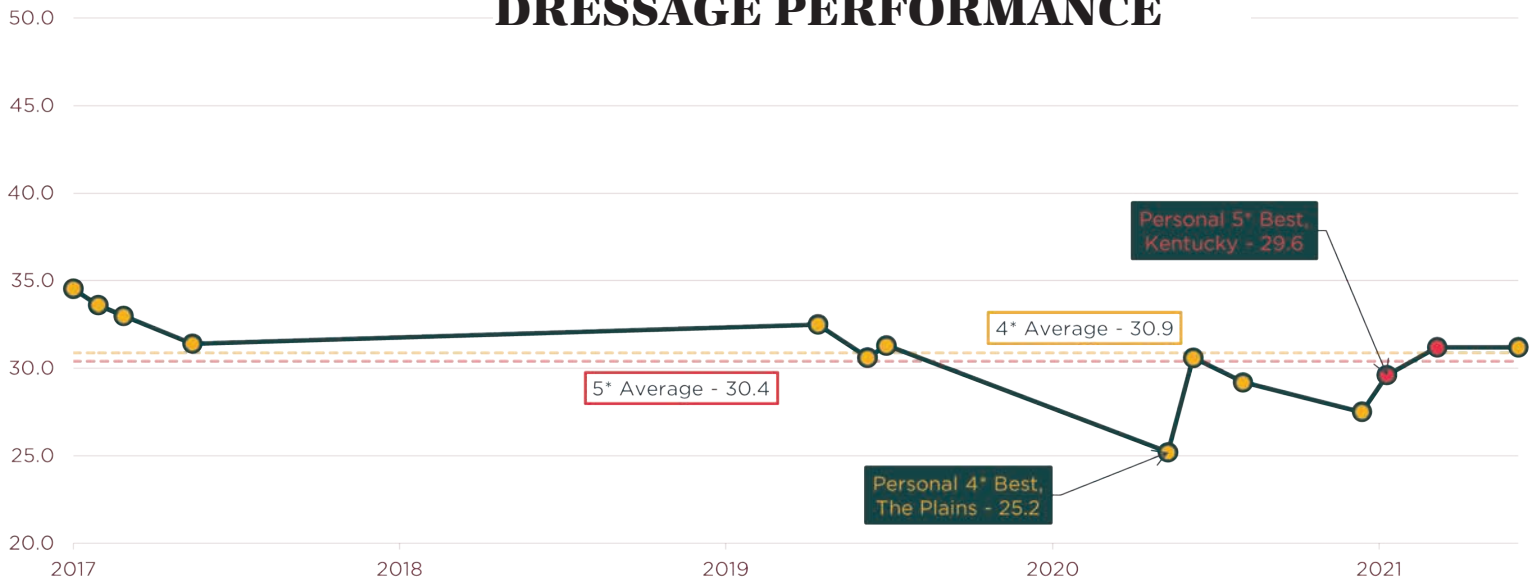


Jennie and her special mare 'Toddie' are hoping that the third time will be the charm after two frustrating early finishes to their other CCI5* starts this year, which took place at Kentucky in the spring and at June's Luhmühlen Horse Trials in Germany.

There's plenty of evidence to suggest that the striking mare - who Jennie bought as a five-year-old after the sad passing of her beloved Young Riders mount, Cooper - could be a serious force to be reckoned with when all the pieces fall into place. We've seen her win the CCI3*-L National Championship here, back in 2016, and she finished fourth in the CCI4*-L at Millstreet, Ireland, the following year. In 2019, they won the Rebecca Farm CCI4*-L, which was something of a light at the end of the tunnel for Jennie, who'd had a tough couple of years dealing with injury and time away from competition.

Now, they'll be putting this season's educational moments to work with an aim to nailing the brief in all three phases. The third time's the charm, as they say - and when the pieces fall into place, as they should this week, they could do something spectacular.

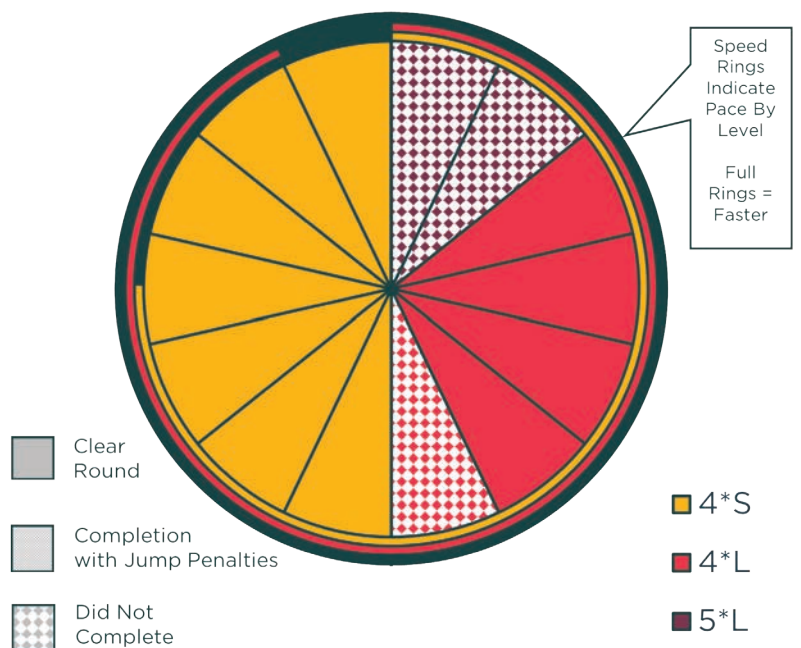
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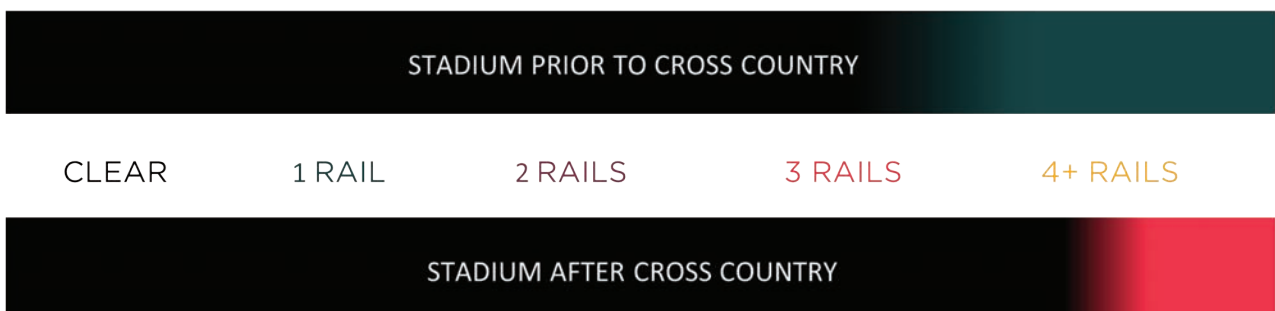
BY THE NUMBERS

This well-travelled mare has picked up plenty of valuable experience over the last couple of seasons, competing at the likes of Boekelo CCI4*-L in the Netherlands and making five-star starts at Kentucky and Luhmühlen this year. After some bad luck, the talented Toddie is ready to show what she's capable of - and that's a first-phase score around 30, which will put her in the top third of the field and allow her to climb. Her showjumping is very good - now, they just need to focus on getting the job done on Saturday.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



EMMA LOMANGINO



MASTER FRISKY



Owner: Emma Lomangino

Age: Seventeen

Height: 16.3hh

Breed: Irish Sport Horse

Pedigree: Master Imp XX x Frisky Legs, by Coopers Hill

Country: USA

You may recognize Master Frisky, who will make his return to the level for the first time since 2015, when he finished seventh with Boyd Martin at Kentucky.

It's been a circuitous road for 'Frisky', who sustained a soft tissue injury that would force him to the sidelines in 2016. At the time, it appeared that the gelding's eventing career had come to an end. Frisky was owned by the late Steve Blauner, who Emma credits as one of the earliest and strongest connections she made in the eventing world as a young adult. It was through Steve, whom Emma was instructing at the time, that Frisky came to be her first upper-level partner – but it wouldn't be without some proper time put in.

After the injury Steve brought the gelding home to start his rehab and figure out the next steps. It was at this point that Emma made it her goal to put the big, rangy horse back together. She patiently worked with Frisky, going for long walks and diligently tending to his care. Soon, the scans began to look more promising than veterinarians had originally hoped. At first, Steve tried Frisky out as his personal dressage horse, but it was a short-lived arrangement after he declared that he could not ride the enormous trot Frisky possessed. And so, his partnership with Emma began to take on life in the saddle.

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:
37.5

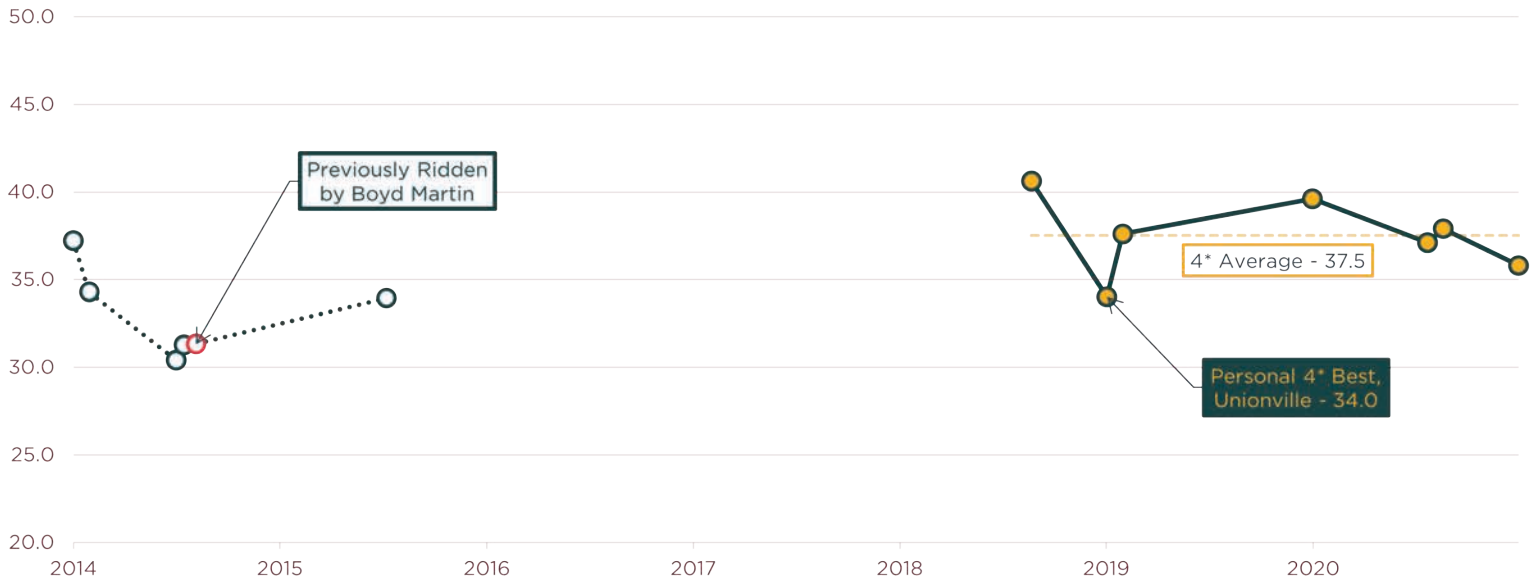
SPEED PREDICTION:
12

PREDICTED POLES:
1



ROOKIE RIDER

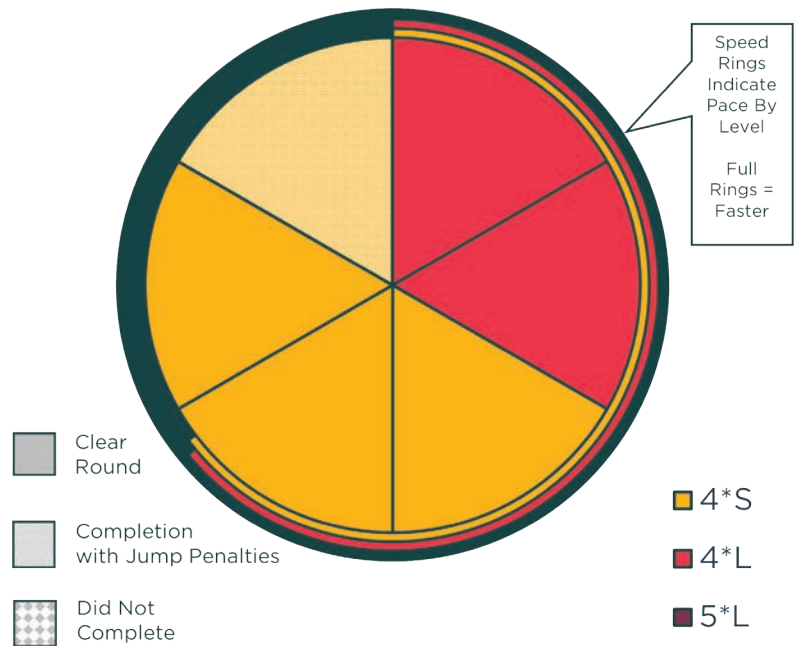
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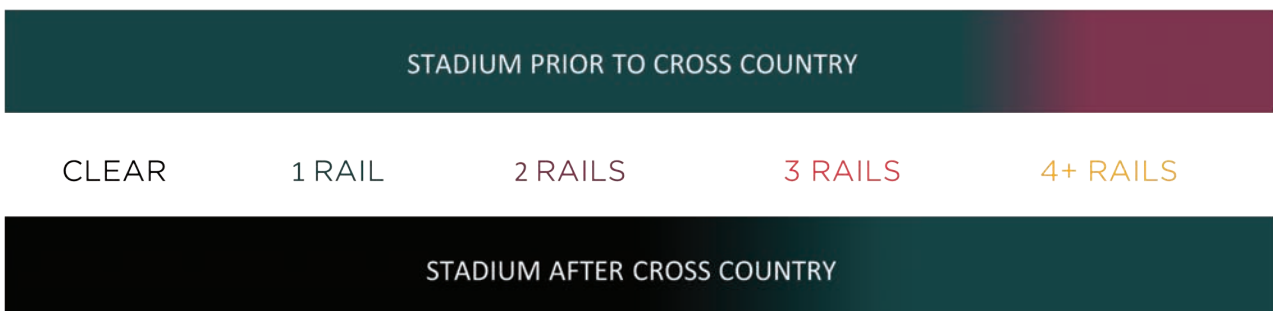
BY THE NUMBERS

Emma and Master Frisky are a go-getting pair with big dreams - and impressively, they also compete in pure dressage at the upper levels, earning a USDF Silver Medal so far in their partnership. Their eventing dressage scores keep them out of the hunt in the first phase at the moment, but two respectable jumping rounds will help them climb - and ultimately, the goal this week is to gain valuable experience. Competing at their first CCI5* is a wonderful way to honor Steve Blauner, who would be so proud of all they've done.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



LISA MARIE FERGUSSON



HONOR ME



Owner: Lisa Marie Fergusson

Age: Fifteen

Height: 17.1hh

Breed: Welsh Cob/Thoroughbred

Pedigree: Brynarian Brenin x Dream Contessa, by Royal Chocolate

Country: Canada

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

40.6

SPEED PREDICTION:

12.4

PREDICTED POLES:

2



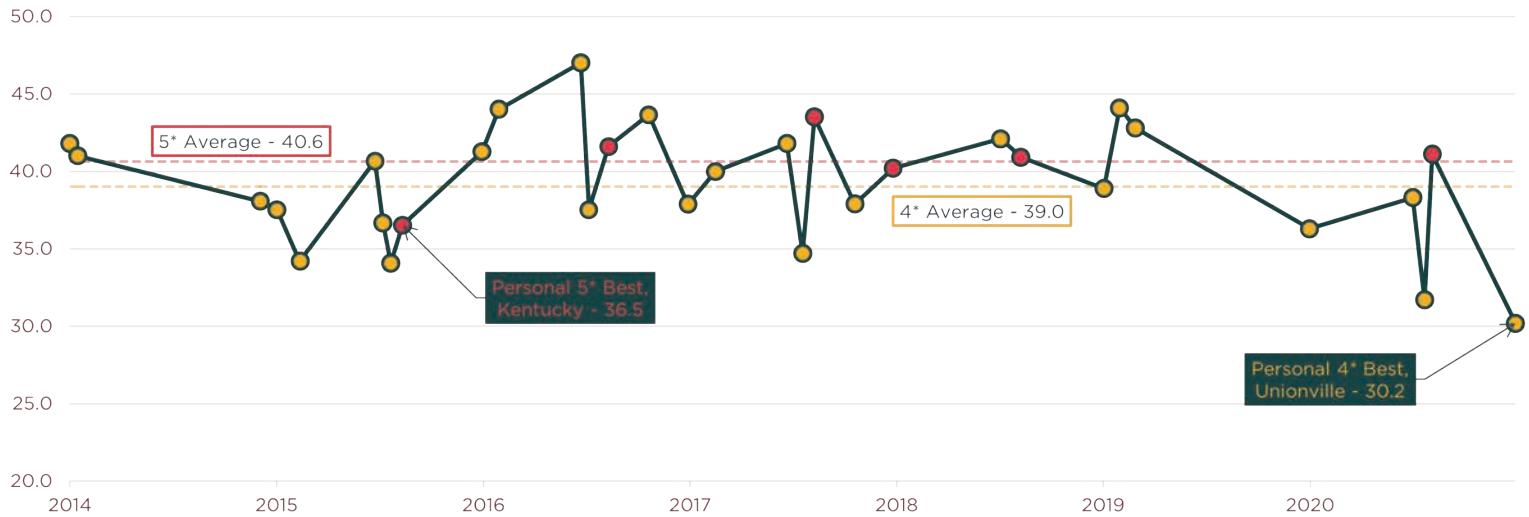
Lisa and her beloved cob cross lead the charge for the small but formidable Canadian effort at Maryland in what will be their sixth CCI5* start (or seventh, if you count the 2018 World Equestrian Games). They've become a real mainstay at the Kentucky Horse Park since their top-level debut there back in 2016. That year, he completed with an educational 20 penalties and ever since then, he's sailed around clear and in fine style. It's absolutely impossible not to notice how much fun this duo have together out on course, and their joy is contagious, making them a real fan-favourite pairing. Their partnership is bolstered by the fact that Lisa had to rehab 'Tali' extensively as a young horse because he had such significant bone chips.

Their best-ever finish at five-star is eighteenth, nabbed at Kentucky in 2017, and they'll be aiming to better that here. They certainly have the venue form behind them: they romped around the CCI4*-L here back in 2016 with just two time penalties across the country when much less experienced.



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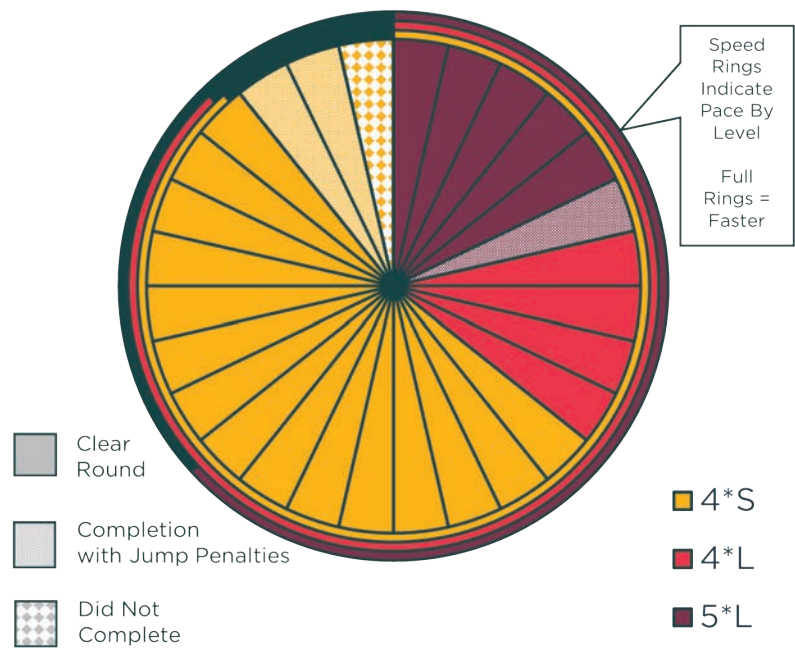
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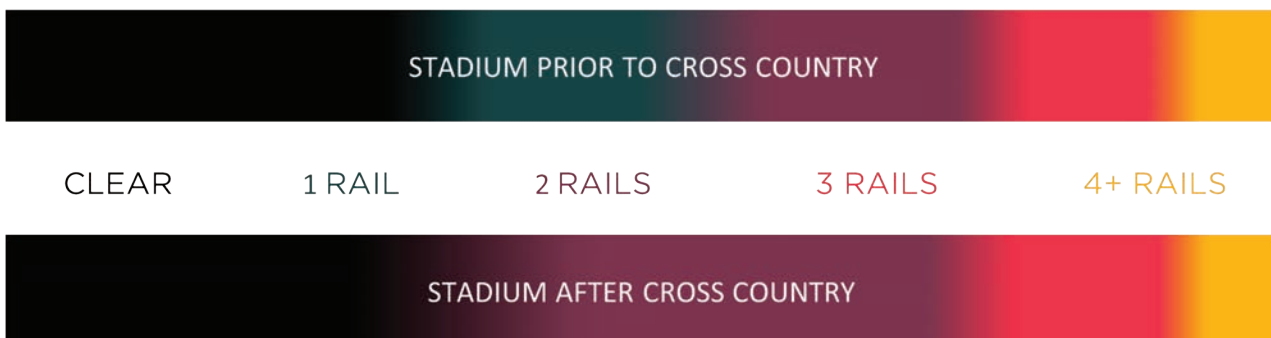
BY THE NUMBERS

It's always great fun to watch Tali - the finest representation of a sporty Welshman we know - do his thing at the big ones. He's a bit of an old-fashioned event horse in that he's at his very best at a three-day - and the bigger and bolder it is, the better. His first-phase scores have been improving lately, so we could see him sit around the mid-30s if all goes to plan, and then he'll storm around the cross-country for fun. Time and showjumping penalties might keep him out of the ribbons, but he'll be fighting for a top twenty.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



MIKE PENDLETON



STEADY EDDIE



Owner: Pierre Colin, Denise Lahey, and George and Gretchen Wintersteen

Age: Eighteen

Height: 16.1hh

Breed: Thoroughbred

Pedigree: Jetball XX x Tuonela XX, by Chief's Crown XX

Country: USA

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

37.8

SPEED PREDICTION:

8.8

PREDICTED POLES:

1

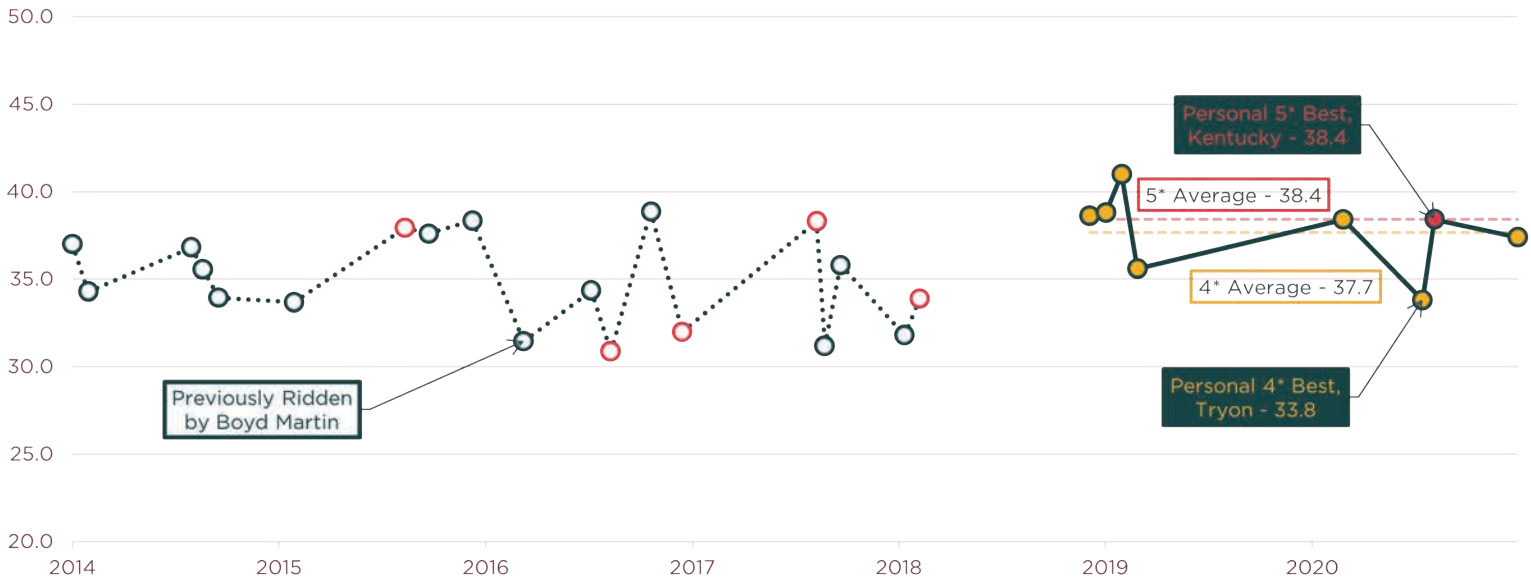


Steady Eddie is one of those horses who has lived up to his name time and time again. He's a true warhorse, racing 36 times in Australia before coming to the U.S. to join Boyd Martin's program. He'd go on to move all the way up through the levels with Boyd before Boyd's longtime assistant rider, Mike Pendleton, took over the reins to gain some experience at the Advanced level. Now, he's started 39 FEI events, including six starts at the CCI5* level.

Kentucky this spring was to be the debut Mike Pendleton had been working toward, but a very unlucky fall near the end of the cross country would cost them the completion. Neither Mike nor Steady Eddie were worse for the wear, though, and they've had a couple of easy runs over the summer to ramp back up for another go this weekend.

At 18, Steady Eddie has many miles around many cross country tracks, and he's been a great partner for Mike to continue his education on. No doubt, Boyd will have some pearls of wisdom to share with Mike as they take a few walks around Ian Stark's big track, but Mike and Eddie know each other quite well now and should be a fun pair to watch on Saturday.

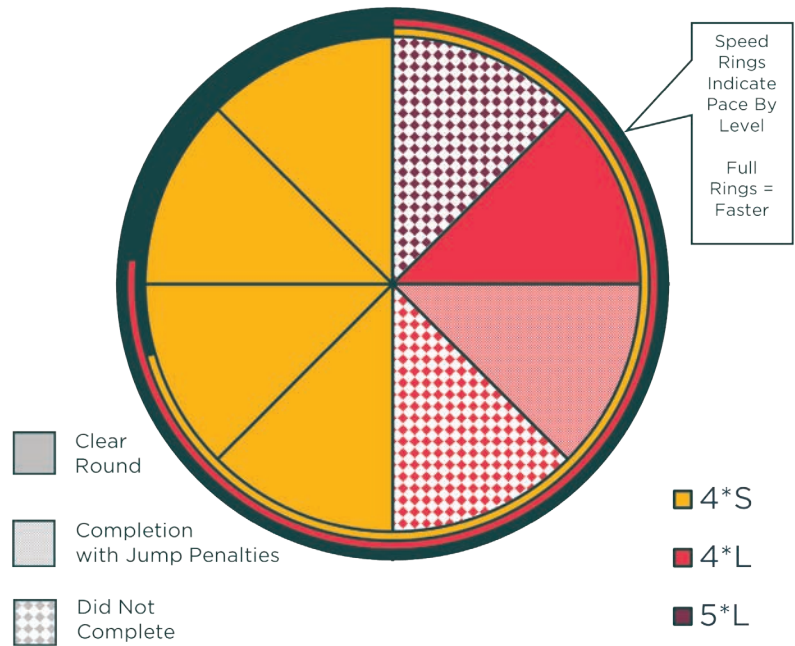
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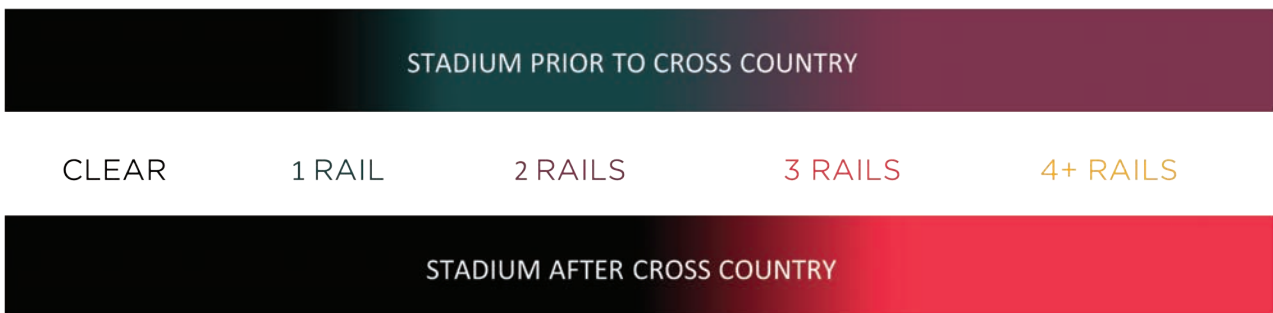
BY THE NUMBERS

Taking the reins on a horse as experienced as Steady Eddie is a dream come true for any rider, and Mike Pendleton certainly isn't taking a single day for granted. We saw their weekend finish early at Kentucky, but that was something of a fluke - they had a tumble late on course in the same place that William Fox-Pitt and Boyd Martin did, and their round until then looked strong and capable. They're more than ready for their second go-round, armed with the intel from their debut.

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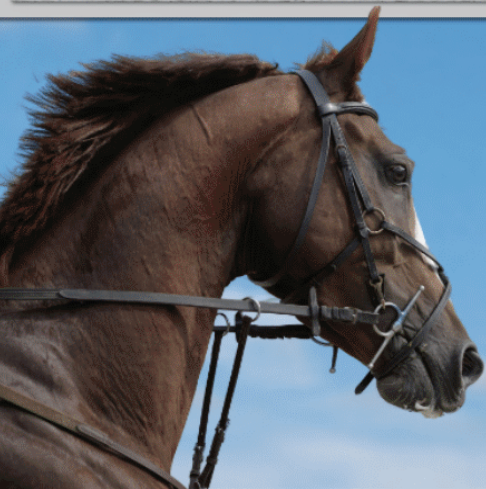
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HANNAH SUE BURNETT



HARBOUR PILOT



Owner: Jacqueline Mars

Age: Eighteen

Height: 16hh

Breed: Irish Sport Horse

Pedigree: Cruising x Shannon XX, by Catch on Fire XX

Country: USA

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

30.9

SPEED PREDICTION:

4.8

PREDICTED POLES:

1



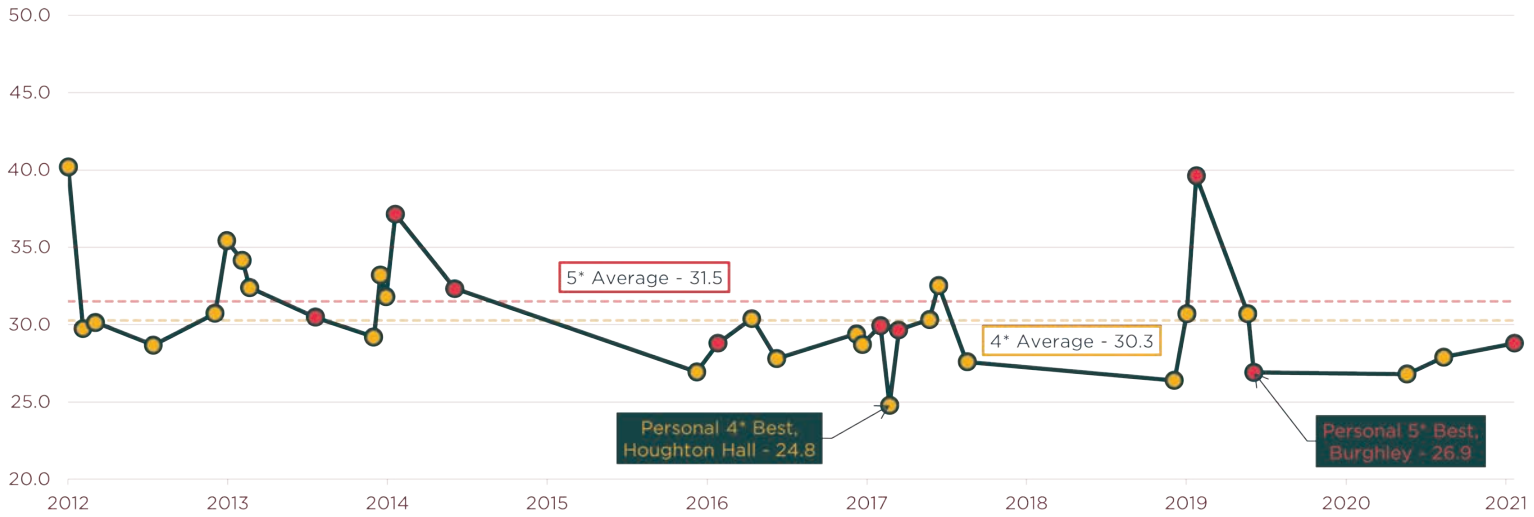
There are a small handful of real ‘warhorses’ in this year’s field, and Hannah Sue Burnett’s consummate gentleman, who’s named William after his breeder, the renowned Irish horseman William Micklem, is leading the charge for the good old boys (and girls!). This will be an incredible tenth CCI5* for the much-loved little gelding, whose career highlights have included an eight-place finish at Luhmühlen CCI5* in 2018, as well as eleventh place at Kentucky in 2019 and fifteenth there in 2014 and 2016.

William is one of those horses whose career has been hit hardest by the pandemic: in the twilight of his career, and just at the moment he’s been poised to produce some of his best results, widespread cancellations have cost him and Hannah Sue so much valuable time together. They’ll be hoping to regroup after a disappointing Kentucky this spring, where they picked up a technical elimination for missing a fence. This could be William’s last major hurrah – can they make it a winning one?



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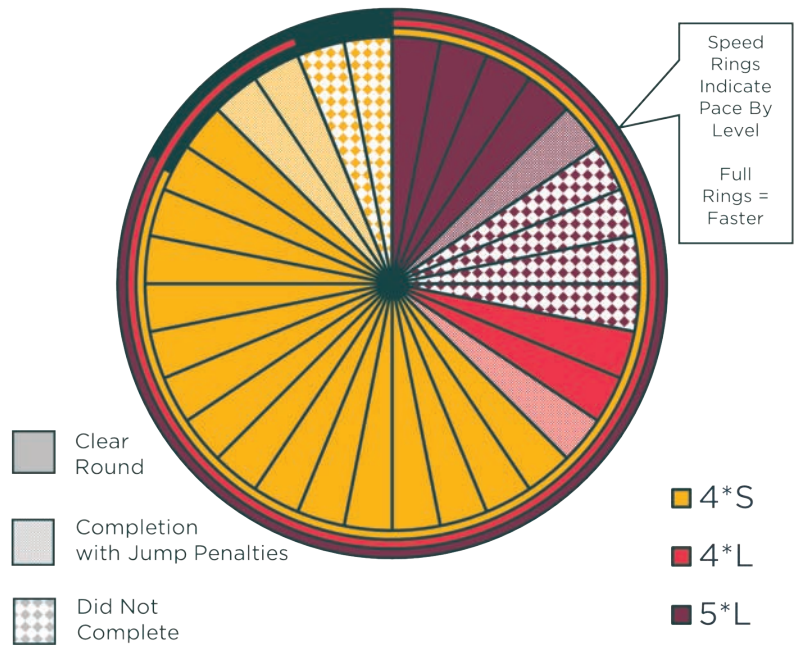
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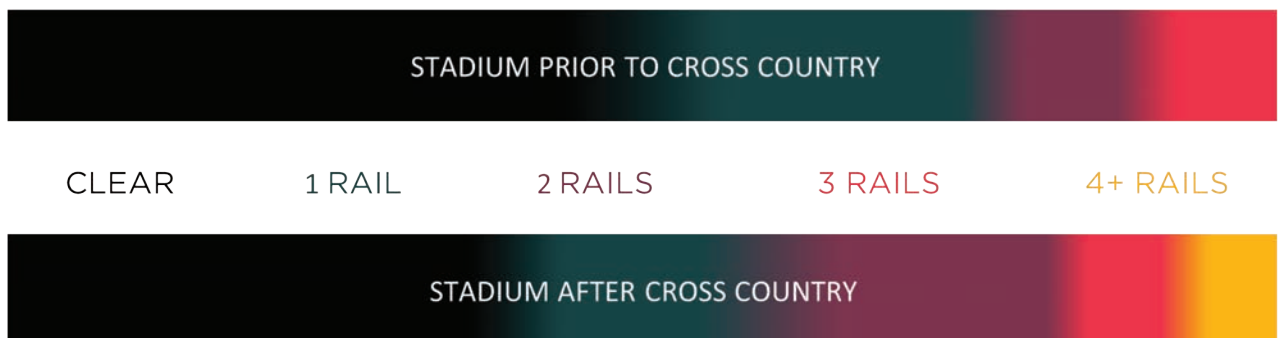
BY THE NUMBERS

William's certainly not short of experience, and after a frustrating Kentucky earlier this year, he and Hannah Sue will be ready to come back fighting. On their day, they're a formidable force to be reckoned with for the US side: though they average around the 30 mark in dressage, we'll likely see them score in the 20s, and they're very capable of a pretty quick clear across the country. Showjumping will take a bit of luck - they frequently deliver clears, but they also frequently take several poles.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE





KARL SLEZAK



FERNHILL WISHES



Owner: Kirk Hoppner and the rider

Age: Eleven

Height: 16.3hh

Breed: Irish Sport Horse

Pedigree: Russel x Jenaway Dream, by Mister Lord

Country: Canada

While Karl Slezak's first attempt at the CCI5* level ended much too early, this Canadian partnership is one to keep an eye on this weekend.

Karl and 'Choc' were in full flow mode around Derek di Grazia's rolling track at Kentucky earlier this year, but sadly came to grief at an angled brush with a very steep landing coming out of the famous Land Rover Hollow question. But the first half of the ride was impeccable, leaving us wanting for more, and the pair rebounded well, routing to Jersey Fresh the following month and finishing sixth in the CCI4*-L.

Karl, who was selected as a non-travelling reserve for Tokyo, will be riding for redemption this week after that frustrating Kentucky - and a great round here, which is certainly in their wheelhouse, would make their 2022 WEG campaign even more robust.

While Karl and Fernhill Wishes may be lean on five-star experience, they're no strangers to riding under pressure, having represented Canada at the 2019 Pan American Games and the 2018 WEG Test Event at Tryon. They've competed at this fall championship here at Fair Hill in the past, finishing 12th in the then-CCI3* in 2018.

When Karl isn't on a horse (or even when he is!), he can often be found listening to his favorite band, Nickelback - a choice we'll merrily mock him for forever.

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

34.9

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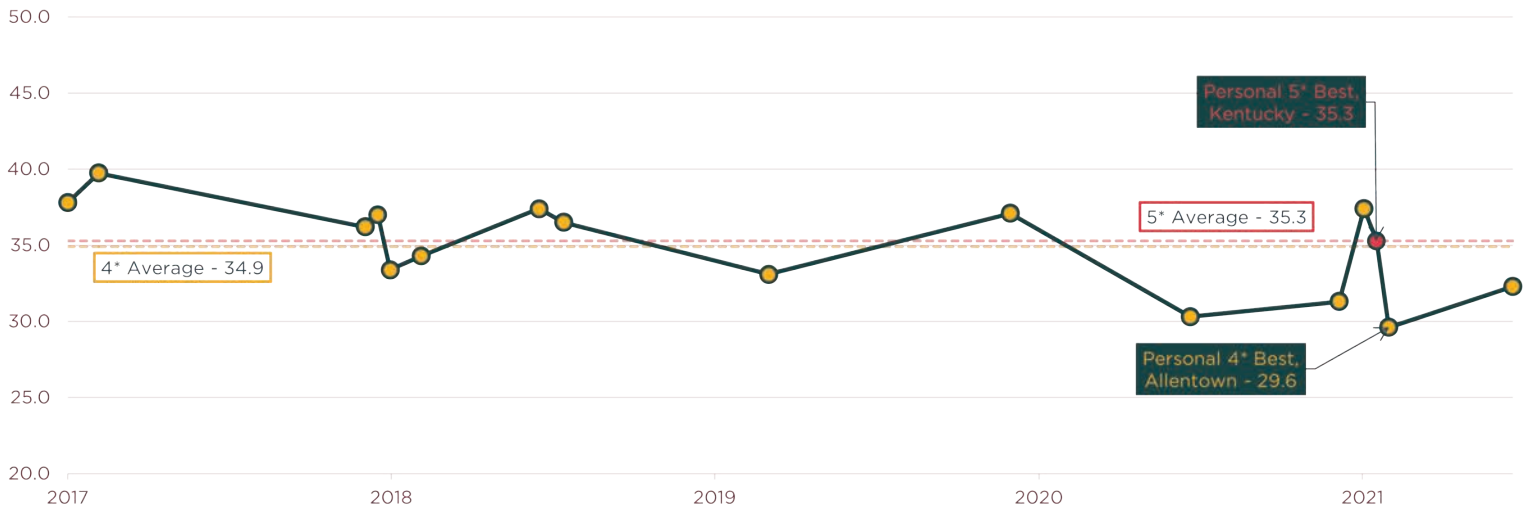
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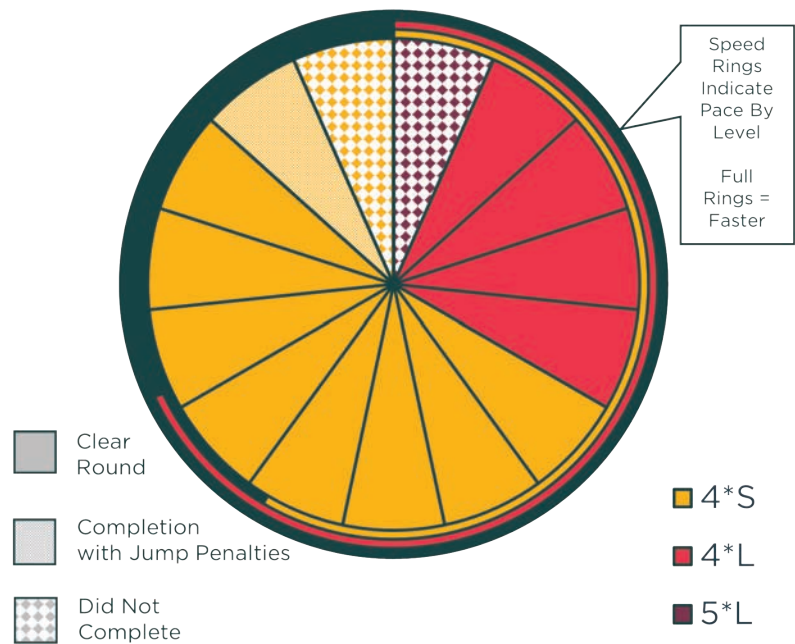
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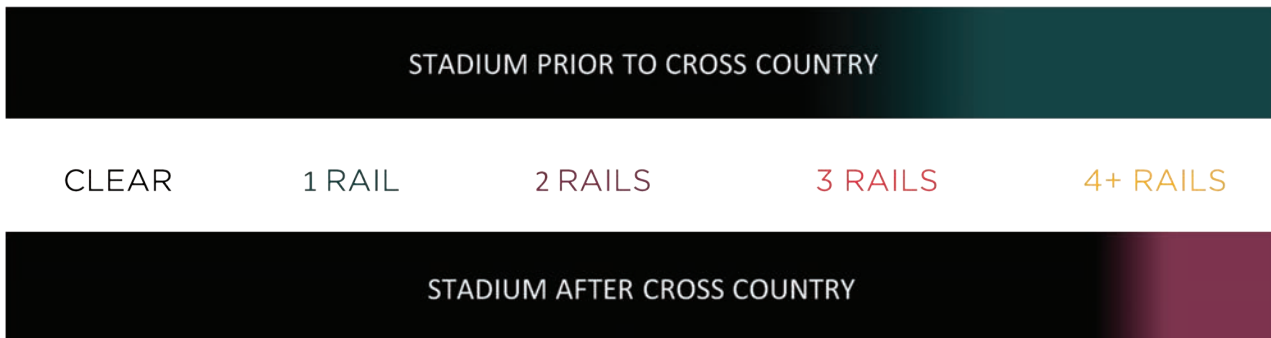
BY THE NUMBERS

Though a fall at Kentucky this year doesn't look great on paper, Karl and Choc's round until then actually looked confident, exciting, and extremely well managed. Since then, they've used the summer well, finishing sixth at both Jersey Fresh CCI4*-L and Stable View CCI4*-S. In those runs, we've seen their dressage scores drop and their cross-country rounds speed up, and now they look like they're set to peak in the week ahead.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE





ASHLYNN MEUCHEL



EMPORIUM



Owner: Ashlynn Meuchel

Age: Twelve

Height: 16.2hh

Breed: Dutch Warmblood

Pedigree: Cartano x Upana, by Opan

Country: USA

Ashlynn Meuchel knows how to be a road warrior. After growing up in Kalispell, Montana (home of The Event at Rebecca Farm), Ashlynn graduated from high school early and made her first big move to southern California, where she began riding with Tamie Smith. Tamie would become a big mentor for Ashlynn as she prepared for Young Riders with a horse whom she'd been partnered with thanks to support from her mother, Kelli, as well as Sarah Broussard.

Emporium had made his eventing debut with Tamie originally as a five-year-old. Despite some quirks, Ashlynn struck up a partnership with "Theo", who she describes as very careful and quite a character on the ground (and under saddle). From California, Ashlynn would next move to Florida, where she currently bases her business.

Having just moved Emporium up to the Advanced level in 2020, just before the Covid-19 pandemic took hold of the world, Ashlynn elected to aim for what will be both horse and rider's CCI5* debut here at Maryland rather than waiting for Kentucky in 2022. With advice from her current coach, Clayton Fredericks, Ashlynn says she's trying not to get too high on the fact that a big debut is on the horizon, focusing instead on final touches and keeping Emporium calm and focused.

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:
36.8

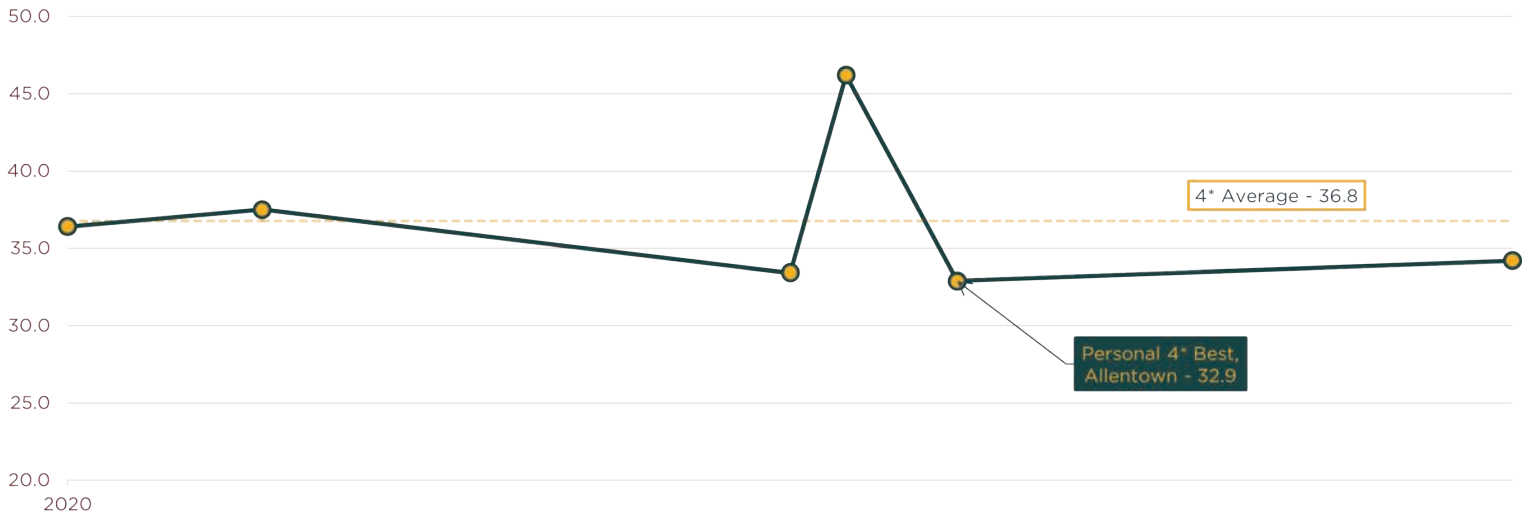
SPEED PREDICTION:
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PREDICTED POLES:
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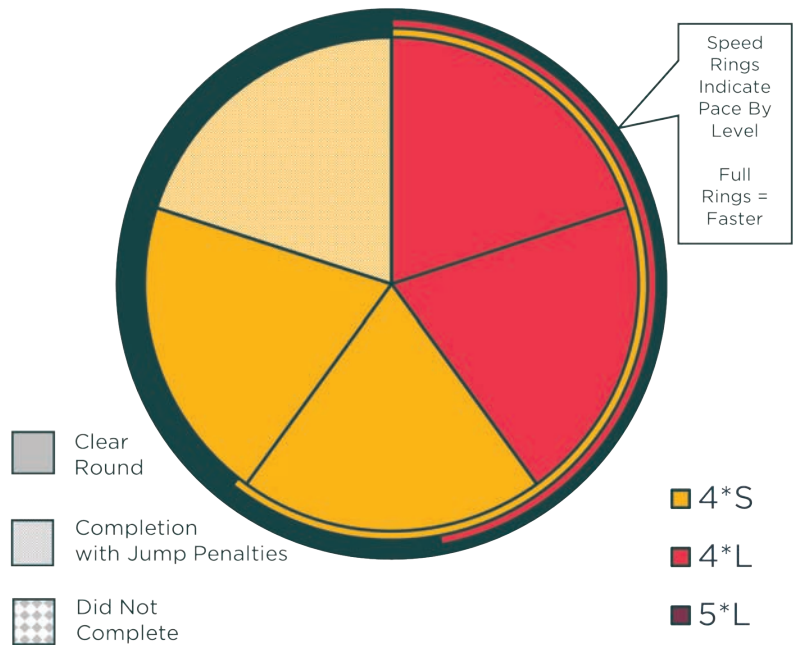
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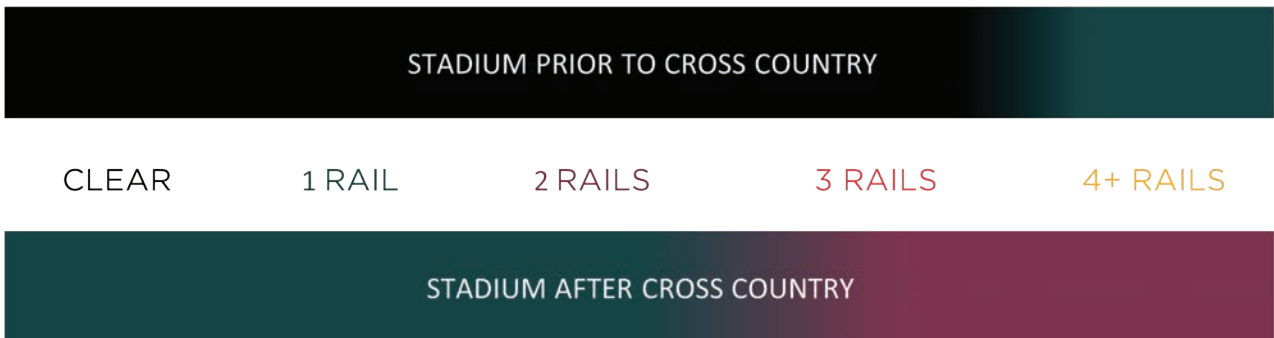
BY THE NUMBERS

This pair is coming off of a final prep in the CCI4*-S at Stable View in September, and they've also got two successful CCI4*-L completions under their belt: one at Tryon last fall and the other at Jersey Fresh this spring. Look for them to prioritize education and experience in this debut – another tick on the bucket list for this ambitious young professional. That'll set them up well for the seasons to come - and the competitive trips they'll surely deliver.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



VALERIE VIZCARRONDO PRIDE



FAVIAN



Owner: Valerie Vizcarrondo Pride

Age: Thirteen

Height: 16.2hh

Breed: Oldenburg

Pedigree: French Kiss x Risiko, by Relevant

Country: USA

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

33.5

SPEED RATING:

14

PREDICTED POLES:

2

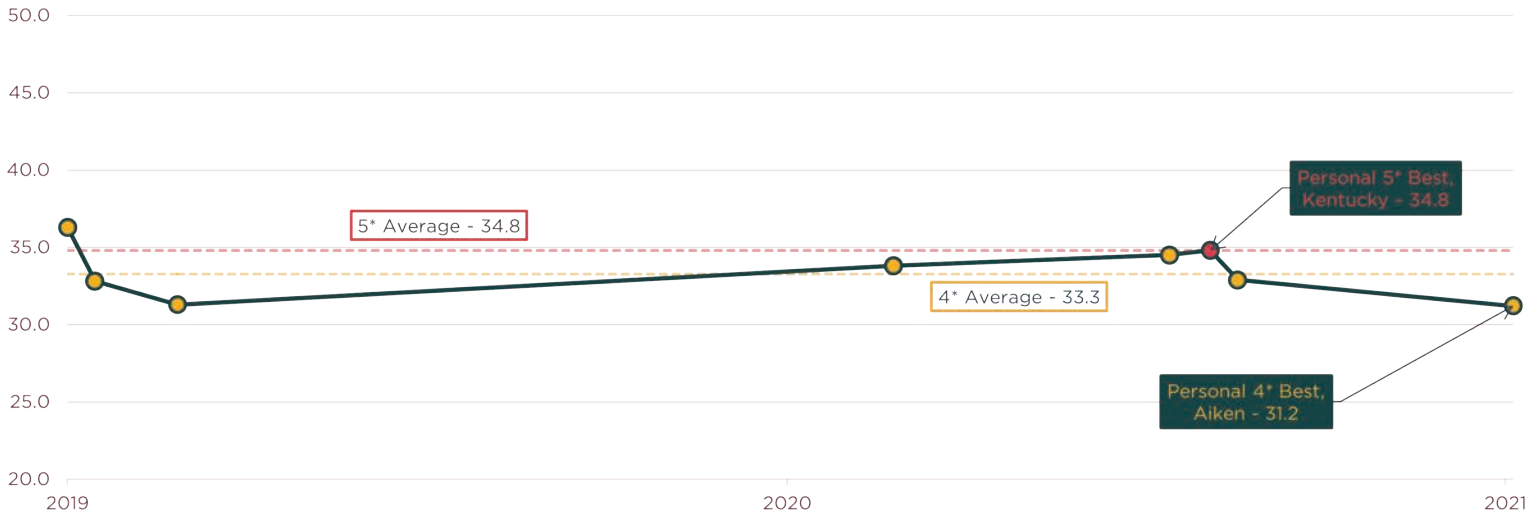


Valerie Vizcarrondo Pride knows eventing inside and out. When she's not competing her top horse, Favian, or a host of youngsters, she can be found in a judge's box. Valerie moonlights as an "S" certified National judge and a Level 2 FEI dressage judge, and she says the perspective gained from her side gig has helped her be more mindful with her own riding. Now, she's back for a second attempt at the CCI5* level with her horse of a lifetime, Favian, who she found in California through Tamie Smith and Liza Horan. Favian is a U.S.-bred horse out of Anita Nardine's Hidden Springs Ranch, and he's proven to be everything Valerie could have wanted in the first horse to take her to this level.

This pair's weekend in Kentucky, their original CCI5* debut, ended in heartbreak when Favian hung a leg over an upright gate midway around the cross country course. But they brushed the dirt off and rerouted to the Jersey Fresh CCI4*-L, finishing full of confidence and run at the end of another testing track. They're coming off of a final prep at Stable View in September, and Valerie has been chomping at the bit to have another crack at this big goal.

"Faves" can always be found with a faithful companion by his side: a mini named Theodore. Look for Theodore and Favian in their matching halters this week at Maryland!

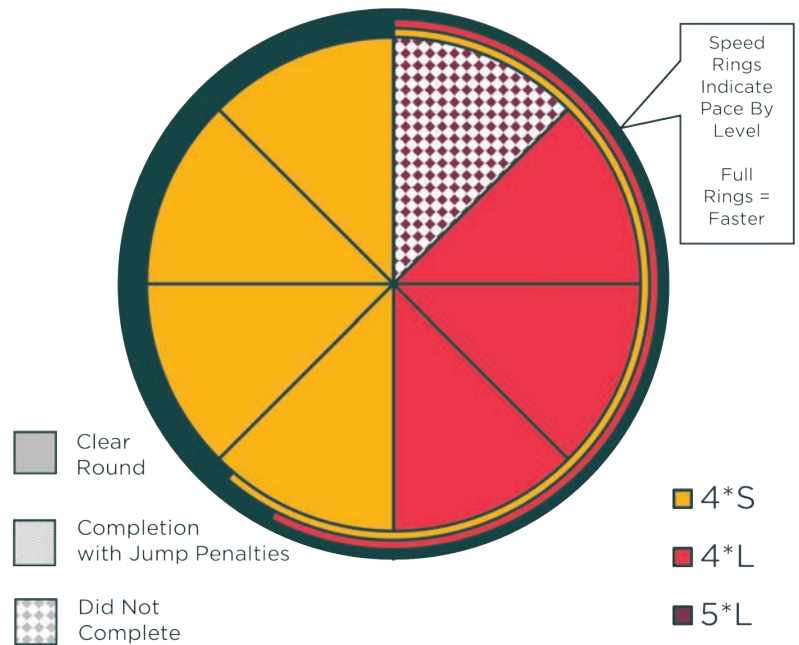
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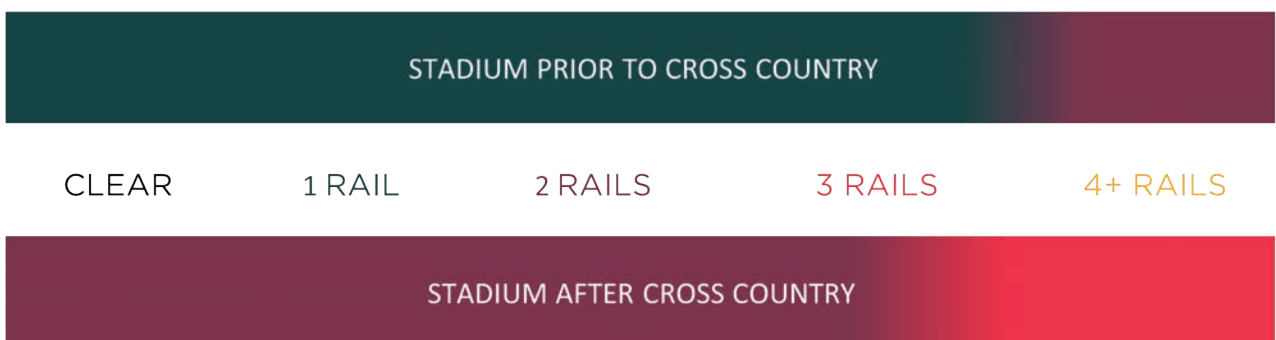
BY THE NUMBERS

After a frustrating early finish to their CCI5* debut earlier this year, Valerie and Favian have been putting in the hard work to turn their experience into a positive one, and as a result, they're more than ready for their sophomore start at the level. Their first-phase score will put them in the top half of the field going into cross-country, where they'll aim to deliver a measured, confident cross-country round. They could well take two poles on Sunday, but a completion will set them up well for next season's competitive CCI5* runs.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



HAWLEY BENNETT-AWAD

★ ★ ★
JOLLYBO



Owner: The JollyBo Syndicate LLC and the rider

Age: Seventeen

Height: 15.3hh

Breed: British Sport Horse

Pedigree: Jumbo x Polly Coldunnell

Country: Canada

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

36.4

SPEED RATING:

7.2

PREDICTED POLES:

4



Two-time Canadian Olympian Hawley has had some special horses in her life, and the 17-year-old Jollybo has certainly stepped into her predecessors' shoes with class and just a little bit of sass. This weekend will be the sixth CCI5* start together for this pair, who first joined up in 2016 after the little mare was sourced by Great Britain's Kate Tarrant and produced in the U.S. through the the CCI4*-L level by fellow Brit Justine Dutton. Hawley would likely tell you her preference is a cheeky bay mare – if you hearken back to the Gin & Juice days, you might see a few commonalities.

This is a pair that's been working hard at home to hone their craft, and Hawley can often be found bringing riders such as her longtime coach Buck Davidson out to her home base in southern California for regular clinics. Her hard work has paid off, as Jollybo's dressage scores have trended downward since their partnership began.

After rerouting to Jersey Fresh this spring after a minor foot issue kept Jollybo off the cross-country at Kentucky out of an abundance of caution, Hawley and "Jolly" finished 14th in the CCI4*-L and also picked up a top-five finish in the CCI4*-L at Rebecca Farm this summer. Though the mare is in the latter stages of her career, we wouldn't rule them out for the WEG next year – so expect them to go for it here.

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LESLIE LAW



VOLTAIRE DE TRE



Owner: Tre Book

Age: Twelve

Height: 16.3hh

Breed: Selle Français

Pedigree: Gentleman IV x Jasmina du Fresne

Country: Great Britain

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

34.3

SPEED PREDICTION:

8.8

PREDICTED POLES:

0

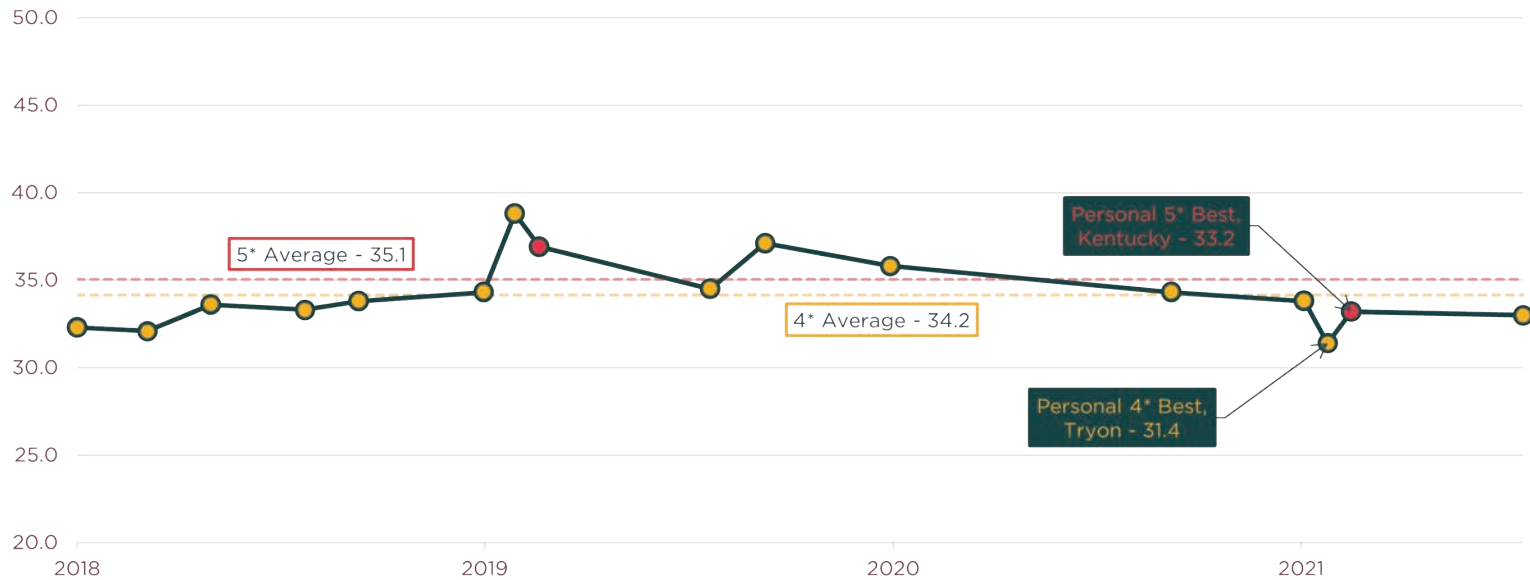
“Larger than life” is how British Olympic gold medalist Leslie Law would describe the flashy Voltaire de Tre, who at the age of just 10 made a smashing CCI5* debut at Kentucky 2019 to finish in the top 10 overall. ‘Splash’, who is owned by and named after Tre Book, will now make his third start at the level, having also done Kentucky earlier this year. With looks to match his ‘splashy’ personality, the French-bred gelding is impossible to miss, but sometimes this part of his personality can make him a bit of a handful to ride. Generally speaking, though, Leslie calls Splash a “trier” who does want to do his best work, even when it’s hard to contain his enthusiasm for the task at hand.

Leslie is a big believer in a proper system for producing horses and has a penchant for slow, proper training that yields long-lasting results. The ongoing pipeline is not easy to establish or maintain, but you can always count on Leslie to have a proper stable of rising stars and tactfully produced veterans on his roster at any given time.

Based in Ocala, Florida with his wife, Lesley, and their son, Liam, Leslie also does plenty of coaching as the USEF Eventing Development and Emerging Athletes Coach. He can typically be found helping the next generation of star event riders hone their skills, complementing the practical curriculum with other well-rounded teachings to produce not only competent riders, but excellent horsemen and women.



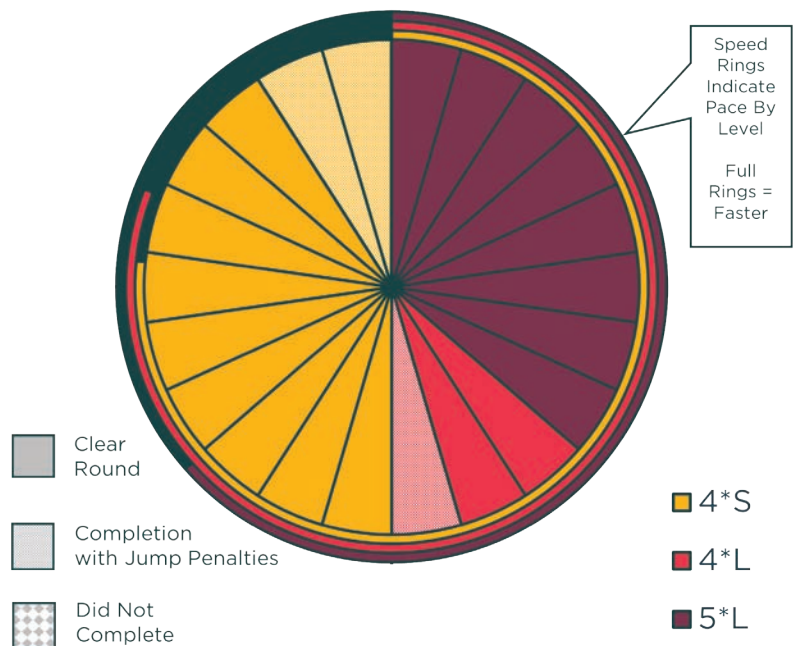
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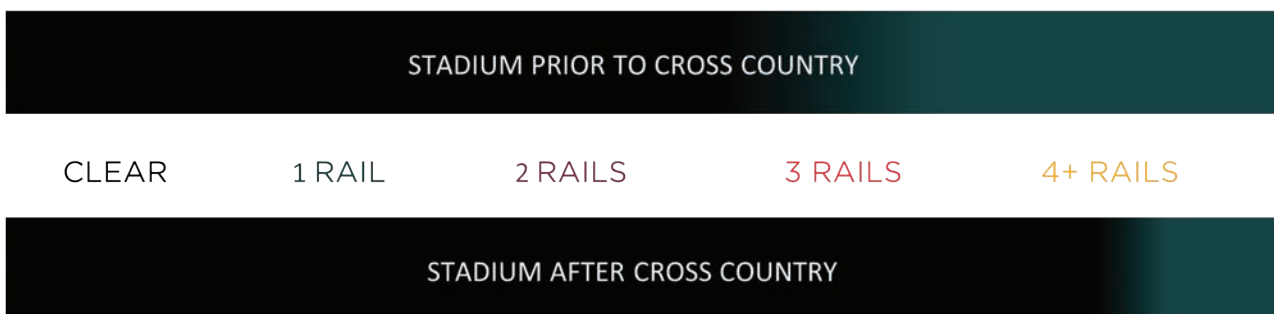
BY THE NUMBERS

Flying the flag for French breeding in the US is the striking Splash, who's been an excellent partner to gold medallist Leslie back out at the top level. While he's only twelve, he's racked up plenty of mileage along the way, including two super runs at Kentucky CCI5* - and a tenth place finish on his debut in 2019. His dressage has improved since then, and he's remained consistently capable in the jumping phases, so another top ten is a worthy goal this week for this vibrant partnership.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE





OLIVER TOWNEND



COOLEY MASTER CLASS



Owner: Angela Hislop

Age: Sixteen

Height: 16.2hh

Breed: Irish Sport Horse

Pedigree: Ramiro B x The Swallow, by Master Imp

Country: Great Britain

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:
25.6

SPEED PREDICTION:
0.4

PREDICTED POLES:
0

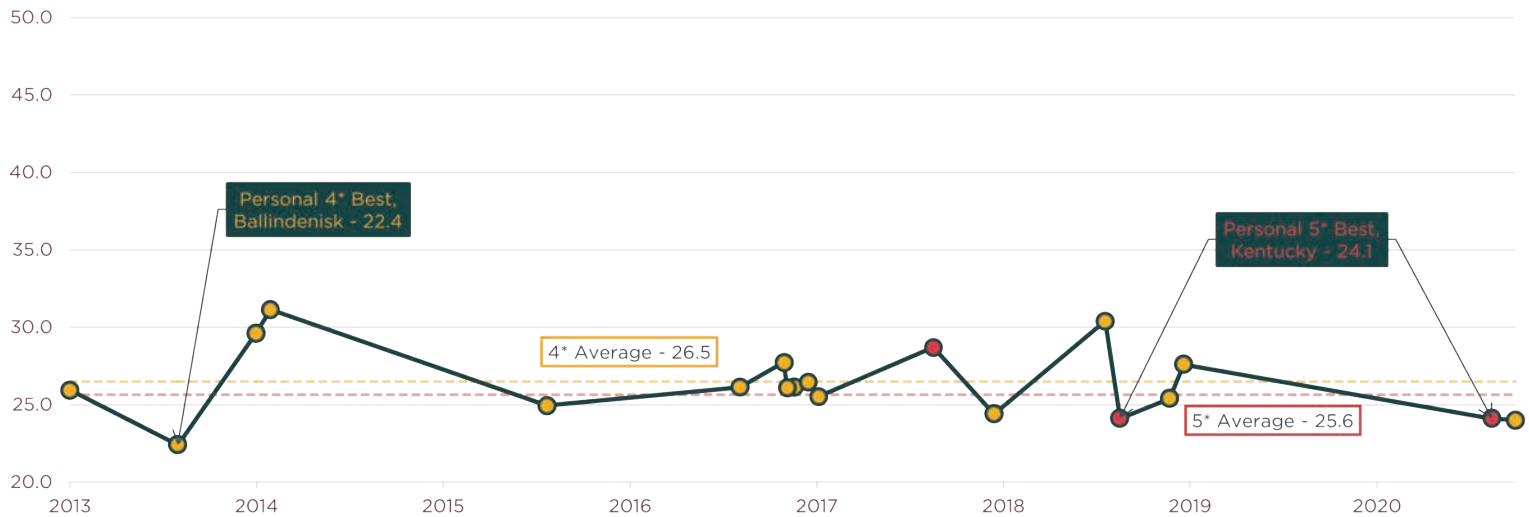
Oliver Townend's two-time Kentucky winner is an interesting horse, and not just because of those victories. His competition record over the last few years is noticeably sparse compared to most of the other horses in the field, and Oliver rarely runs him in short-format internationals. Instead, he'll tactically enter him at Open Intermediates, withdrawing if the ground is suboptimal or the horse doesn't need the run, which can sometimes mean that the horse only actually goes cross-country a couple of times a year. But this is a system that has been honed over a number of seasons, and the proof is in the pudding: before both of his previous wins at Kentucky, he ran two Intermediates at a slow, steady pace.

'Coolio' lives in the equine equivalent of Millionaire's Row, the optimal block of stables that can be seen from Oliver's house on his Shropshire farm. That means that the sight of his two favorite horses, Coolio and this year's Kentucky winner, Ballaghmor Class, bookends his days - and that's just how he likes it. Though he tends not to be a sappy type outwardly, Oliver is enormously fond of his horses, and particularly of these two, who have given him and his team such an extraordinary amount of joy.

Consider this the biggest hurdle standing in the way of a first US CCI5* winner since 2008 - though the quality in this field means Oliver will have his work cut out for him.



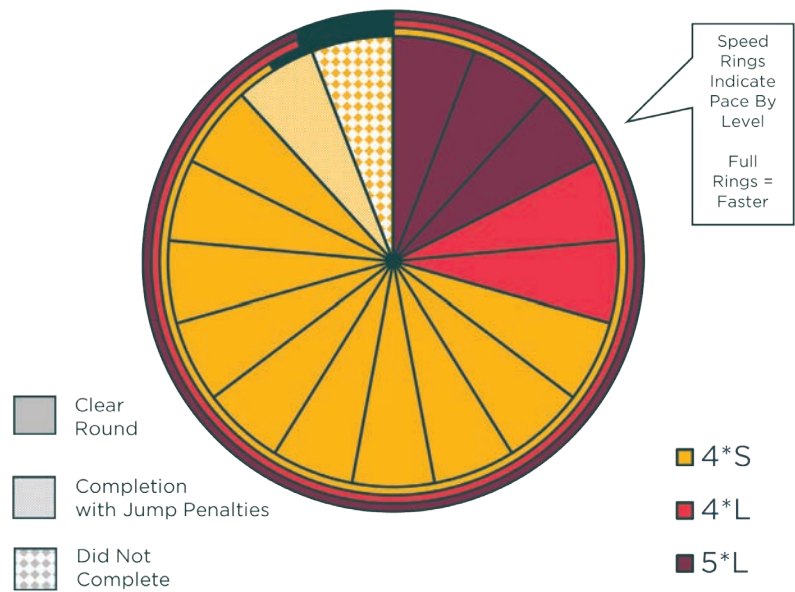
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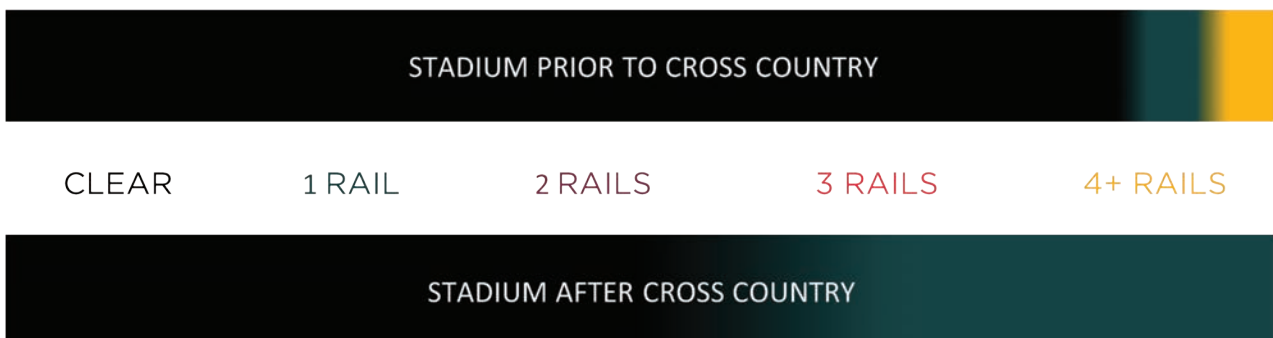
BY THE NUMBERS

It's hard to bet against a two-time CCI5* winner, though of course, 'Coolio' is on a level playing field here with no former venue experience. We last saw him at Kentucky this spring, where he jumped clear but looked ever-so-slightly lacklustre across the country before being spun on Sunday morning, but that's not indicative of his usual performances. Expect him to be in the lead - or very close to it - after the first phase, and to fight to stay there through the weekend. He might not run frequently, but Coolio is one of the biggest threats in this field.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



BUCK DAVIDSON



JAK MY STYLE



Owner: Kathleen and Robert Cuca

Age: Sixteen

Height: 16.3hh

Breed: Thoroughbred

Pedigree: unknown

Country: USA

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

34.5

SPEED PREDICTION:

2.8

PREDICTED POLES:

1



While some horses opt for a conventional path to superstardom, Jak My Style – who’s named after a song by the band fun., making this a particularly musical field – has chosen a route more familiar to those who grew up on the culture of movies like ‘Sylvester’. He began his career intended for the track, but never raced because he kept putting his exercise riders on the floor. After the death of his owner and trainer, he was sold as part of an estate sale and picked up by a family who hoped he might make a nice hunter for their daughter. He was a bit too sparkly for that life, too, and was sold on to event rider Matthew Bryner, who sat enough of his bucks to produce him to Advanced before now-owner Kat Cuca bought him for US-based Brit Justine Dutton. After two years together, the horse joined Buck’s string, and now comes to Maryland for his fourth CC15* start after logging his first completion at Kentucky this spring, where he finished 29th. Since then, we’ve seen him finish fourth in the Advanced Championship at the AECs – and ninth in the Beginner Novice at Essex with Kat aboard.



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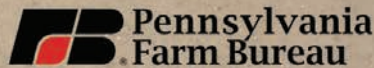
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TIM PRICE



XAVIER FAER



Owner: Trisha Rickards, Nigella Hall, and Tim Price

Age: Fourteen

Height: 16.3hh

Breed: British-bred Sport Horse

Pedigree: Catherston Liberator x Faerie Dazzler, by Catherston Dazzler

Country: New Zealand

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

31

SPEED PREDICTION:

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PREDICTED POLES:

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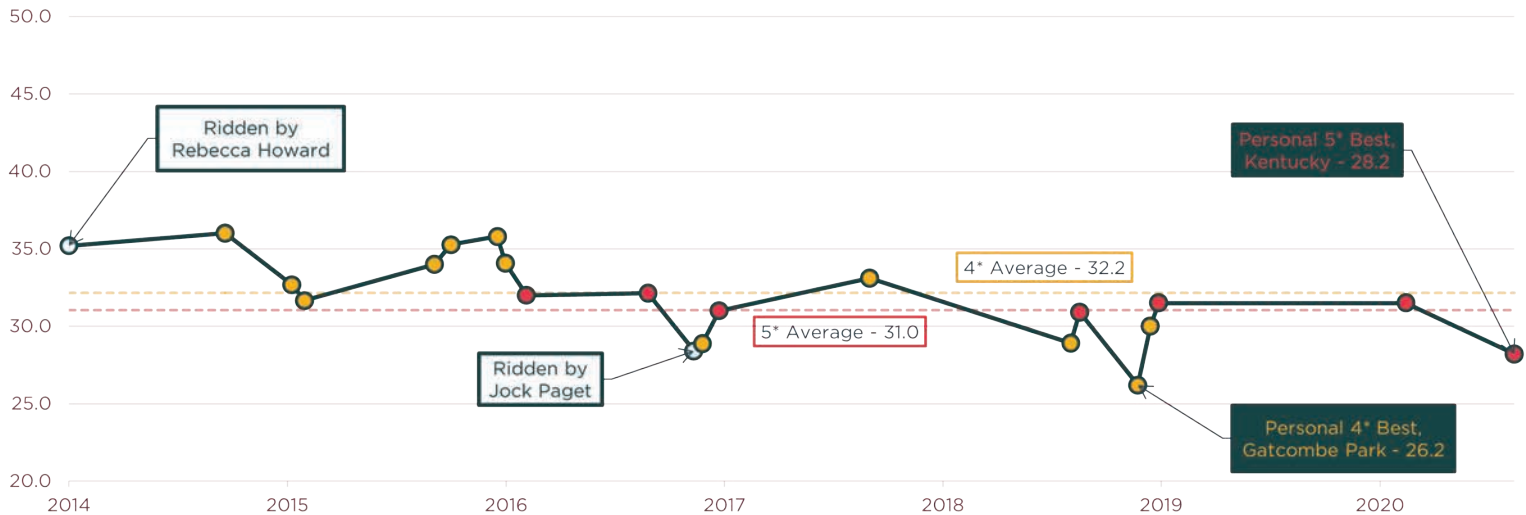


'Hugo' is a spooky talent - we've spotted Tim nearly eating dirt on numerous occasions after Hugo has completed a dressage test and then nearly fainted of stage fright upon exiting the arena. But he knows when to put his head down and focus on getting his homework done, and as a result, he's responsible for rather a lot of exciting placings through his career, including a third-place finish at Badminton in 2017 - Tim's best result at the event. He was third at Kentucky in 2019 and second this spring, too, as well as thirteenth at Pau last year - though he does have the odd blip under his belt too, and was retired at Burghley in 2019 after picking up a 20.

Tim's had the ride on Hugo since 2014, taking the reins from Canada's Rebecca Howard, who produced him to CCI4*-S and had taken over from Ireland's Esib Power, who brought the horse to CCI3*-L and a top-ten finish in the British Seven-Year-Old Championships. In 2015, he finished tenth in Blenheim's prestigious eight- and nine-year-old CCI4*-S, generally a reliable indicator of an illustrious top-level career to come.

He's certainly proven that point in the years since, and should earn Tim another great result here. If his US trajectory continues as it has done so far, that great result could even be a win.

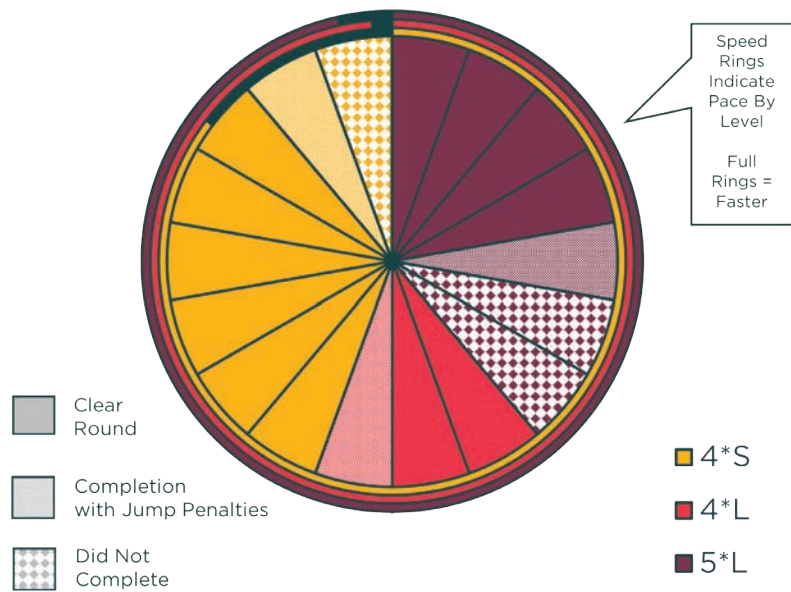
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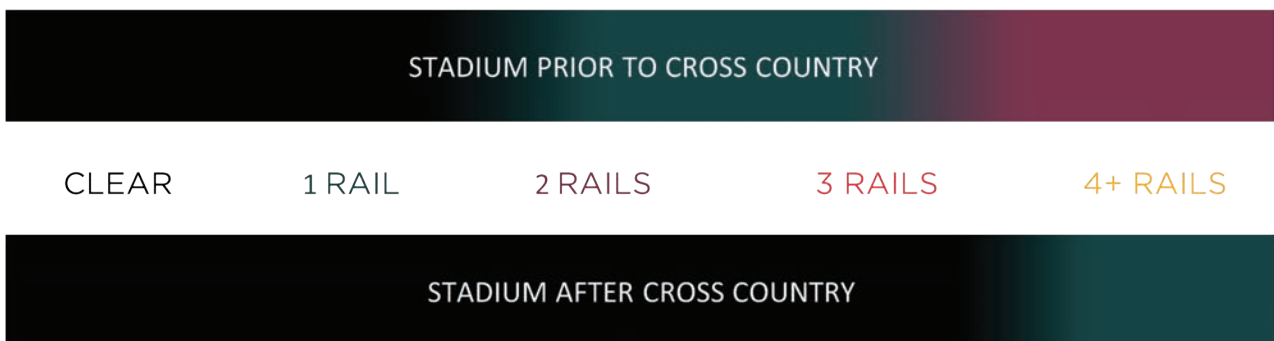
BY THE NUMBERS

He might not be a conventional superstar - in fact, Tim would probably tell you the gelding's a bit of a weirdo, really - but Hugo knows how to step up when it counts, and we tend to see him knuckle down and focus the most in a big CCI5* atmosphere. That means we should see another high-20s mark, and he ought to be very quick, too, as long as he keeps his brain on the job at hand. When we get to the tense finale, he's got the edge: his showjumping record is very, very good.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



LILLIAN HEARD



LCC BARNABY



Owner: Lillian Heard

Age: Fifteen

Height: 16.3hh

Breed: Irish Sport Horse

Pedigree: Guy Cavalier x Lady Tanjour, by Rafael

Country: USA

It's an incredible ninth CCI5* start for stalwart pair Lillian and Barnaby, whose best result at the level so far is thirteenth place at Kentucky in 2017. They also jumped clear for a top twenty finish at Burghley in 2019, which was widely considered one of the toughest Burghleys ever.

But great things often come from humble backgrounds, and Lillian first teamed up with the impressive gelding when he was a very green six-year-old and she was basing herself in Ireland to gain more experience. Lillian's own horse had been sidelined, so she needed to find a replacement – and so, with trainer Boyd Martin's advice to just choose one that jumps well in her mind, she picked the rank, rogue gelding that no one enjoyed riding, because he never, ever said no to a fence. They began their career together in Britain, and since then, they've become familiar faces at the top events all over the world.

And with that Burghley behind them? There's no telling what they could do here.

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

37.7

SPEED PREDICTION:

15.2

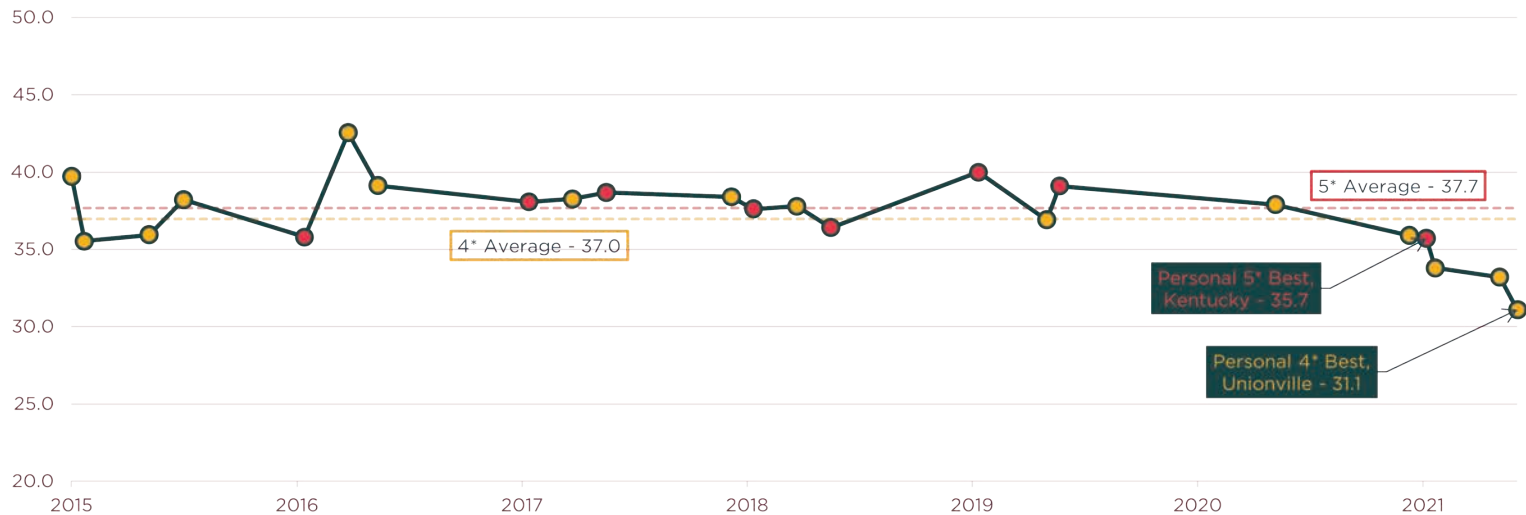
PREDICTED POLES:

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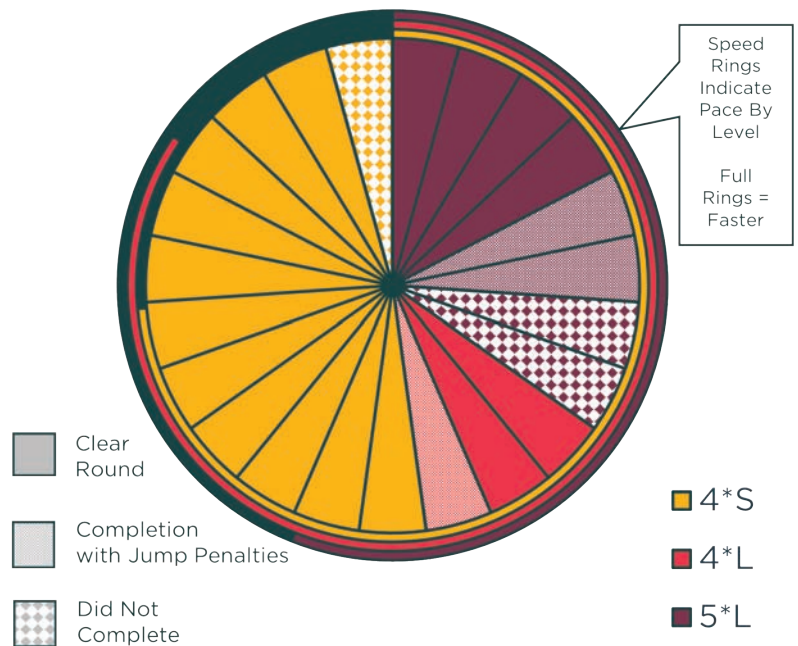
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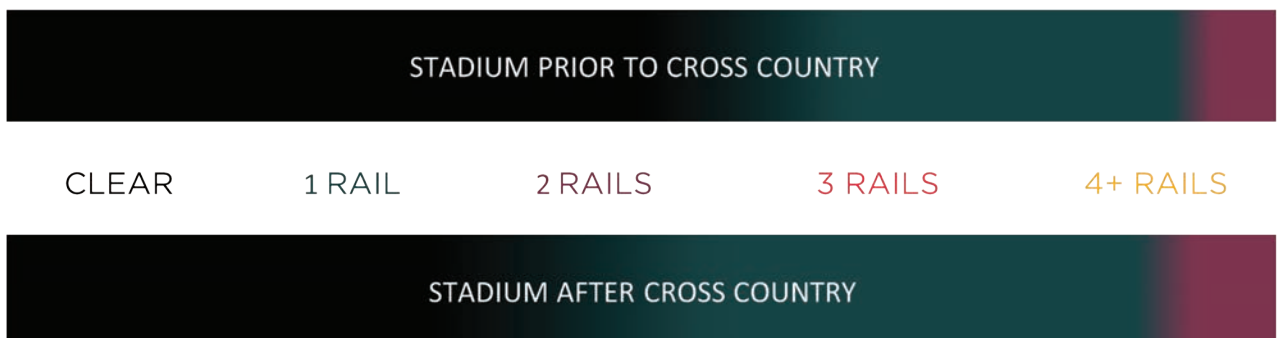
BY THE NUMBERS

Though LCC Barnaby's dressage average is among the higher ones in this field, his recent form suggests a serious uptick in performance in this phase, and we've seen him deliver his best marks at four-star this season – plus a mid-30s score at Kentucky that he should be on track to better this week. An unfortunate rider fall there is an outlier at five-star for this consistent combination, who know one another inside and out and ought to deliver the goods this week. They tend to pull a pole at a three-day, but a top 20 finish is well within their grasp.


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HOLLY JACKS-SMITHER



CANDY KING



Owner: Holly Jacks-Smithier

Age: Eleven

Height: 16.1hh

Breed: British Sport Horse

Pedigree: Grafenstolz x Eye Candy, by Moothyeb

Country: Canada

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

33.3

SPEED PREDICTION:

13.6

PREDICTED POLES:

1

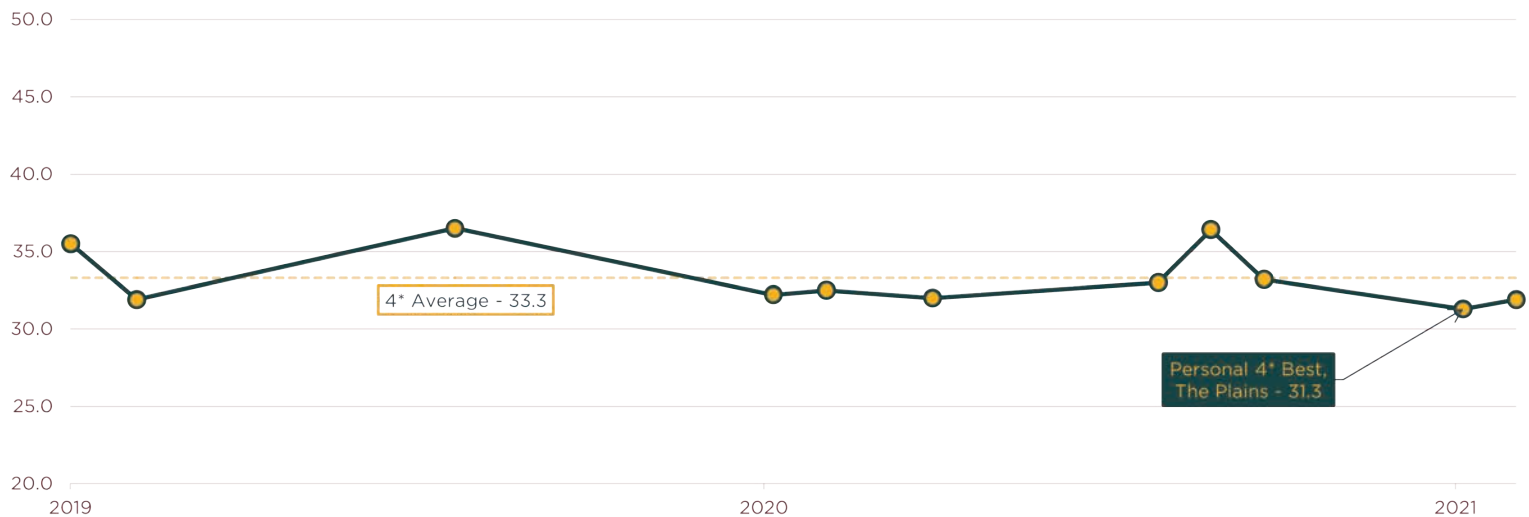
It's a CCI5* debut for Candy King, who will be piloted by Canadian rider Holly Jacks-Smithier. 'Mini-Me' has flown a bit under the radar while he's come up the levels, and most reading this will recognize Holly's recently-retired five-star partner, More Inspiration, as the horse she's been seen inhaling big tracks with. But don't count this rising star out as a debutant - he's got nearly three full seasons at the Advanced level under his girth now, and he's been produced tactfully by Holly, who's based in Canada with her husband, racehorse trainer Bruce Smithier.

Holly and Candy King were named as Canadian alternates for the 2019 Pan American Games in Peru, and while their services weren't needed it was a nod to the budding talent in Holly's string. After More Inspiration was unexpectedly retired earlier this year, it was Candy King's turn to step up into his stablemate's shoes. And he's done just that, finishing no worse than twelfth in each of his starts this year, save one blip in the form of a rider fall at Millbrook.

The goal for this weekend will be experience, building for the future. Canada has a strong contingent of up-and-coming horses and seasoned riders in its ranks, so it's an exciting time to have a horse getting confirmed at the top levels. After all, the World Equestrian Games are rapidly approaching already, so keep an eye on Candy King, who's en route to becoming a championship horse in his own right.



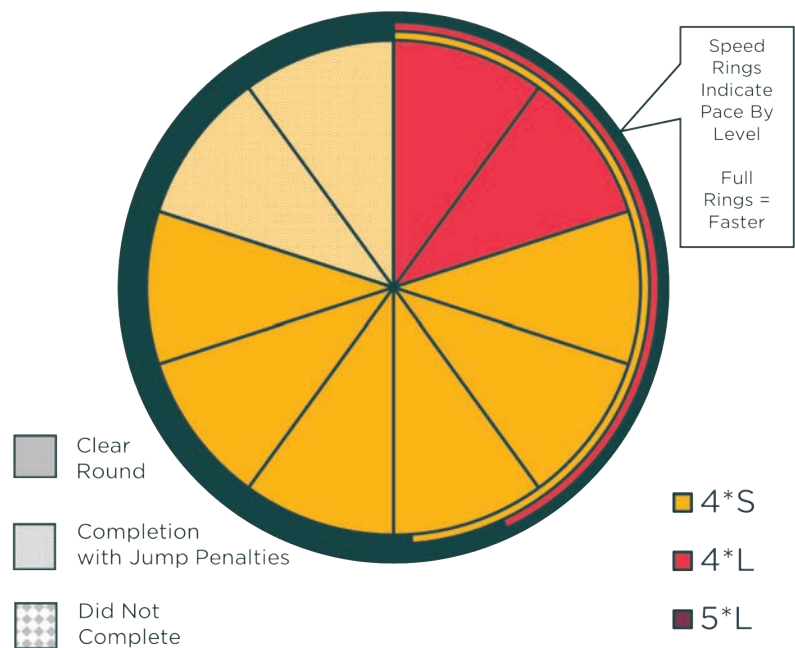
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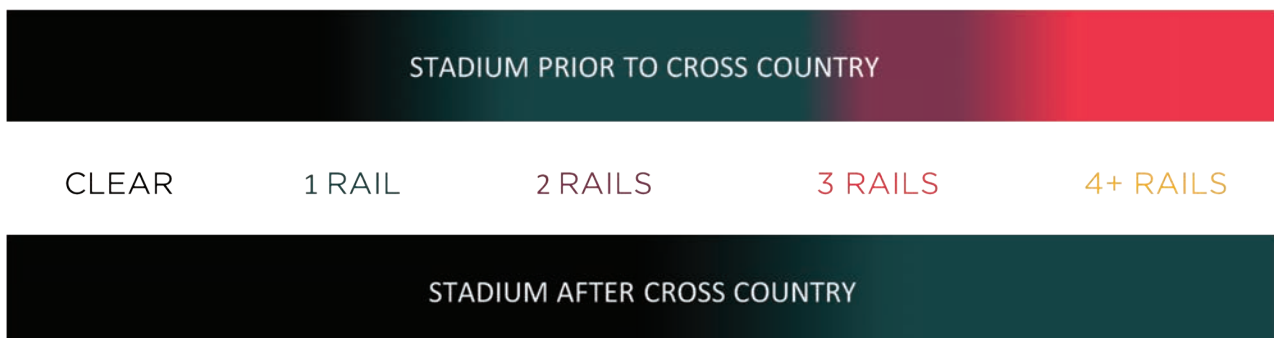
BY THE NUMBERS

Candy King is one of the most inexperienced horses in the field: he only made his FEI eventing debut in 2018, after beginning his career as a showjumper with Jay Halim. But he's partnered with an experienced rider in Holly, and she's committed to nurturing her string of horses to the top levels. They should lay down a respectably mid-30s performance in the first phase, and they haven't picked up a cross-country jumping penalty in an international since 2019, so this is set to be an exciting debutant to watch.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE





COLLEEN RUTLEDGE



COVERT RIGHTS



Owner: FSG Inc. and Colleen Rutledge

Age: Fourteen

Height: 16.2hh

Breed: Thoroughbred/Clydesdale

Pedigree: BFF Incognito x Let's Get It Right XX, by Covert Operation XX

Country: USA

This weekend will mark the 45th FEI start for Colleen Rutledge and 'CR', as he's known at home. This is a particularly special partner for Colleen, who actually bred Covert Rights and also has gone on to breed three half siblings by the same sire. Covert Rights' dam, Let's Get It Right, was Colleen's first Advanced partner. She paired the Thoroughbred mare with the Clydesdale-Thoroughbred stallion BFF Incognito, who had competed through the Preliminary level himself. This gelding was actually the only of Let's Get It Right's offspring to make it past his fifth year, making him all the more special as the memory of his mother lives on through him.

Eventing is an all-out family affair for the Rutledge family, as Colleen's daughters, Cassie and Clana, also event - in fact, Cassie is currently competing Covert Rights' half-brother, Sherlock, at the Novice level. You are also almost sure to see Colleen's husband, Brian, at every event he can make it to, and he's always got a warm smile and a joke coming your way if you happen to run into him.

CR is "definitely a character", Colleen told The Chronicle of the Horse last year, noting that he has a propensity for nibbling on zippers or headphone cords. But in general, he's laidback to be around and a worker bee under saddle.

Look for this pair to put in a workmanlike test - and they're capable of putting in a solidly competitive score - and listen for Colleen's vocal encouragement as she makes her way around Ian Stark's big, bold track come Saturday.

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

31.4

SPEED PREDICTION:

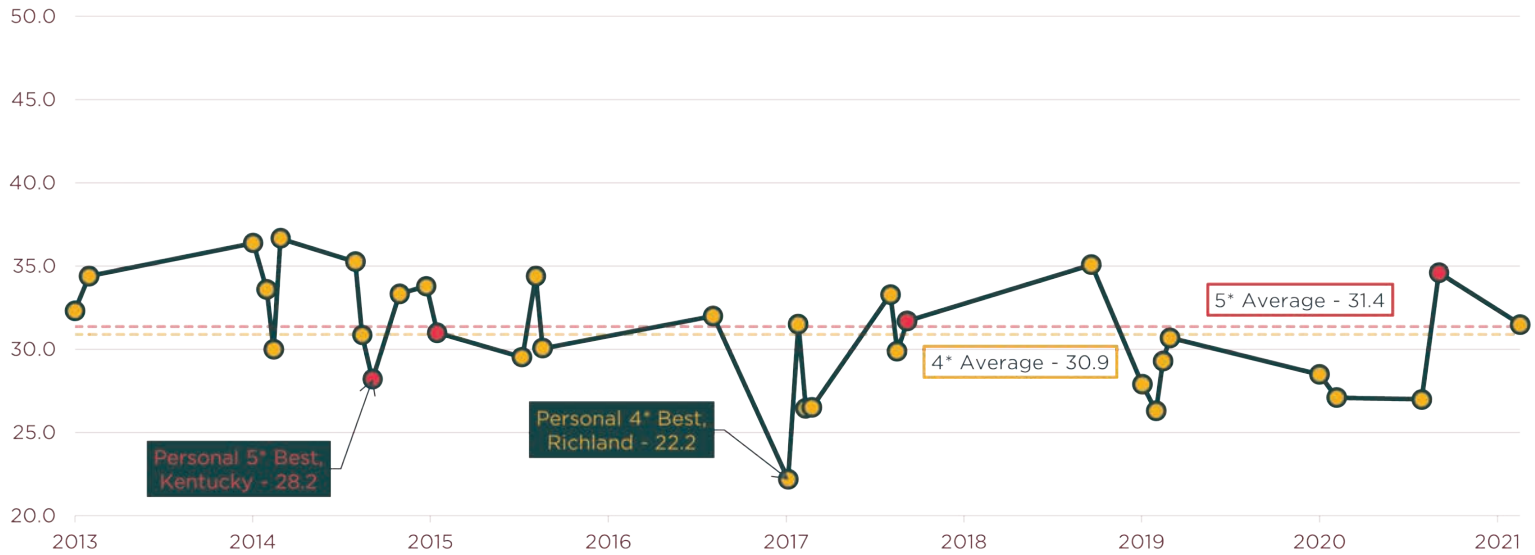
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PREDICTED POLES:

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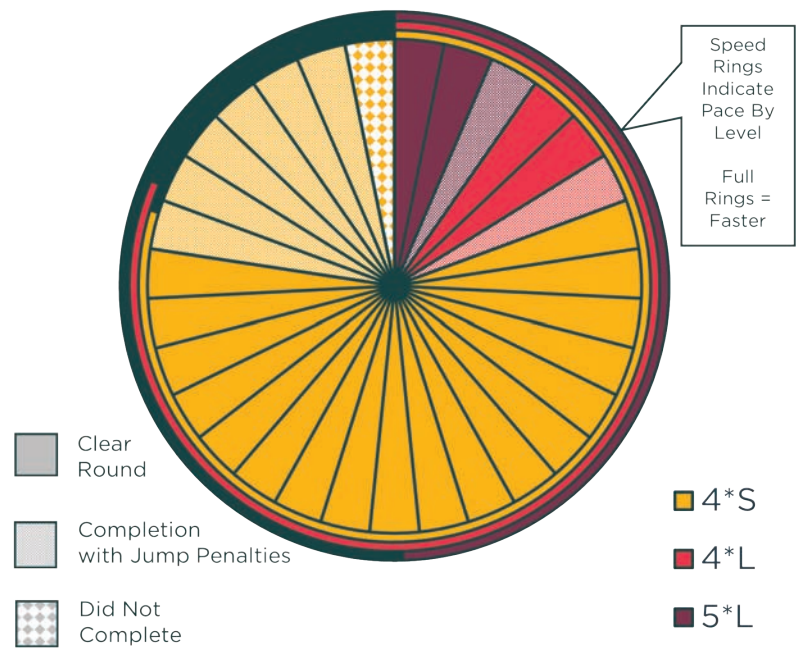
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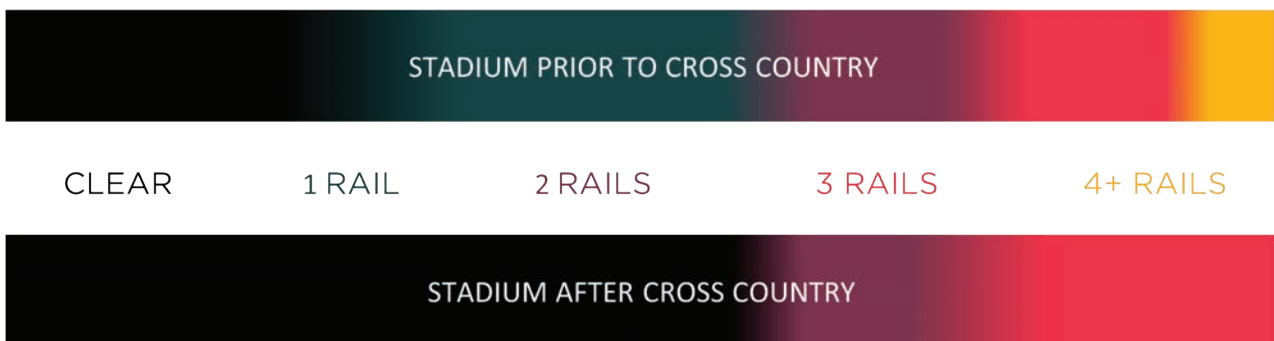
BY THE NUMBERS

We didn't get a chance to watch this pair in action on cross-country at Kentucky this spring, because they withdrew after the dressage - but they've notched up some exciting results at this level, including 11th place at Kentucky in 2015 and a Burghley run later that year where they finished just outside the top twenty. Their first-phase scores have been getting better and better, so they'll be aiming for a sub-30 start, and then they should deliver two solid jumping rounds to try to nail their first top ten at CCI5*.

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SHARON WHITE



COOLEY ON SHOW



Owner: Sharon White

Age: Thirteen

Height: 16.2hh

Breed: Irish Sport Horse

Pedigree: Ricardo Z x Jogantina, by Grand d'Espagne

Country: USA

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

35.7

SPEED PREDICTION:

0.8

PREDICTED POLES:

1



This will be the sixth CCI5* start for West Virginia-based Sharon White and Cooley On Show as they come forward looking to improve on their 20th place finish at Kentucky in April. Sharon's been partnered with "Louie" since she imported him from England following the 2014 season. They've ventured over to Europe for one CCI5*, finishing 13th at Luhmühlen in 2017. They also finished in the top 10 at Kentucky in 2018 and were subsequently named as reserves for the U.S. team at the 2018 World Equestrian Games.

Sharon is widely respected for her coaching philosophy and horsemanship, always encouraging those who train with her to be mindful and aware of their communication with the horse. "Horses go the way they are ridden" would be Sharon's best tagline, and she believes that effective riding is about minding the basic, foundational core of one's skills. This mindful approach is visible in her quiet manner on her horses, and this quiet confidence does wonders to boost her horses' belief in themselves.

Louie would be the horse you'd pick to ride around a big track - but, to be honest, we wouldn't blame you if you picked him out of the stable solely on account of his stunning good looks. Get your cameras out when this big gray gelding comes by - he isn't named "Cooley On Show" for nothing!



JOE MEYER



JOHNNY ROYALE



Owner: Team Johnny Syndicate

Age: Thirteen

Height: 16.1hh

Breed: New Zealand Thoroughbred

Pedigree: His Royal Highness XX x Chivaney XX, by Tights XX

Country: New Zealand

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:
42.4

SPEED PREDICTION:
0

PREDICTED POLES:
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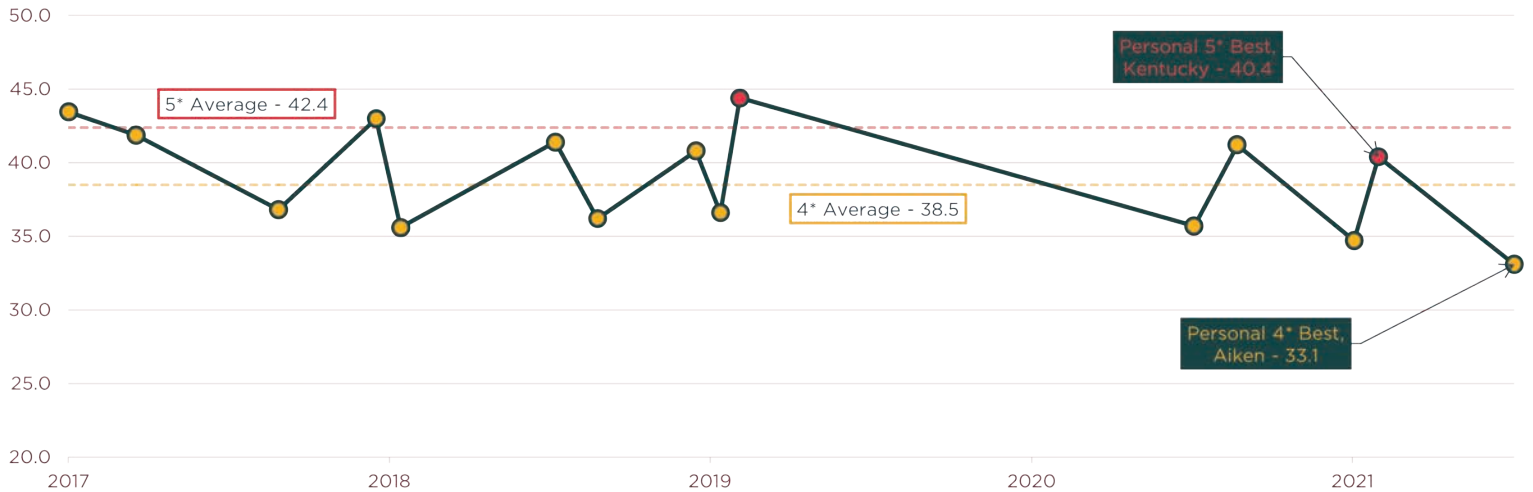


This weekend marks the fourth CCI5* start for Johnny Royale, who has been partnered with New Zealand's Joe Meyer since the outset of his U.S. eventing career. Originally piloted as a young horse by fellow Kiwi Lizzie Brown, Johnny Royale departed the UK to join Joe's string and easily made his way up the levels before making his Advanced debut in 2017.

For his part, Joe is another one of the experienced riders in the field, having represented New Zealand at the 2006 World Equestrian Games as well as the 2008 Olympics with the legendary Snip. He is a rider who can frequently be found piloting off-track Thoroughbreds in their newfound careers, and Johnny Royale is one such former racehorse, having made eight starts on the track in New Zealand.

Joe and Johnny Royale will be looking to improve on their previous two CCI5* completions, both of which came at Kentucky (2019 and 2021). Show jumping might be this pair's weakest phase, but Joe will arrive in Maryland with all the finishing touches in place to have a positive finish in a new venue.

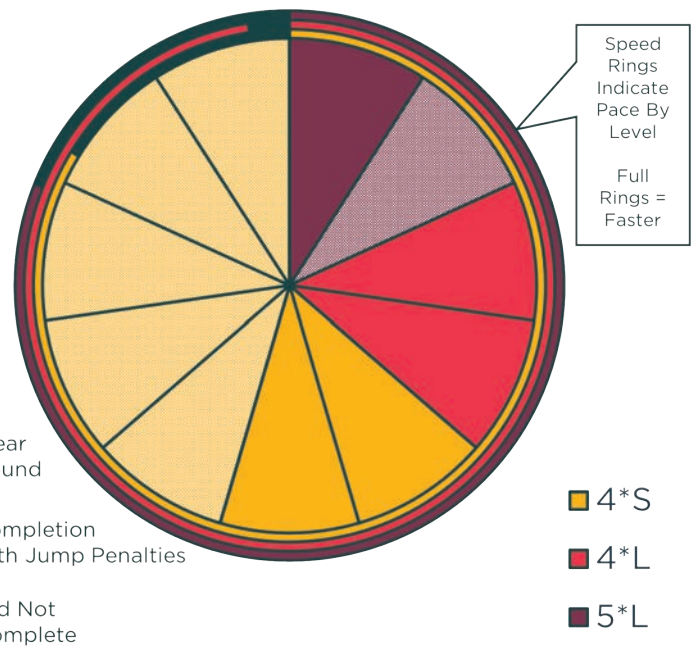
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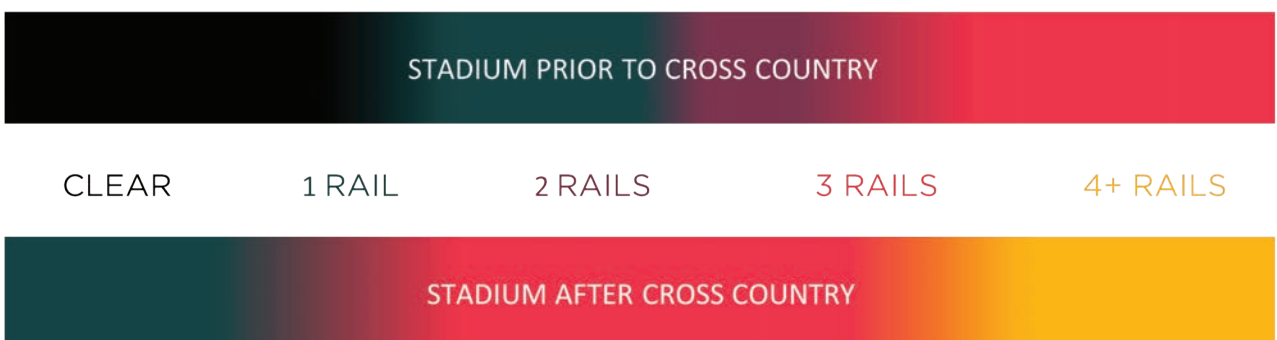
BY THE NUMBERS

Johnny Royale has spent the last few seasons learning the ropes at the upper levels, and though his record is a bit colorful, every outing has been an educational experience for him. Joe, for his part, is very experienced, and has been helping to put all the pieces together for this striking off-the-track Thoroughbred. Their goal this week will be to log another valuable CCI5* completion, which they did for the first time on the horse's debut at the level in 2019.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



FYLICIA BARR



GALLOWAY SUNRISE



Owner: Shannon and Daniel Barr and the rider

Age: Twelve

Height: 16.3hh

Breed: American Warmblood

Pedigree: Duty Officer x Coco Chanel

Country: USA

This pair, who made their 5* debut this spring at Kentucky, have been together for 12 years, and they're looking to be competitive this weekend, currently fresh off a top-three finish at CCI4*-S.

When she was just 13, Fylicia spotted a Craigslist ad for 'Sunny'. A \$500 Warmblood yearling who wasn't even halter-broke was far from a prospective upper-level horse at the time. But Fylicia and her mother liked finding diamonds in the rough, so they took their chances on Sunny. Throughout their partnership, the two have overcome multiple obstacles - like stall rest for a year and a half because of a pasture accident - to get to where they are today. After a lot of determination and effort on both ends, Fylicia and Sunny have blossomed into competitive duo.

Sunny has proved to be quite the cross-country powerhouse, getting the fastest time of the day around the Advanced track at the American Eventing Championships in September. Sunny wasn't always the regular cross-country horse, though. When Fylicia first started with Sunny, it was tough since they didn't have a place to school cross-country close by. They would often do their schooling at events, making it hard to get the hang of it at first - but these days, they've clearly found a system that works for them.

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

34.6

SPEED RATING:

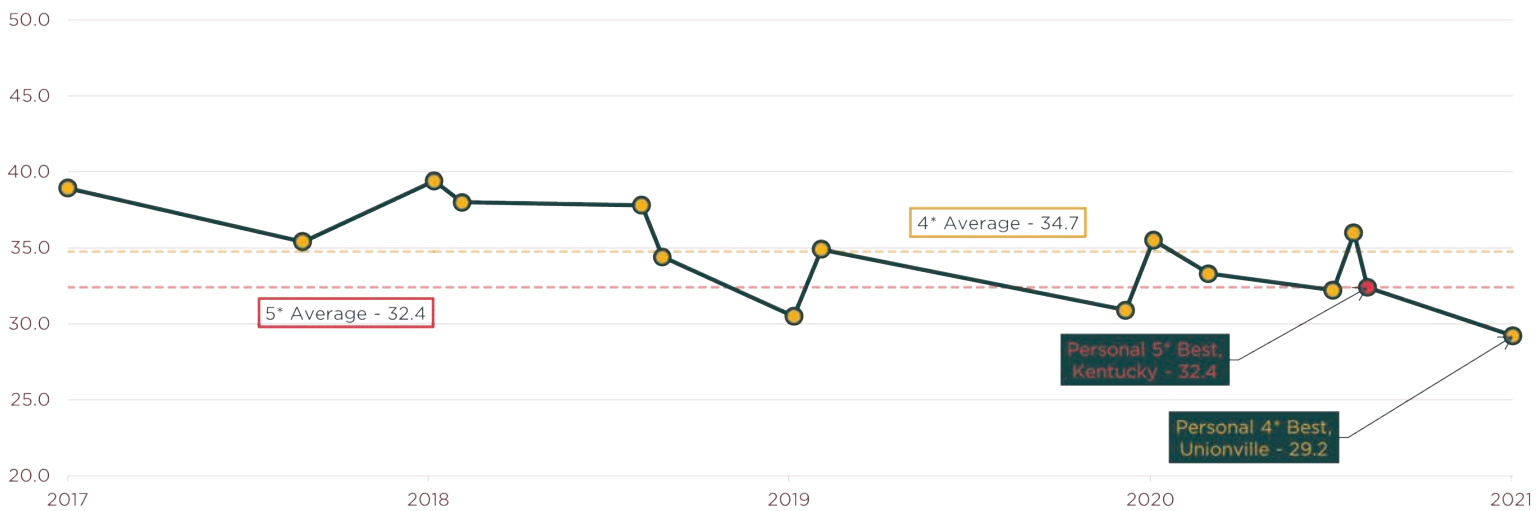
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PREDICTED POLES:

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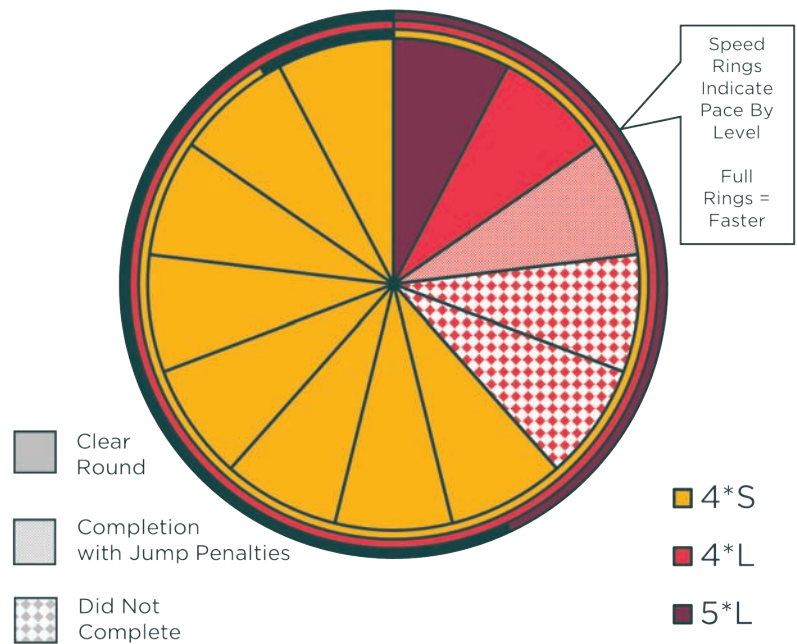
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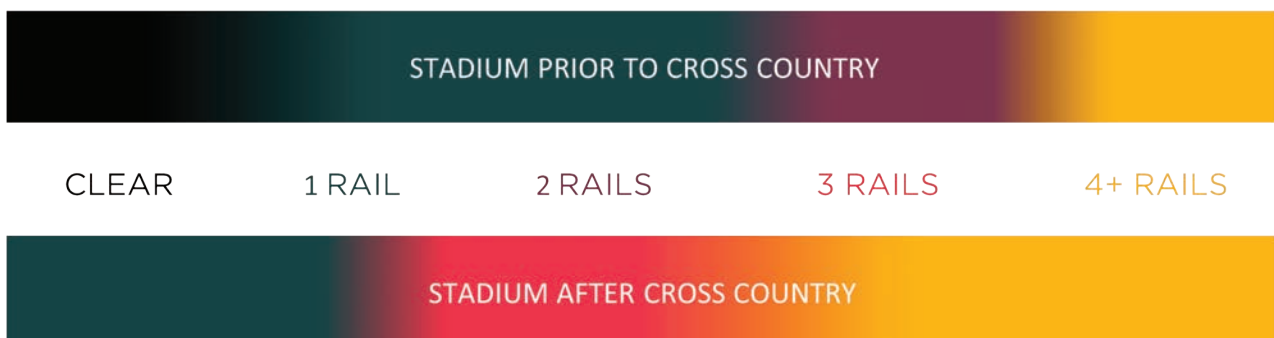
BY THE NUMBERS

Though they're new to the top level, Fylicia and her feisty mare are among the fastest combinations in this field, and they certainly impressed when making their debut at Kentucky earlier this year. There, they put a low-30s score on the board, which they'll aim to do again, and this time around, with some more experience under their belts, they'll be looking to ride for the clock. That'll see them climb, but then they'll have to work hard on Sunday - they're prone to a few rails.

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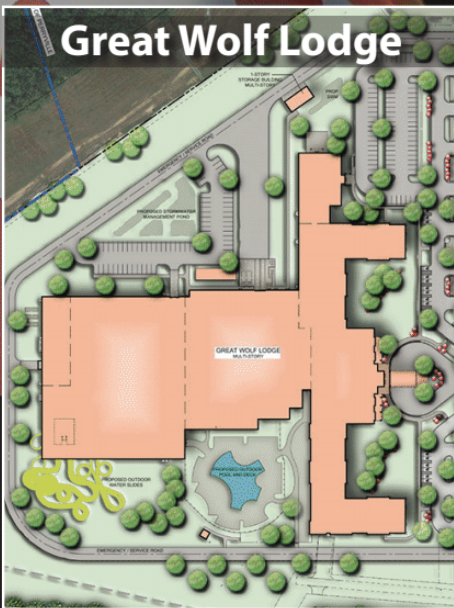
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EMILY HAMEL



CORVETT



Owner: Black Flag Option LLC

Age: Fourteen

Height: 16.1hh

Breed: Holsteiner

Pedigree: Corrido x Tina XI, by Clearway

Country: USA

Emily and her great grey Corvett were one of a slew of five-star debutants at Kentucky this spring, and they added to their growing fan club by jumping two impressive clear rounds and finishing 21st.

If you don't think you've spotted Corvett out on course before, cast your mind back: do you remember seeing a sparkling white, eager-eared bolt of lightning clearing each fence with about two feet of extra air? That's Corvett, whose unique, gravity-defying approach to cross-country jumping makes him almost as much fun to watch as he is to ride.

Resale fail 'Barry' and former Wisconsin-based 4H grad Emily joined forces at Phillip Dutton's True Prospect Farm, where they've both learned the ins and outs of their trade in tandem. Now, they come forward to try to crack the top twenty - or better! - after a successful trip to the American Eventing Championships, where they finished fourteenth in the \$60,000 Adequan Advanced Final.

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

38

SPEED PREDICTION:

12

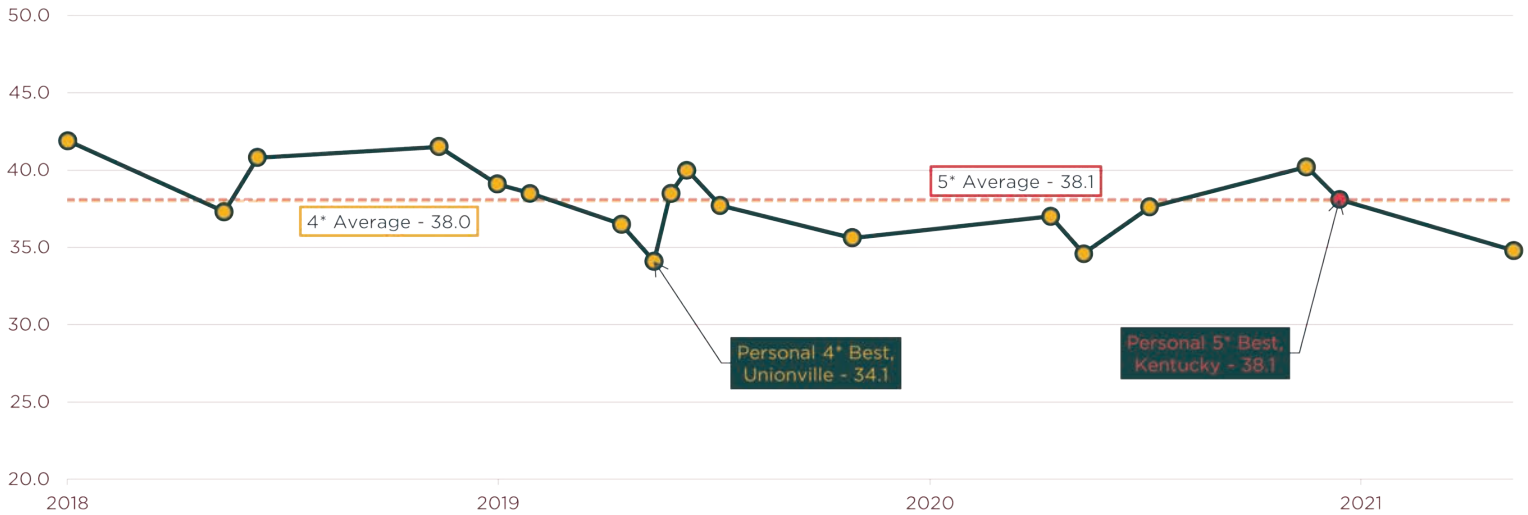
PREDICTED POLES:

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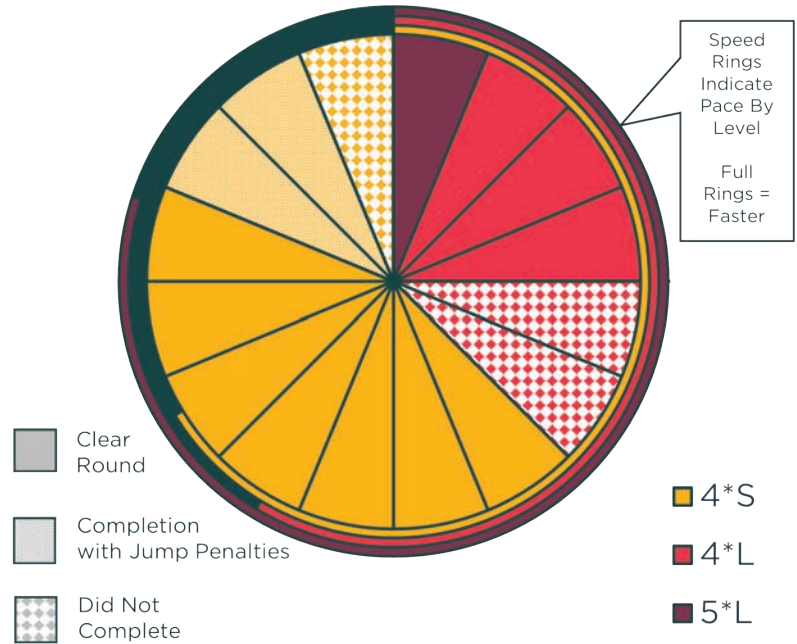
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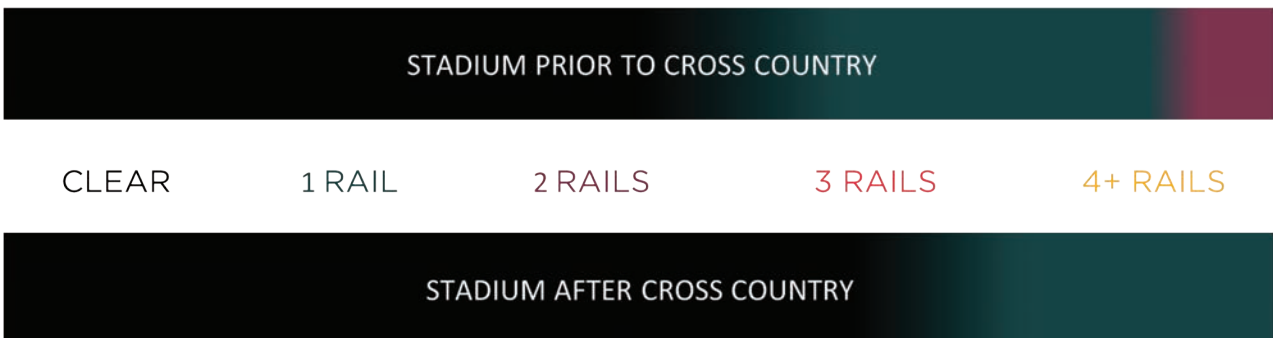
BY THE NUMBERS

While Emily and Corvett won't put the pressure on in the first phase with their mid-to-high 30s score, they shine in the jumping phases and embrace the spirit of the climb (thank you, Miley Cyrus). While they have the odd blip on their FEI record, their run at Kentucky proved that they can gobble up tough tracks in tricky conditions, and they should be very capable of another sterling performance this week. They came so close to cracking the top 20 there - and that's a super goal for this week's competition.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



JONELLE PRICE



CLASSIC MOET



Owner: Trisha Rickards, Jacky Green, and Jonelle Price

Age: Eighteen

Height: 16hh

Breed: British-bred Sport Horse

Pedigree: Classic x Gamston Bubbles, by Bohemond XX

Country: New Zealand

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:
32.4

SPEED PREDICTION:
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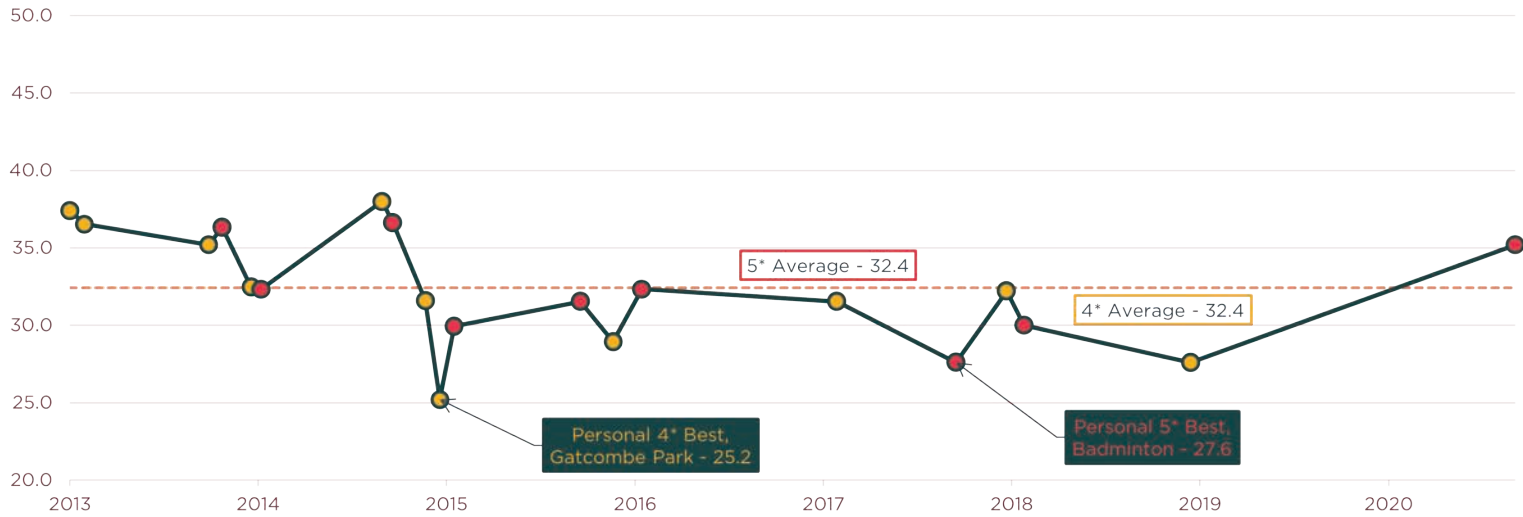
PREDICTED POLES:
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Is Classic Moet the fastest horse in the world? It's very possible – particularly when paired with her very, very quick rider. That's what makes Classic Moet such a, well, classic contender for the likes of Burghley and Badminton – though her dressage has certainly come a long way over the last number of years, she's not a first-phase leader. Instead, she climbs and climbs, and the tougher the time or the cross-country test, the better it suits our Molly.

“She's so unspecial that she's incredibly special,” says Jonelle. “There's nothing fantastic; she's quite an ordinary mover, a bit of an unorthodox jumper, but she's got a ginormous heart. She's got a huge will to be an event horse and she's fierce and courageous.” Her Badminton victory in 2018 – Jonelle's first win at the level – felt like a fairytale come true: we'd all watched Jonelle and Molly battle it out and come so close for years, and it felt thoroughly well-earned, but it also aged everyone by about ten years to watch them pick their way around the showjumping course, tippy-tapping each pole and bouncing it in its cups. That they all stayed up seemed a miracle, whether you'd been watching all the near-misses yourself or whether you'd clocked that their previous clear showjumping round in an international had been a whopping four years prior. Some things just feel like kismet, and that was one of them – though there was an awful lot of hard work that went into making it happen.

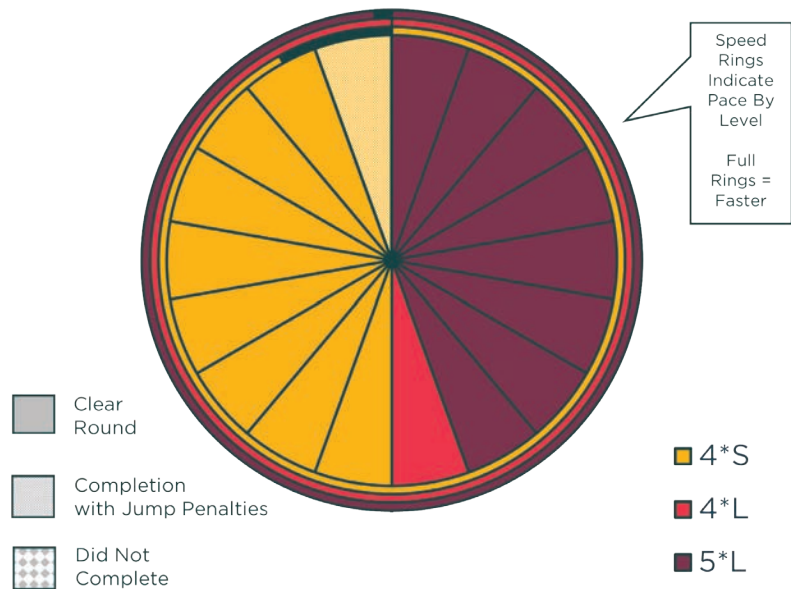
DRESSAGE PERFORMANCE



BY THE NUMBERS

Veteran campaigner Classic Moet can put a very good score on the board, but she's more likely to slot somewhere around the 30 mark - but luckily for her, Ian Stark tends to design tough, testing cross-country courses that bring the cream to the top, and that's where this Burghley and Badminton specialist shines. Jonelle's later draw means she'll have even more intel from the course, making her even more ferociously fast - but after striding up the leaderboard, they'll have to work hard to keep the rails up on the final day.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE

STADIUM PRIOR TO CROSS COUNTRY

CLEAR

1 RAIL

2 RAILS

3 RAILS

4+ RAILS

STADIUM AFTER CROSS COUNTRY



ZOE CRAWFORD



K.E.C. ZARA



Owner: Zoe Crawford

Age: Fifteen

Height: 16.1hh

Breed: Irish Sport Horse

Pedigree: Aldatus Z x Puissance Flight, by Puissance

Country: USA

26-year-old Zoe, who got her formative education through Massachusetts's Norfolk Hunt Pony Club, comes forward for her second CCI5* after making her debut with K.E.C. Zara at Kentucky this spring. That was an educational, rather than a competitive, run for the pair, who took a tumble in the latter part of the course.

That was the last time we saw this pair run in an FEI event, but they've had a busy summer on the US eventing circuit: we've seen them rebuild confidence with steady clears at Preliminary and Intermediate before heading to the American Eventing Championships for the \$60,000 Adequan Advanced class, where they looked classy across the country and finished in the top 30.

Their sophomore appearance at five-star won't be about trying to run away with the title, but instead about consolidating what they've learned through this huge year for their partnership – and a clear round will lay a super foundation for their exciting future.

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

41.8

SPEED PREDICTION:

7.2

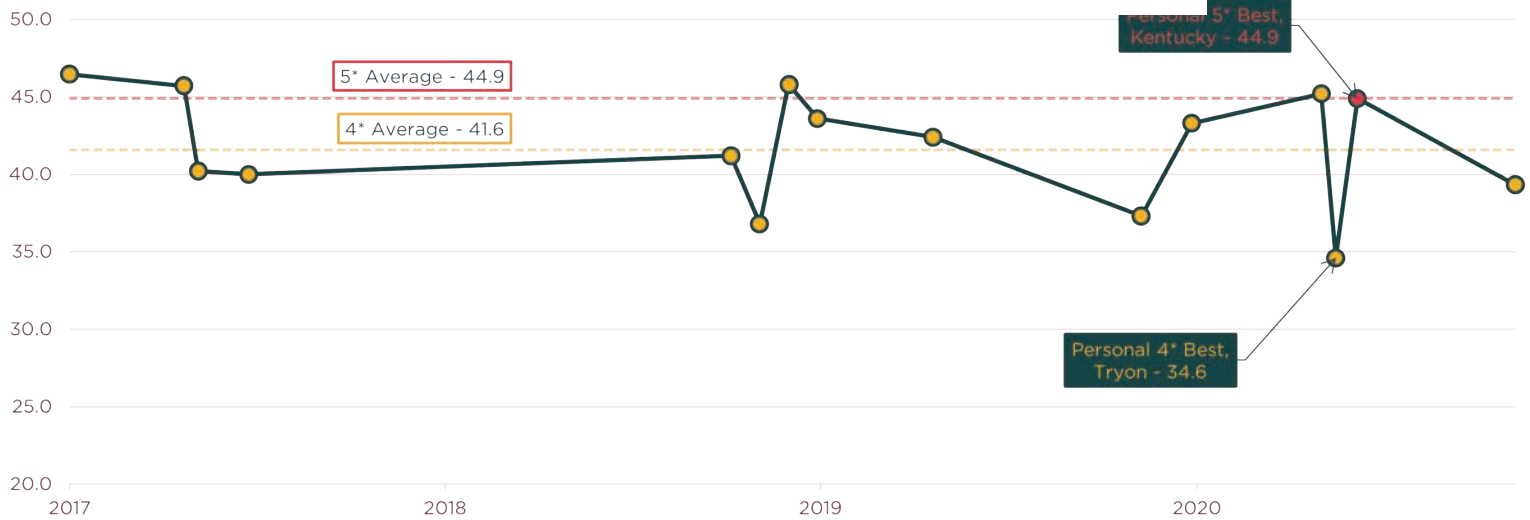
PREDICTED POLES:

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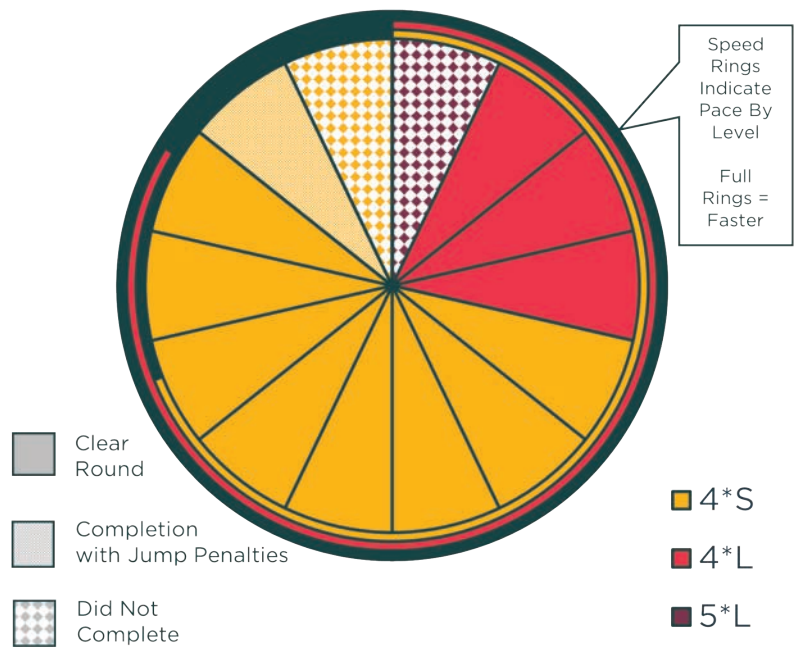
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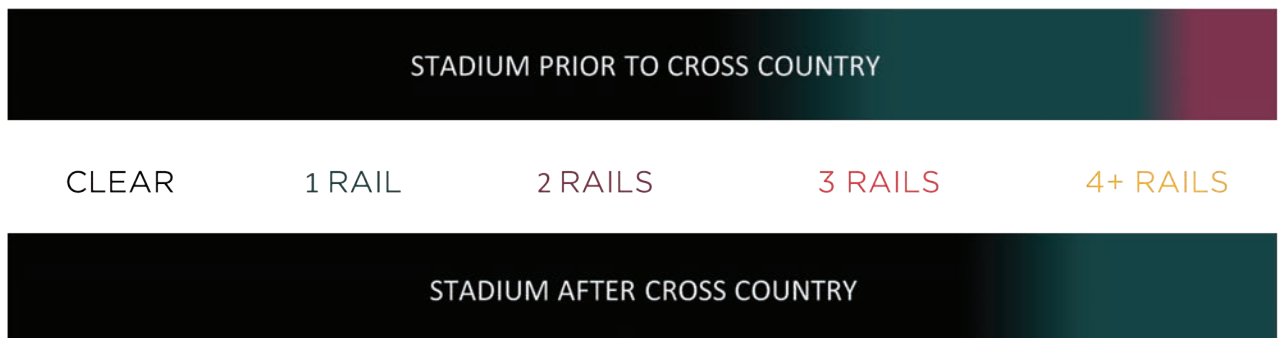
BY THE NUMBERS

K.E.C. Zara is a game, keen mare and she and Zoe will have learned a huge amount in their debut at Kentucky this spring, even though it didn't go quite to plan. The goal this week is a completion, which will give them even more of an education for the future. A score around the 40 cusp won't trouble the leaders, but they're capable of two solid jumping phases and should produce a result they can be proud of. While they probably won't chase the clock too much this week, they're also capable of very speedy clears.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



ALEXANDRA KNOWLES



MORSWOOD



Owner: Katherine O'Brien

Age: Thirteen

Height: 16.2hh

Breed: Irish Sport Horse

Pedigree: Ricardo x Princess In Arms, by Present Arms

Country: USA

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

33

SPEED PREDICTION:

7.2

PREDICTED POLES:

2

It'll be a CCI5* debut for Morswood, who was originally produced by Great Britain's Piggy March before handing the reins to her then-stable jockey, Ireland's Susie Berry. With Susie, the gelding contested the Young Rider European Championships in 2017, and though he didn't pass the final horse inspection, he proved how quick and competitive he can be across the country.

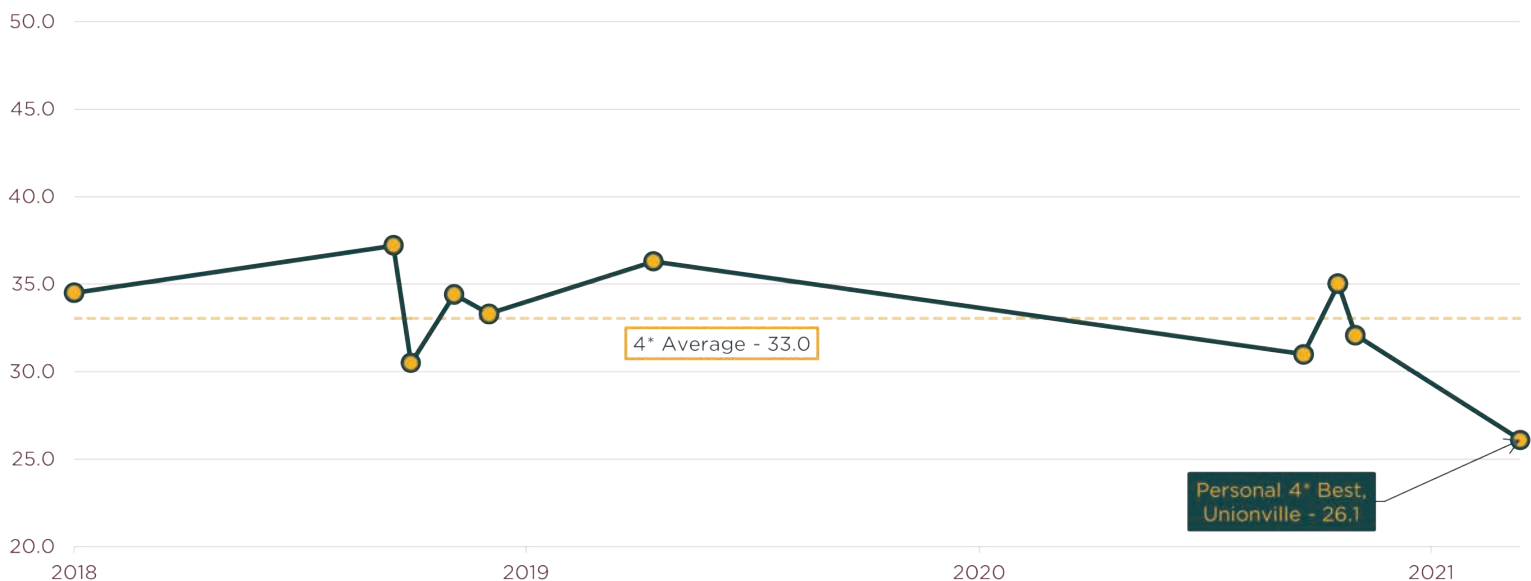
Since pairing up with Allie, who's best known for tackling the biggest courses in the world with her OTTB Sound Prospect, he's picked up some exciting results - but also some green, educational ones. They come to Maryland off the back of a couple of his best performances at CCI4*-S and CCI4*-L, so will be feeling confident as they tackle his biggest challenge yet.

Busy Allie doesn't just produce horses and compete - she's also a certified trainer and helps her students achieve their own goals, too. That penchant for multitasking and super work ethic comes from her days as a Pony Clubber - she's an A graduate of Sierra Gold Pony Club.



ROOKIE HORSE

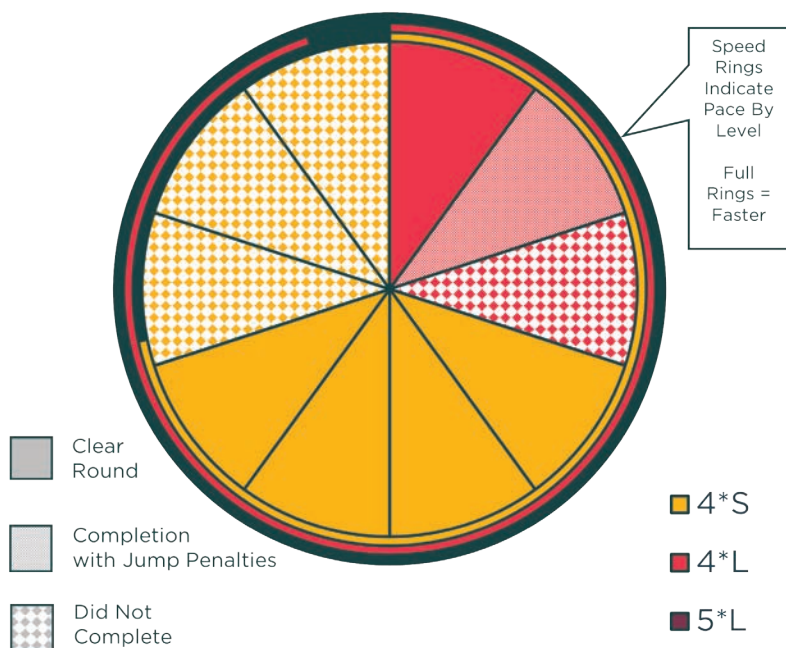
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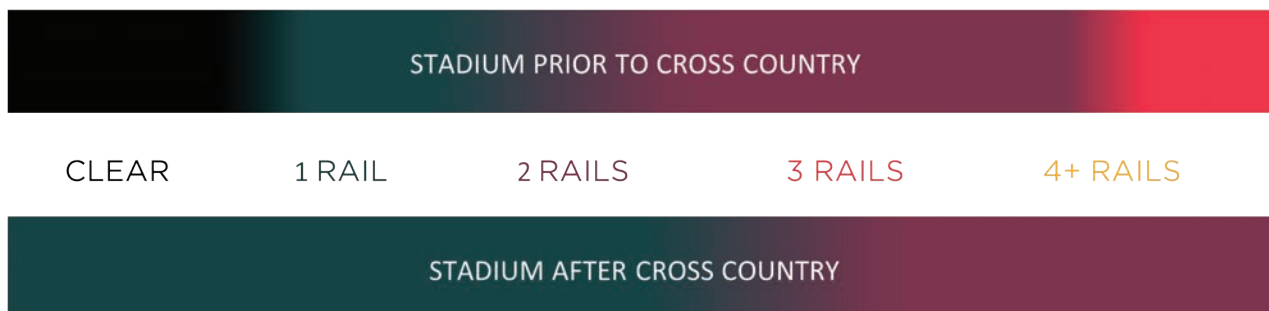
BY THE NUMBERS

Morswood's cross-country record is a bit up and down, and so the name of the game this week for Allie will be a confident, educational clear without any heroics. We likely won't see her pushing to catch the time, though with another season or so under his belt he should be ready to do so. A low-to-mid 30s score will start their week off, though they come here off the back for a best-ever four-star score of 26.1, so could well slide in around the 30 mark. This will be an exciting chance to see Allie's next superstar step up.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



EMA KLUGMAN



BENDIGO



Owner: Jeni and Ema Klugman

Age: Nineteen

Height: 17hh

Breed: Thoroughbred/Saddlebred

Pedigree: Refuse To Lose x unknown dam

Country: Australia

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:
42.8

SPEED PREDICTION:
9.2

PREDICTED POLES:
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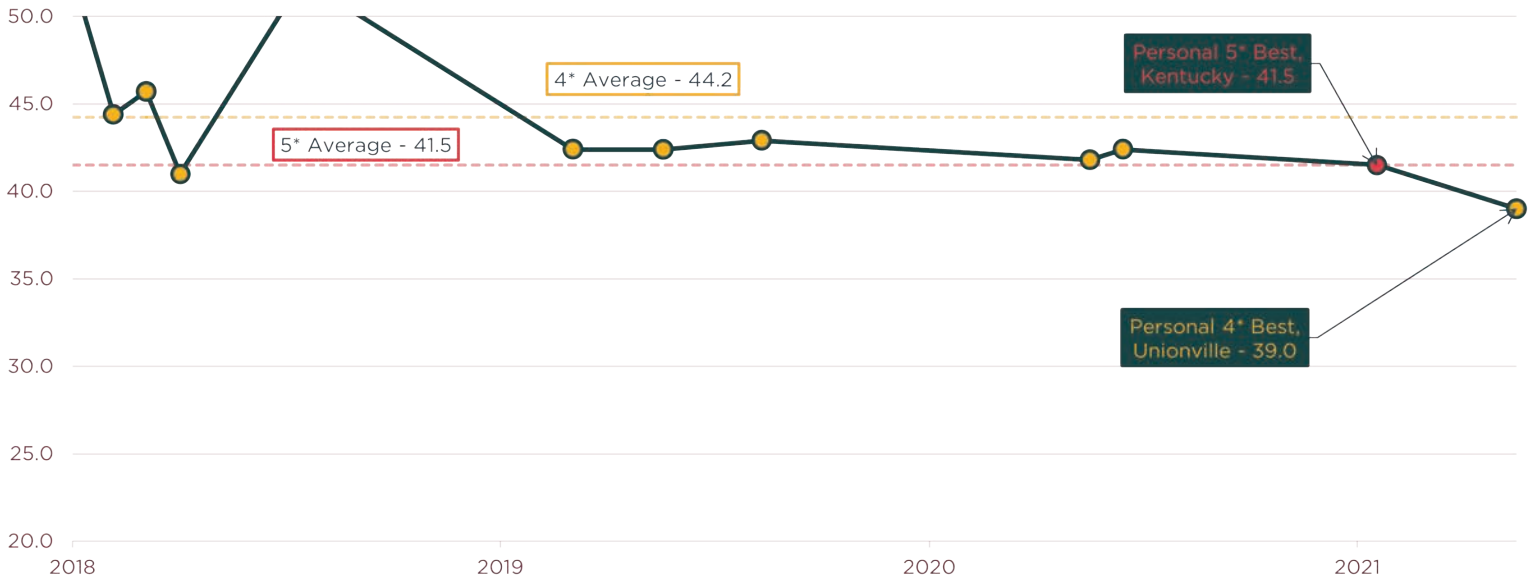


It'll be a sophomore CCI5* for US-based Aussie Ema, who recently began law school at George Washington University and is balancing producing her small but mighty string of horses alongside learning about torts. She and Bendigo, who have come up the ranks together, completed Kentucky this spring as the youngest rider - she's just 23 - aboard the eldest horse, and they'll do the same this week.

Ben began his eventing career at the relatively late age of 10, when a teenaged Ema crossed paths with the uniquely-bred gelding. Until that point, he'd dabbled in some jumping, and that early experience shows: the duo remain a force to be reckoned with in the final phase, though they had a highly uncharacteristic wobble in this phase en route to winning the Young Rider prize at Kentucky a few months ago. Ema, who trains with Marilyn Little and rode with the late Packy McGaughan, might be one of the East Coast's most exciting up-and-comers, but for her, eventing remains a family matter, and you'll see mom Jeni on grooming duties this week.

You can also find Ema's byline on Jumper Nation, Eventing Nation's sister site, which she edits. She's quite the intellectual, always expanding her worldview as she fully believes in balance and holding interests or skills outside of the horse world.

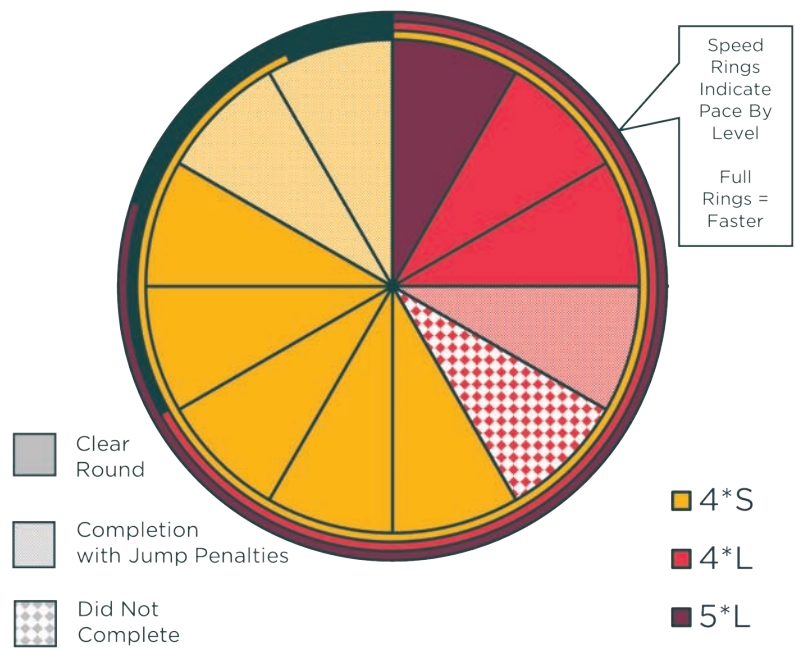
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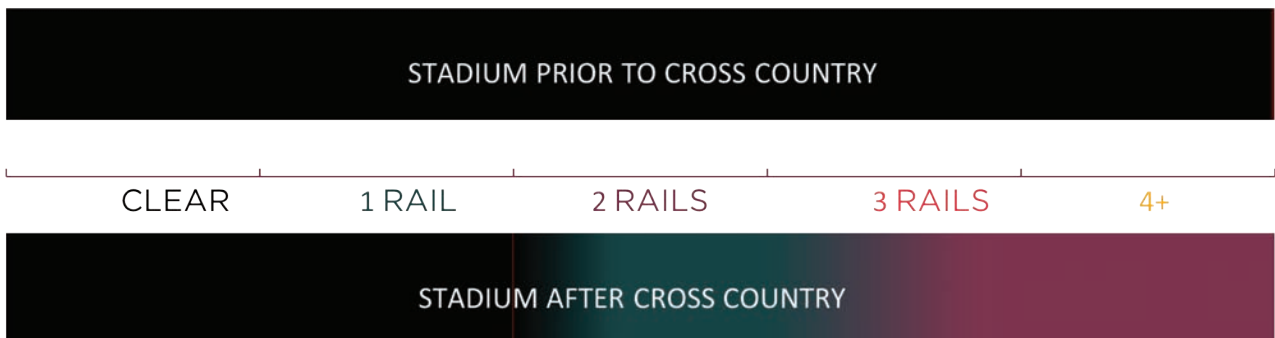
BY THE NUMBERS

Though 'Ben' leaves the fancy prancing to his stablemates and won't trouble the first-phase maestros in this field, he's a consummate climber and will fight to stay as close to his dressage score as he can. He and Ema are an enormously exciting pair to watch across the country, where their attacking approach is paired with measured sensibility and calculated decision-making, the likely byproduct of a solid Pony Club education. On Sunday, too, they're among the most consistent pairs in this field.

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ZARA TINDALL



CLASS AFFAIR



Owner: Gleadhill Stud

Age: Twelve

Height: 16.2hh

Breed: Irish Sport Horse

Pedigree: OBOS Quality 004 x Ruby's Rosshaven Flight, by Laughtons Flight

Country: Great Britain

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

32.4

SPEED RATING:

2

PREDICTED POLES:

1

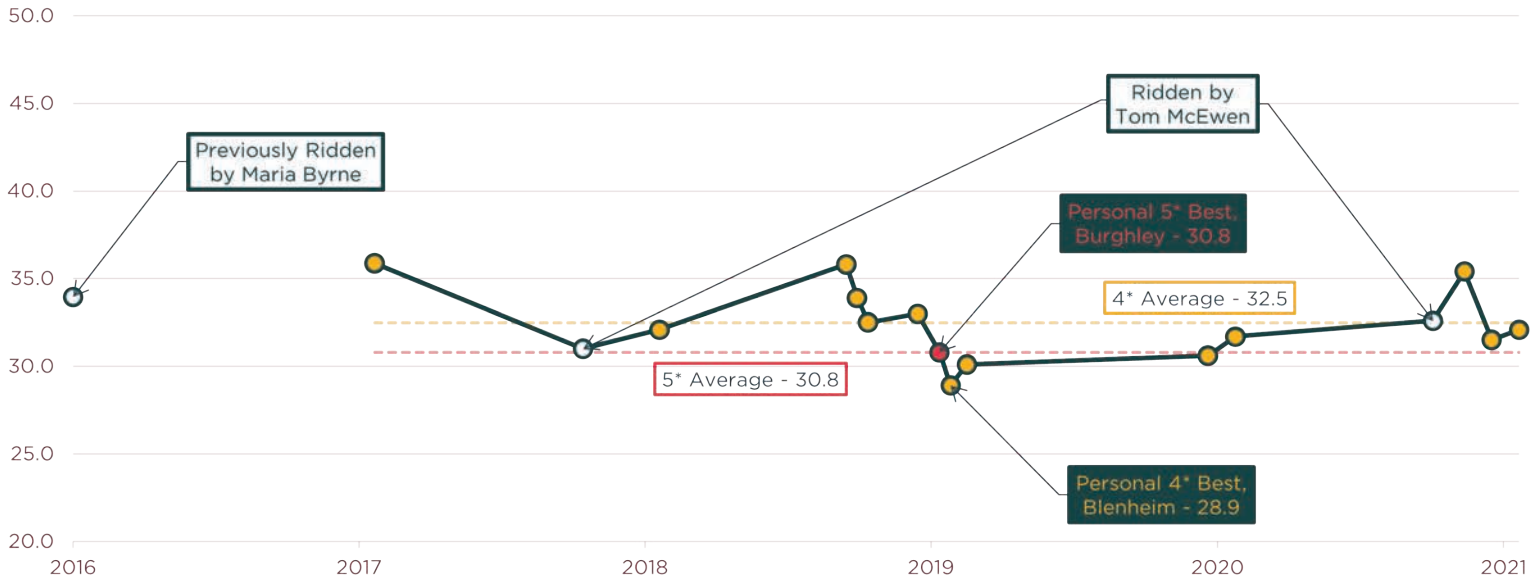
This is the first time we've seen former World Champion Zara Tindall on these shores since 2017, when she finished third at Kentucky with her London Olympic mount High Kingdom. Now she returns with the quirky but talented Class Affair, with whom she tackled Burghley in 2019, though didn't complete.

Most recently, we've seen the pair tackle CHIO Aachen, helping the British team to the win and finishing in the top twenty themselves. That came after a fairly recent return to the saddle for Zara, who took some time out to have her third child earlier in the year, passing the reins to fellow Brit Tom McEwen in the meantime.

This horse's record is an interesting one: he tends to fluctuate between very competitive results and blips that throw him right out of contention. He's finished in the top ten at CCI4*-L competitions including Bramham and Boekelo in 2019, as well as in the CCI4*-S at Houghton with Tom aboard, but they've also had a 20 this season at Hartpury CCI4*-S. Still, Zara thinks a lot of the obviously talented horse, and she'll be coming back to the US on a mission to deliver his best-ever result.



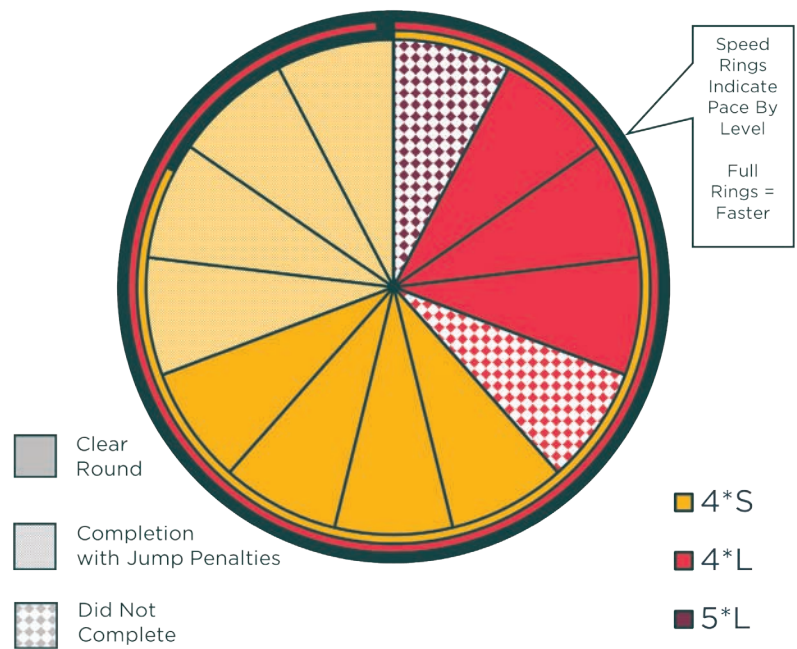
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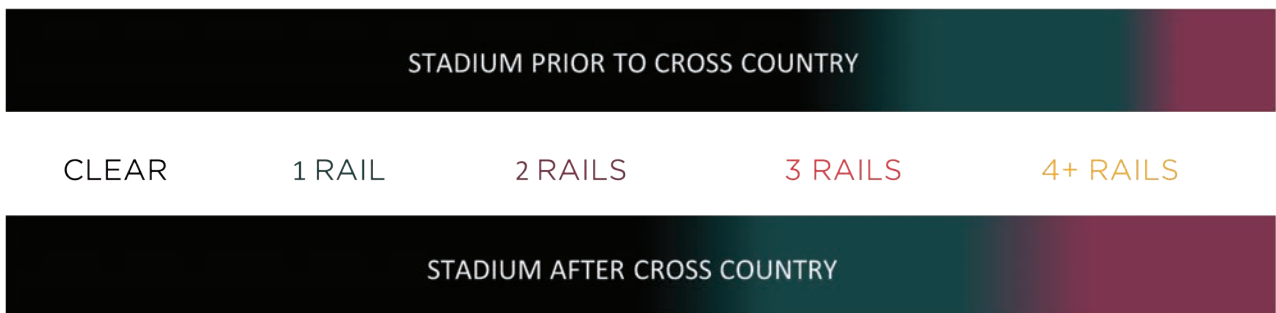
BY THE NUMBERS

We're expecting a low-30s score from Class Affair, though he's proven he can go sub-30, so never rule that out as an option. Zara's first priority on Saturday will be to keep the fiery ginger between the flags without any wobbles, but if he leaves the start box as assertively as he did at Bramham in 2019, she'll be in a position to utilise his natural speed, too: he finished inside the time there, which is never an easy task. If he's on top form again here, this will be a top-ten contender and a fierceosome pairing.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE





DOUG PAYNE



QUANTUM LEAP



Owner: Jessica Payne, Susan Drillock, and Doug Payne

Age: Ten

Height: 16.3hh

Breed: Zweibrucker

Pedigree: Quite Capitol x Report to Sloop, by Corporate Report

Country: USA

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:
33.6

SPEED PREDICTION:
4.4

PREDICTED POLES:
0

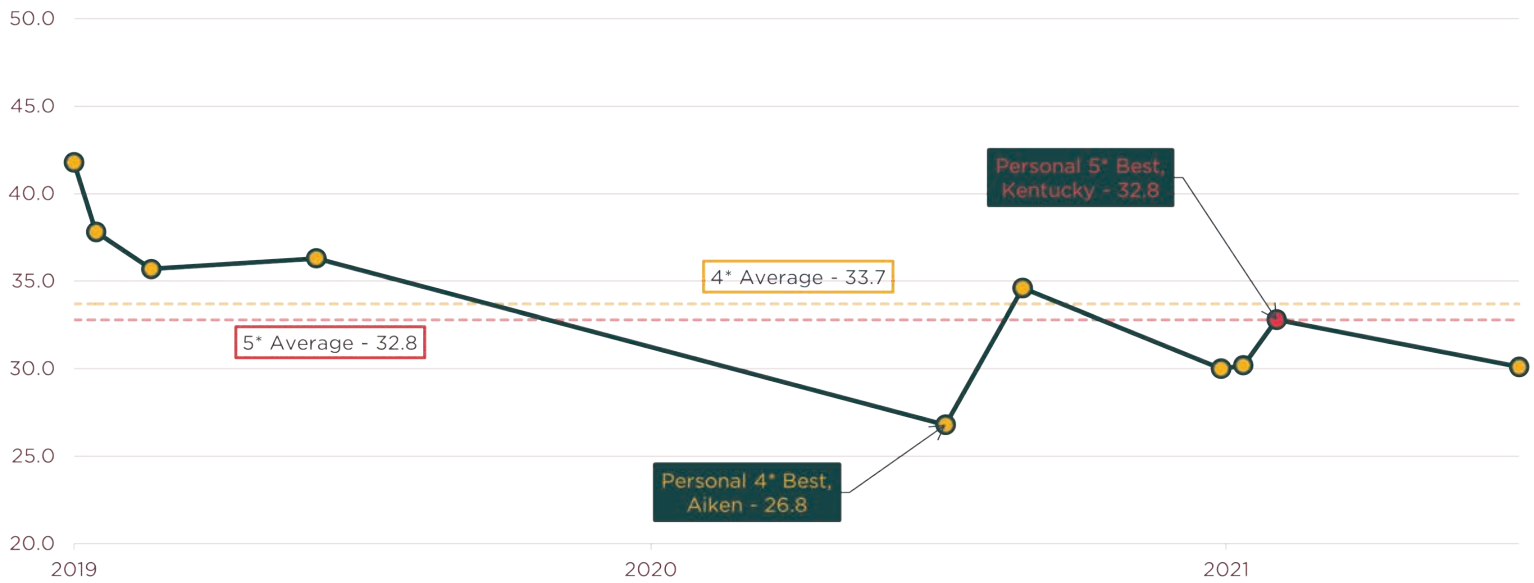
Doug Payne got his first chance to represent the U.S. at the Olympics this summer, traveling to Tokyo as a member of the U.S. squad with his stalwart partner, Vandiver. While Vandiver enjoys his well-earned vacation after a long summer of travel, his stable mate Quantum Leap steps up to be the five-star horse in the spotlight for the Payne crew this weekend.

Doug and his wife and fellow CCI5* rider Jessica began buying young horses early on, both out of financial savviness and also a belief that partnering with a horse from its earlier days is a key to future success. Quantum Leap was one such youngster, purchased from breeder Elizabeth Callahan as a weanling.

Now 10, “baby” Quantum has really grown into himself as he’s moved into the Advanced levels of the sport. He finished his first CCI5* at Kentucky this spring, and while an otherwise strong showing was marred by one mistake on cross country this wouldn’t be a horse you’d peg to have issues on the second day. Quantum Leap will be looking to improve on that result after a summer of added experience, and Ian Stark’s big, galloping track should suit him well, giving him a clear shot at getting close to the time.



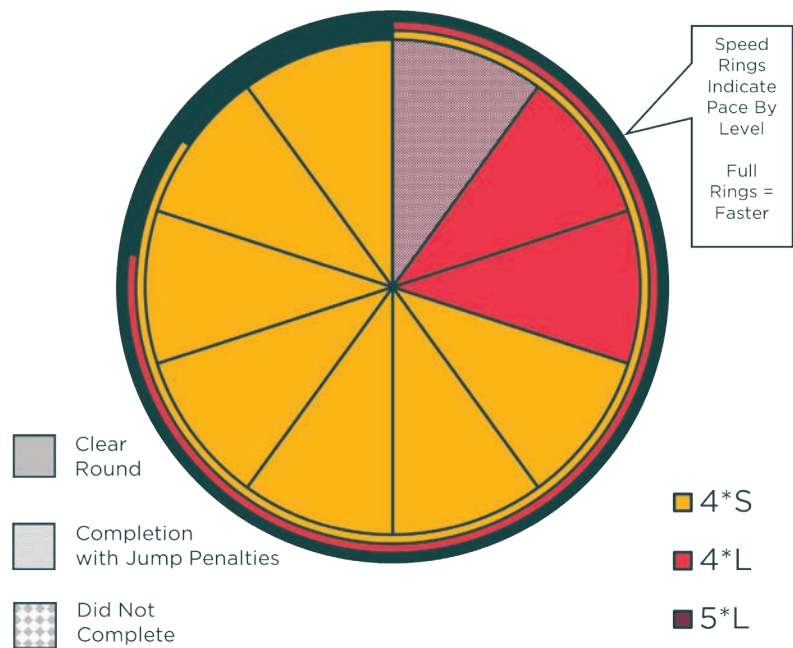
DRESSAGE PERFORMANCE



BY THE NUMBERS

Though young and relatively inexperienced, Quantum Leap is a very exciting horse, and one to keep an eye on while we're considering the US fight for a first CCI5* win since 2008. His circa-30 first phase mark won't have him at the top of the leaderboard, but it'll put him in an excellent spot for climbing - and that's exactly what we expect him to do. His one blip at Kentucky will have educated him, rather than dented his confidence, and we're expecting a best-ever showing this week.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE

STADIUM PRIOR TO CROSS COUNTRY

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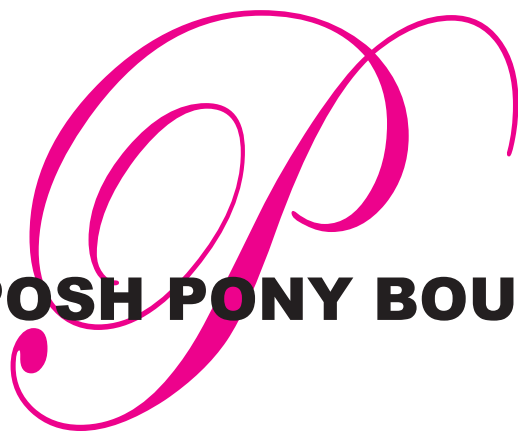
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3 RAILS

4+ RAILS

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DOMINIC SCHRAMM



BOLYTAIR B



Owner: Team Bolytair B LLC

Age: Fifteen

Height: 17hh

Breed: Dutch Warmblood

Pedigree: Polytair x Nobelle, by Glennridge

Country: Australia

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

37.7

SPEED RATING:

16.8

PREDICTED POLES:

1



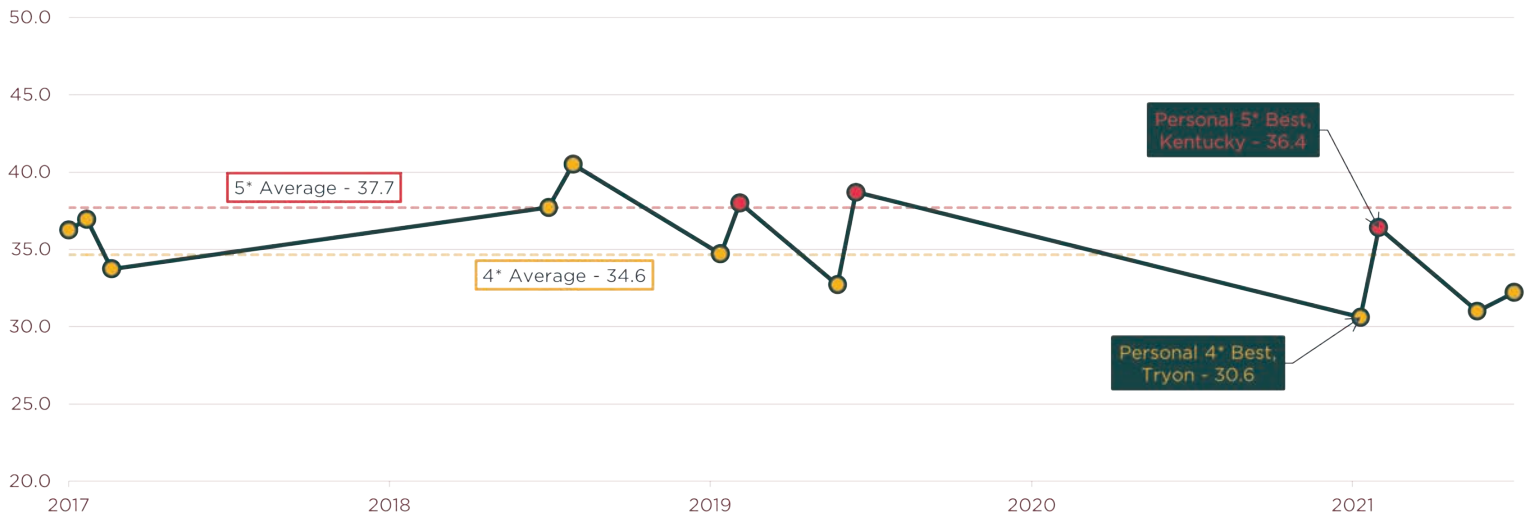
You may know Dom Schramm best from his and Jimmie Schramm's popular YouTube series, Evention TV. From informational videos like "How to Tie a Stock Tie" and "8 Different Horse Stretches" to humorous videos like "How Horses Eat Their Food" and "Dressage Skillz," Dom and Jimmie have created some top-quality content – the perfect remedy for a rainy day when the ring is too wet to ride.

US-based Aussie Dom is a seasoned rider when it comes to international competitions. Cold Harbor and Charles Owen were Dom's other upper-level mounts before Bolytair B, and while both horses were competitive in the upper levels, Bolytair B seems to bring it to a whole other level.

After a bit of a break after the 2019 season, when they jumped around an incredibly tough Burghley, Dom and Boly took second place in their Intermediate division at Pine Top Horse Trials earlier this spring. Since then, the pair competed in the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event as well as the Bromont CCI4*-S, where they placed second.

Since Badminton was canceled last year, Dom decided to spend the rest of 2020 working at home. After improving their dressage and not putting any extra mileage on Boly, the pair has come back stronger than ever this season.

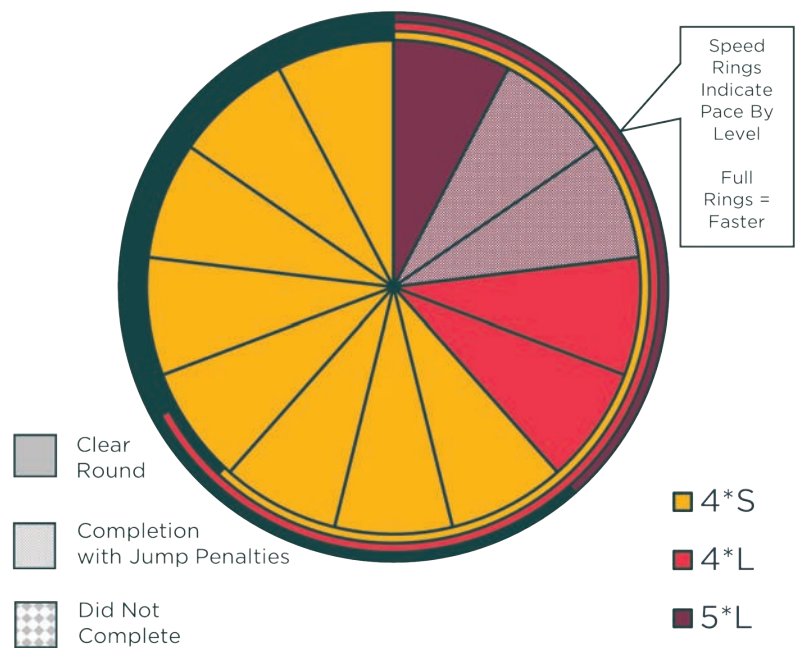
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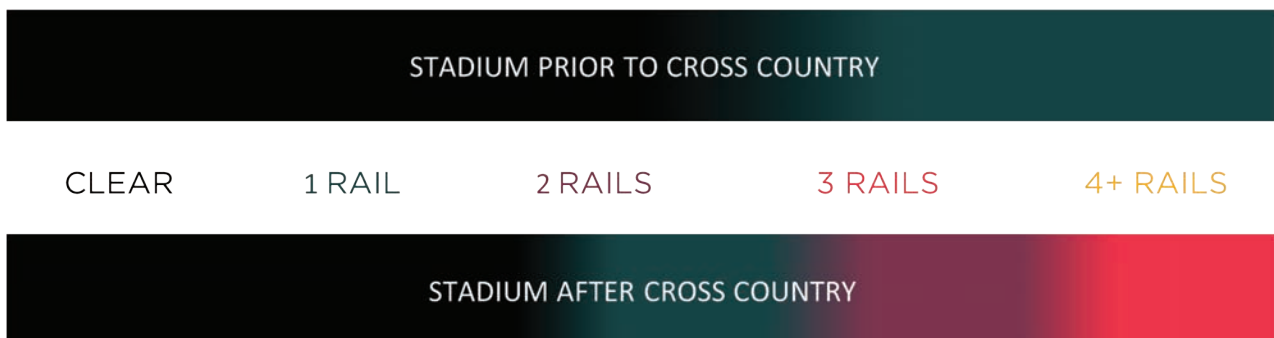
BY THE NUMBERS

Dom and Boly's pandemic plan to fine-tune their foundation at home, rather than scramble for competitions to attend, looks to have paid dividends: they've come back out this year producing their best four-star scores, and their showjumping performances are experiencing an uptick, too. That puts them in good stead as they head into their four CCI5* start. This time, they'll be fighting for a top-twenty finish - their first at this level.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



CAROLINE MARTIN



ISLANDWOOD CAPTAIN JACK



Owner: Sherrie and Caroline Martin

Age: Twelve

Height: 16.3hh

Breed: Irish Sport Horse

Pedigree: Jack of Diamonds x Star Tough, by Touchdown

Country: USA

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:
37.1

SPEED PREDICTION:
4

PREDICTED POLES:
1

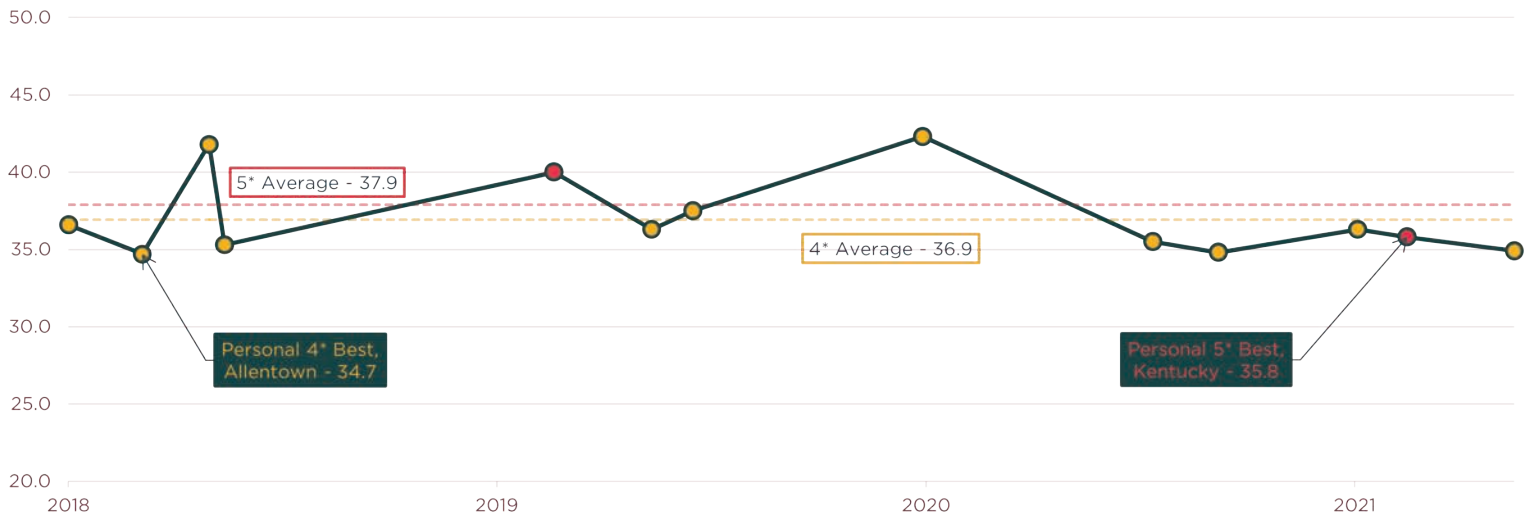


Caroline Martin might just be the busiest rider here at Maryland this weekend, with horses competing in every division on the docket from Young Event Horse up through the CCI5*. That's a total of 12 rides, to be exact: one CCI5* horse in Islandwood Captain Jack, two CCI3*-L horses, four YEH 4 Year Old horses and five YEH 5 Year Old horses. She'll have no problem getting her ten thousand steps in every day!

While Caroline has been busy building her thriving import and sale business with business partners Casey McKissock, Emil Spadone and Paul Hendrix, she also maintains a full competition schedule with a mixture of personal and sales horses.

Islandwood Captain Jack would be the most experienced and well-traveled of the Martin horses this weekend, and he's the only top-level horse that she has held onto as some of her former rides were moved to different homes to allow her to focus on her sales program. This weekend marks the third CCI5* start for Caroline and "James", who finished 35th at Kentucky in April. They also traveled to The Event at Rebecca Farm over the summer, where they finished second in the CCI4*-L.

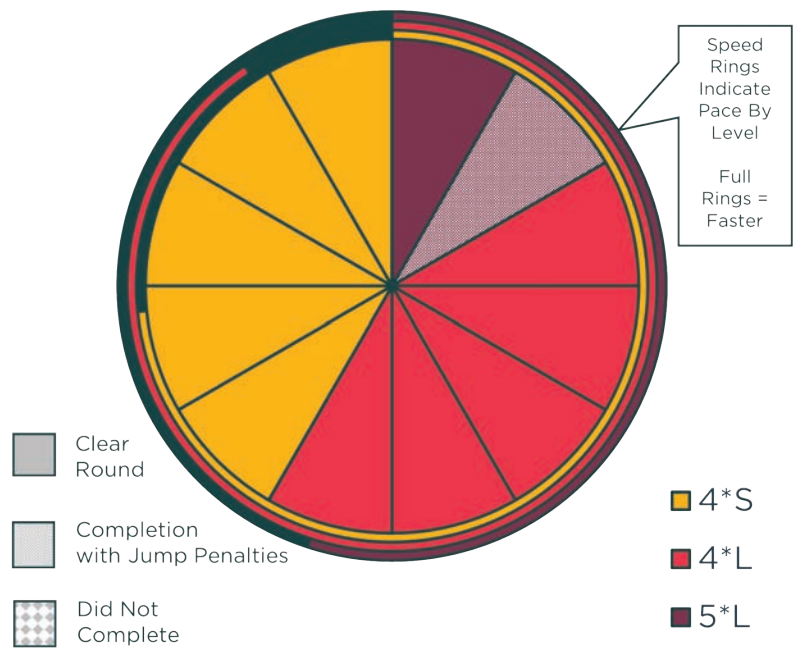
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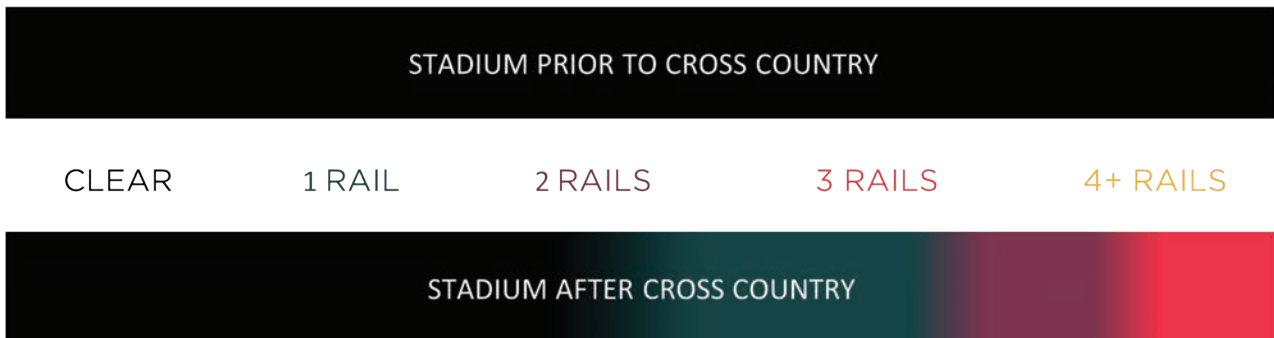
BY THE NUMBERS

Islandwood Captain Jack is really starting to figure out his job at the upper levels of the sport this season: after jumping clear around his second CCI5*, he delivered a clear inside the time for second place in the Rebecca Farm CCI4*-L. His dressage is continually improving, and we could see him better his 35.8 at Kentucky this spring, and while he's not naturally super fast, he's ready for a five-star run with the handbrake off. This could well be the week he establishes himself as a team prospect for next year.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE





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HARRY MEADE



SUPERSTITION



Owner: Mandy Gray and the rider

Age: Twelve

Height: 16.3hh

Breed: Hanoverian

Pedigree: Satisfaction FRH x unknown dam, by Cordalame

Country: Great Britain

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

31.9

SPEED PREDICTION:

3.6

PREDICTED POLES:

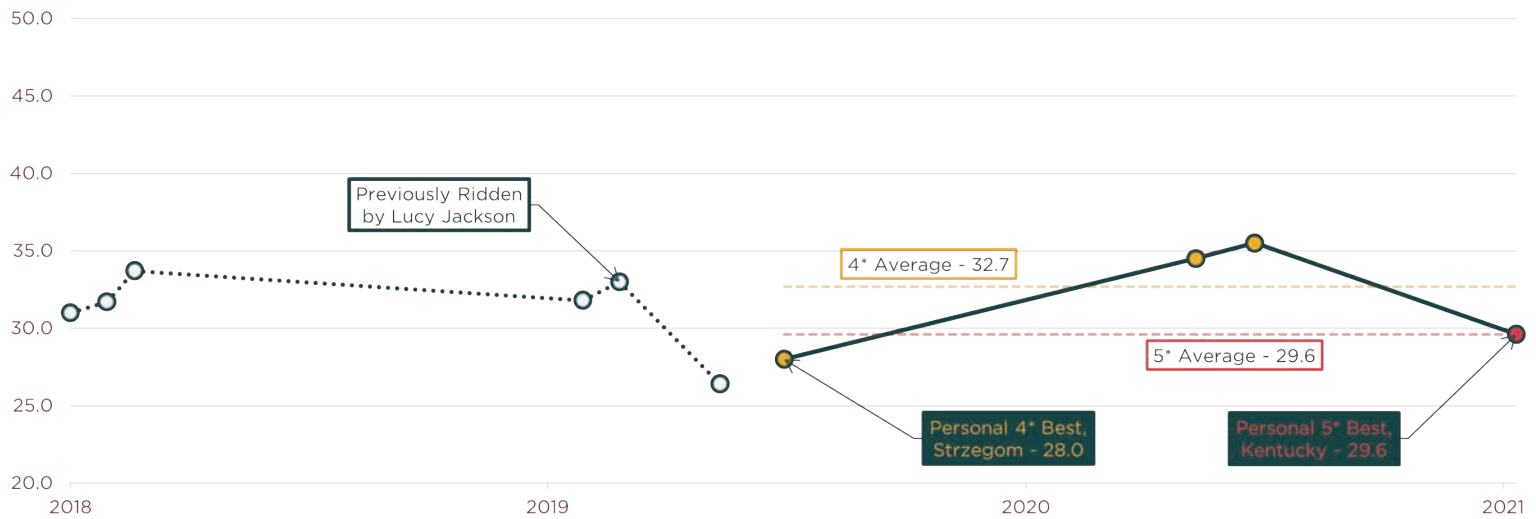
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If you're a fan of a comeback tale, Harry Meade is the rider you'll want to make sure you catch this week. He's one of Britain's biggest stars, and comes from an extraordinary eventing dynasty - his father is the late Richard Meade, who was a hugely formative part of Britain's golden era. But along the way, Harry has dealt with some major hurdles: most recently, he suffered a horrific freak accident at the British Young Horse Championships at Thoresby in October of last year. A fall early in the course quickly turned into every rider's worst nightmare when his foot got caught in the stirrup and he was dragged at a gallop, sustaining repeated kicks to the head that eventually knocked his hat off. In the months since, he's undergone multiple surgeries on his elbow - both of which were badly broken in a previous accident some years ago - and extensive rehab to rebuild strength and regain his balance and vision, which were affected by trauma to his brain's vestibular system. It's been a joy to see him and his wife, Rosie, back out on the circuit, where they always have a smile and a kind word to share.

Harry and Superstition made the journey over for Kentucky this spring, where they absolutely excelled themselves: they finished fifth after delivering arguably the round of the day on Saturday, romping home clear inside the time in tough conditions. They'll be aiming for the same or better this week.

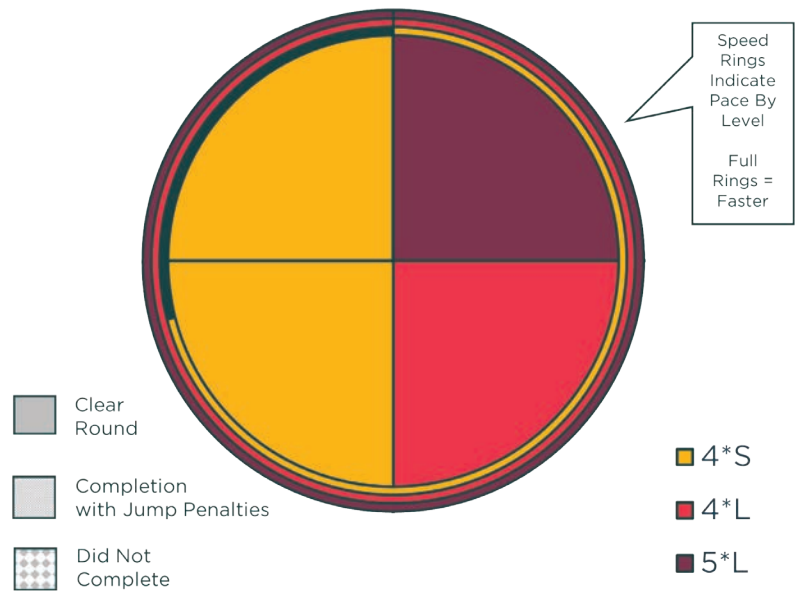
DRESSAGE PERFORMANCE



BY THE NUMBERS

After a fifth place finish at Kentucky earlier this year, Harry returns to the US with top horse Superstition with an aim to go a few places higher. His sub-30 score there was one of the best they've achieved in their relatively short partnership, but it's certainly achievable again here, as is another clear inside the time. The only thing that could stand in their way as they climb the leaderboard is the final phase: they're prone to a pole, and the top spots will be tightly packed come Sunday. If they can deliver a clear, this pair could be fighting for Harry's first win at this level.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE

STADIUM PRIOR TO CROSS COUNTRY

CLEAR

1 RAIL

2 RAILS

3 RAILS

4+ RAILS

STADIUM AFTER CROSS COUNTRY

ANDREA BAXTER

★ ★ ★
INDY 500



Owner: The Stella Artois Syndicate

Age: Sixteen

Height: 16hh

Breed: Thoroughbred

Pedigree: Cromwell x Tens Of Thousands

Country: USA

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

38.9

SPEED RATING:

4

PREDICTED POLES:

2

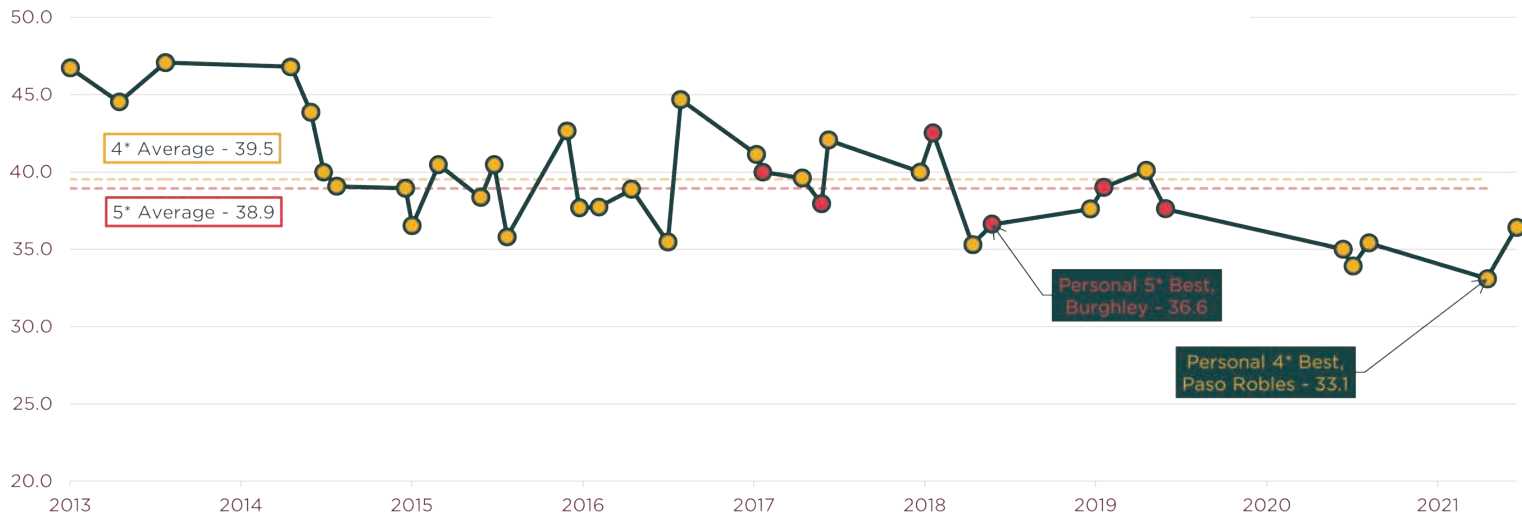


Indy 500 wouldn't necessarily be a horse you'd pick out of the line-up as an obvious champion, but by this stage in her career, this warhorse mare has proven she's a force to be reckoned with. With 36 FEI completions spanning a decade-long partnership, this West Coast duo aren't here to play.

'Indy' actually came to Andrea's program at Twin Rivers Ranch, which hosts several events including a CCI4*-L, a bit by accident. Andrea had originally passed on the mare as a two-year-old, but then found herself taking in a then-four-year-old Indy for training to be eventually sold. Andrea describes her as similar to Queen Elizabeth, descending from her carriage to cast an intelligently haughty eye over her kingdom, the first time the mare stepped off the trailer. It was as if she'd decided to stay.

Andrea also bred and competes Laguna Seca, who is Indy 500's now-11-year-old son by the Holsteiner Linaro. In fact, "baby T-rex" (aptly named for some of the youthful antics he'd play growing up - and his towering size) recently stepped up to the Advanced level himself. Though Andrea says Indy was "a terrible mother", she's that much more grateful to have produced what is likely her only descendent.

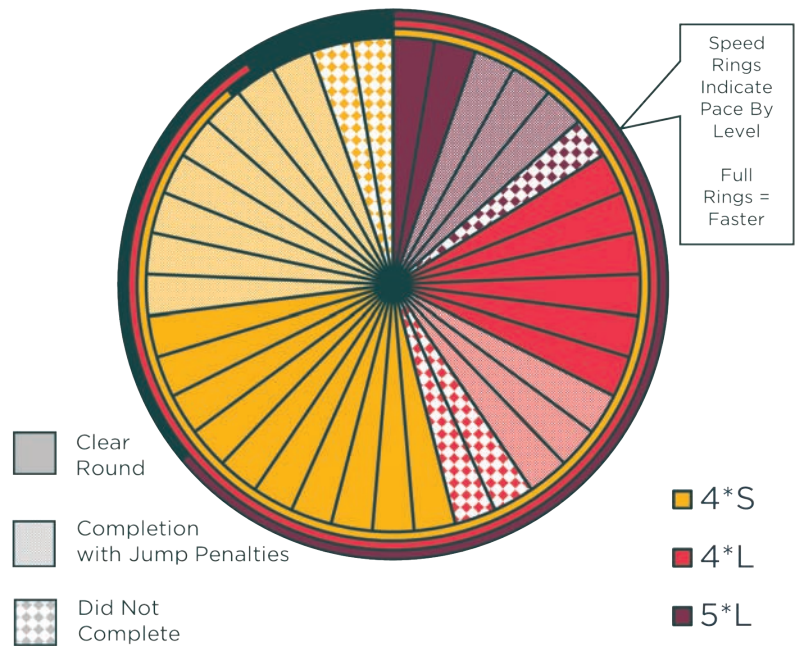
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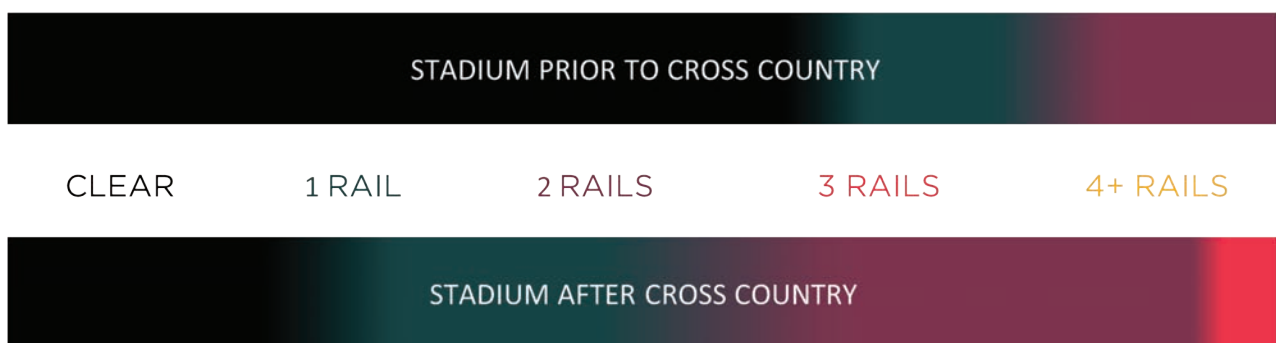
BY THE NUMBERS

Indy 500 is a horse who has really learned to use her body, as you can see by her dressage score trend on the next page. Andrea's hard work with the mare has truly paid off and we've seen her get more and more correct and competitive on the flat. And, of course, Andrea calls Indy 500 "the most chill" on cross country day, once again like a Queen surveying her domain - in this case, Ian Stark's big and beefy track on Saturday.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



BOYD MARTIN



ON CUE



Owner: Christine, Thomas, and Tommie Turner and Boyd Martin

Age: Fourteen

Height: 16.3hh

Breed: Selle Français

Pedigree: Cabri d'Elle x On High, by Primitive Rising XX

Country: USA

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:
29.6

SPEED PREDICTION:
0

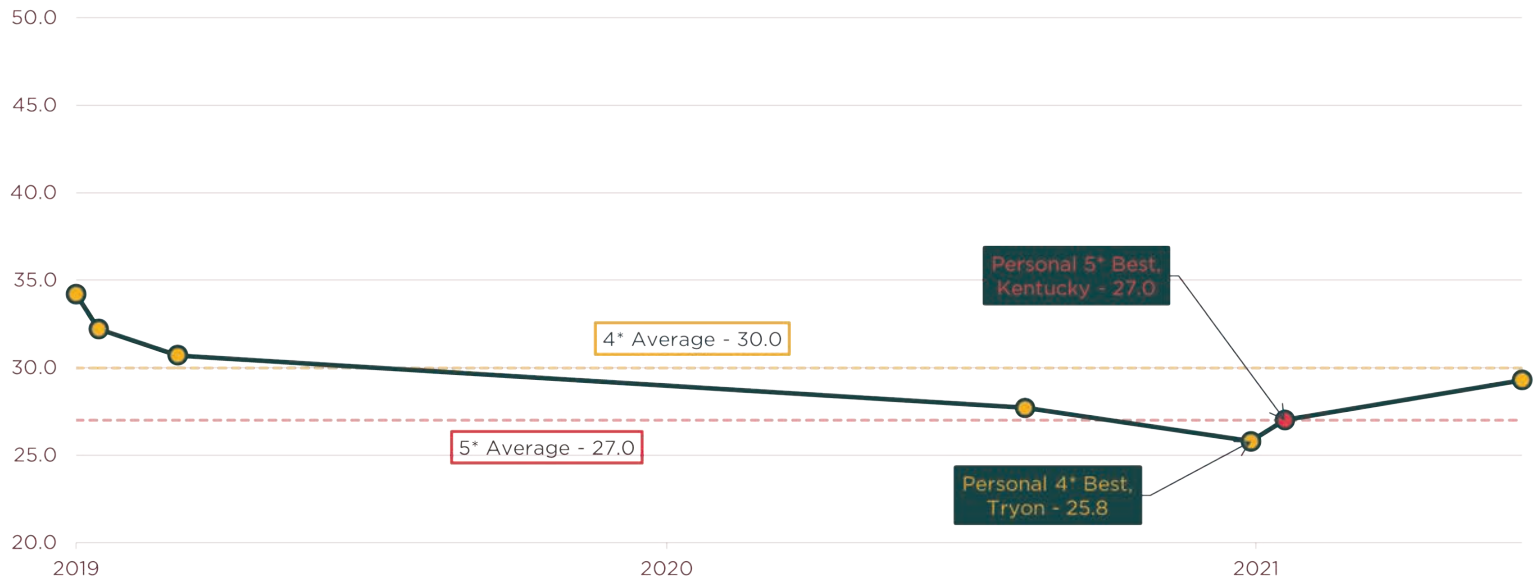
PREDICTED POLES:
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On Cue joined Boyd Martin's string before competing in any FEI-level events, having formerly been produced through the Preliminary level by fellow five-star rider Sinead Halpin. Now this stunning, bright bay mare has proven her guns at the top of the sport, even earning herself a nod as a traveling alternate horse for Boyd and his Tokyo Olympic mount, Tsetserleg TSF. On Cue traveled to the team's pre-export quarantine at Aachen in Germany to be on call in case her number was called and though she ultimately did not make the trip to Tokyo, she certainly benefited from some of the experience gained in the lead-up training camp.

After a smashing debut at the CCI5* level in Kentucky this spring, where she finished fourth overall and was crowned the USEF CCI5* Eventing National Champion, On Cue went on to win the \$60,000 Adequan USEA Advanced Final in August and also finished in the top 10 at her final prep run in Unionville. In short, this mare has been the picture of consistency as she has continued to move up the levels, even surprising Boyd himself a bit with her stalwart performance at Kentucky.

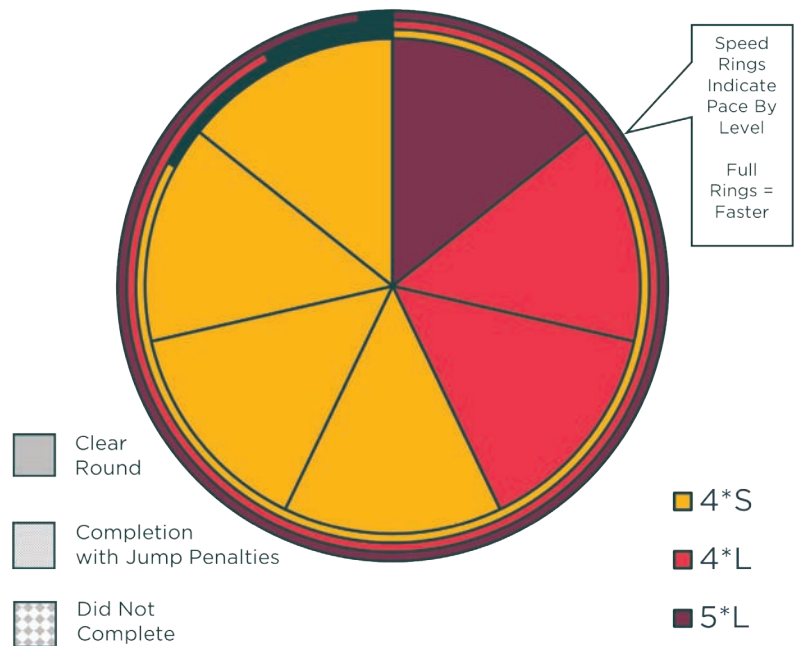
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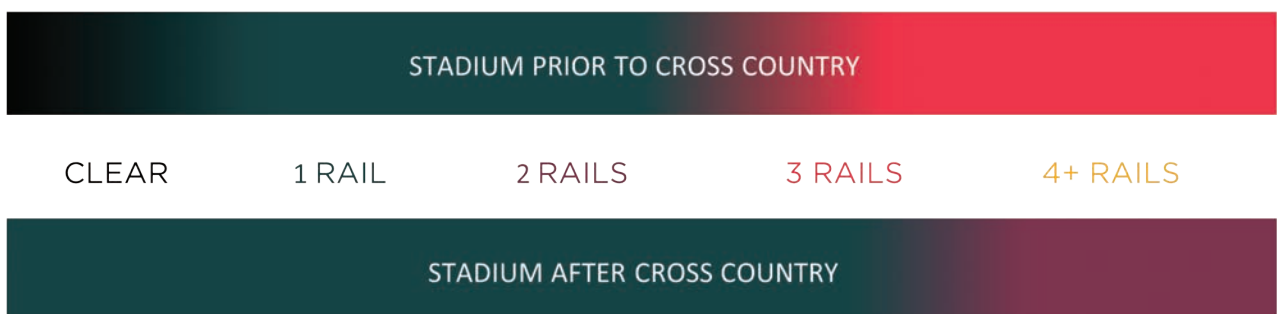
BY THE NUMBERS

This pair could be a serious contender for the top of the board in Maryland this weekend. If On Cue can equal or improve on her performance from her CCI5* debut, she'll no doubt be a part of that victory gallop come Sunday. Though she'll probably slot in behind stablemate Long Island T after the first phase, she's ultra-reliable on cross-country and quick, too. Much will hinge on the final phase - they're prone to a rail, which will be expensive in this company, but if they leave the poles in the cups they stand a serious chance.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



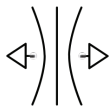
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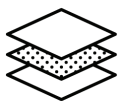
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WILL COLEMAN



TIGHT LINES



Owner: The ConAir Syndicate

Age: Fourteen

Height: 16.3hh

Breed: Thoroughbred

Pedigree: Turgeon XX x Merindole XX, by Tel Quel XX

Country: USA

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

35

SPEED PREDICTION:

0

PREDICTED POLES:

1

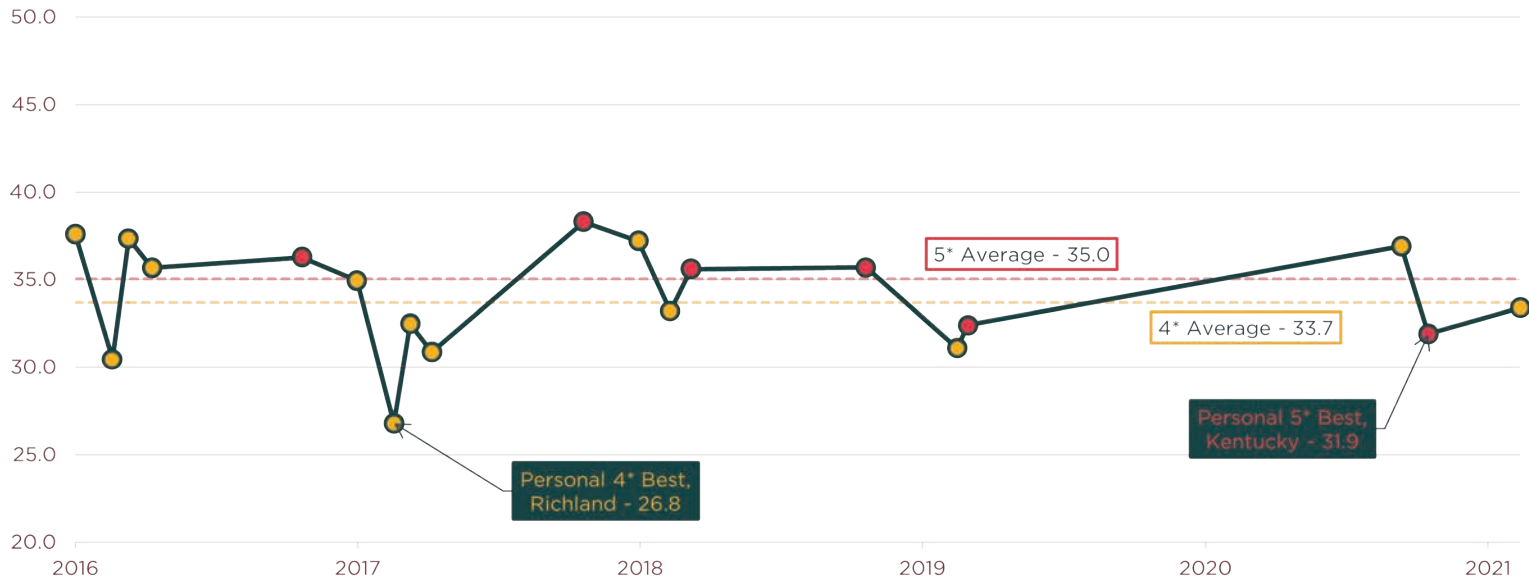
Though his first career as a steeplechaser in France didn't quite work out, 'Phish' – another of Will's horses to be named in honour of one of his favorite bands – has become one of US eventing's best competitors in his new life.

This will be a sixth CCI5* appearance for the gelding, who finished 13th and best of the Thoroughbreds at Kentucky in 2021 and 2019 and has jumped around Burghley, too. Although he's got a couple of unfortunate little dings on his record – such as THAT flag penalty at Kentucky in 2019 and jumping penalties at both Burghley and the Tryon WEG – he's ordinarily at his very best at this level, and will be one of the horses we look to as a barometer of whether the optimum time is achievable. It's this skill that will allow him to climb after his low-to-mid-30s first-phase score – and if he can stay on his dressage mark, as he did in the CCI4*-L here in 2017, where he finished second – we could really see him work some magic.



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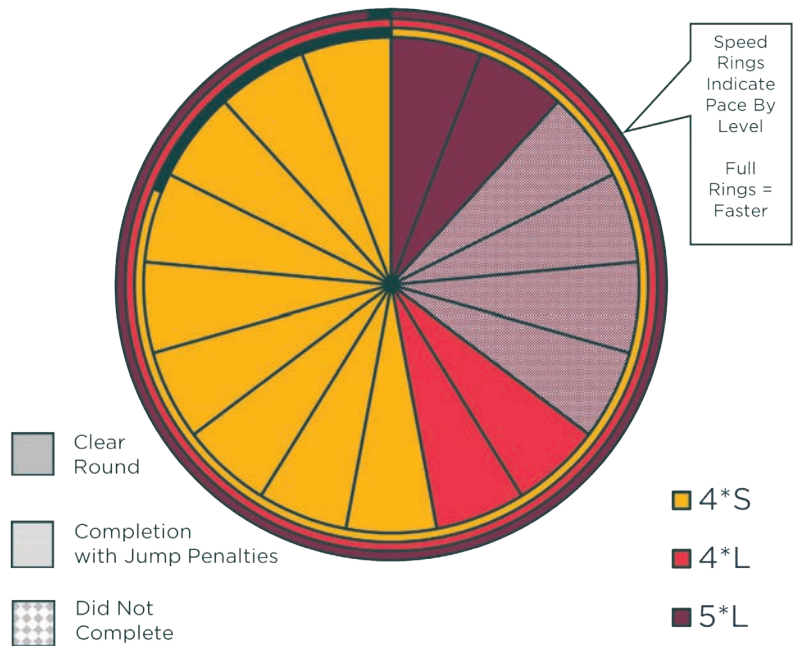
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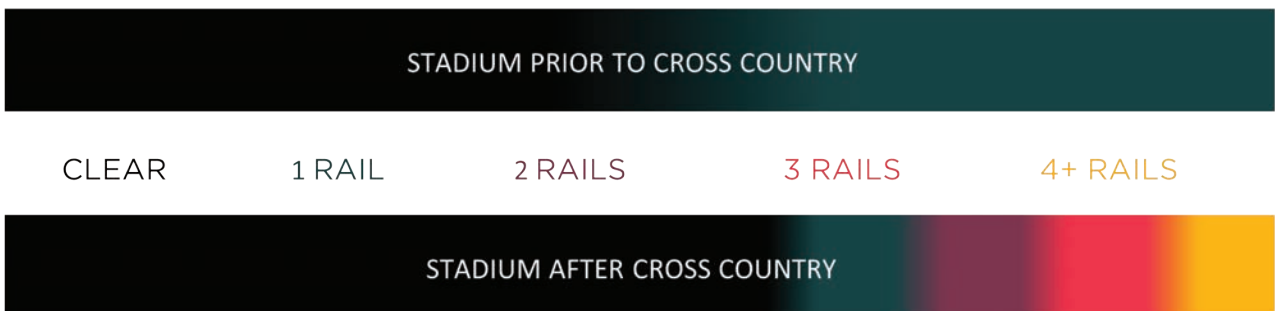
BY THE NUMBERS

This is one of the quickest horses in the field, and this week, he benefits from going late in the draw – something that could help his first-phase score, and which will give his rider all the necessary intel about how the course is riding to deliver one of the standout performances of the day. Wherever they start, that should give them the impetus to climb – and if they can defy the stats and jump clear on Sunday, they’ll be fighting for their first top-ten finish at the level – or better.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



WILL FAUDREE



MAMA'S MAGIC WAY



Owner: Jennifer Mosing and Sterling Silver Stables

Age: Ten

Height: 16.3hh

Breed: Hanoverian

Pedigree: Mighty Magic x Straightaway, by Star Regent XX

Country: USA

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

35.1

SPEED PREDICTION:

2.4

PREDICTED POLES:

1



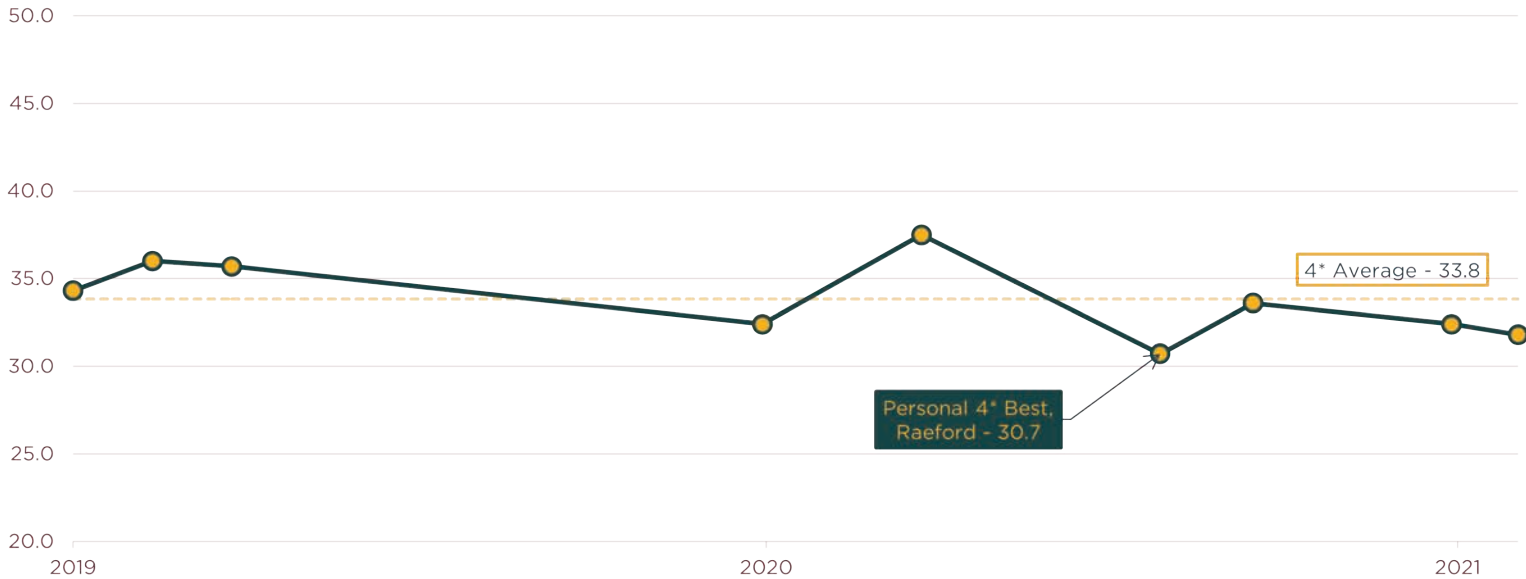
Previously produced by Germany's Andreas Dibowski, Mama's Magic Way - or Mason - has only been part of Will's string since 2019, but they've wasted no time in making an impression on the US circuit. They haven't finished outside the top 15 in their last four FEI runs, which includes the gelding's CC15* debut at Kentucky, where he finished fourteenth after adding just 4.4 cross-country time penalties and a rail to his first-phase score of 33.8. Other than one little blip in his first-ever run with Will, which was a Preliminary at Pine Top in 2019, the pair have never had a cross-country jumping penalty.

We've seen Mason out and about in fine style since he joined the five-star club, too. He finished second in the Advanced at Five Points Horse Trials in August, despite a steady cross-country time, which was likely planned by savvy, sympathetic producer Will. We'll be expecting another very exciting performance here, though his token four faults over the poles could prove expensive.



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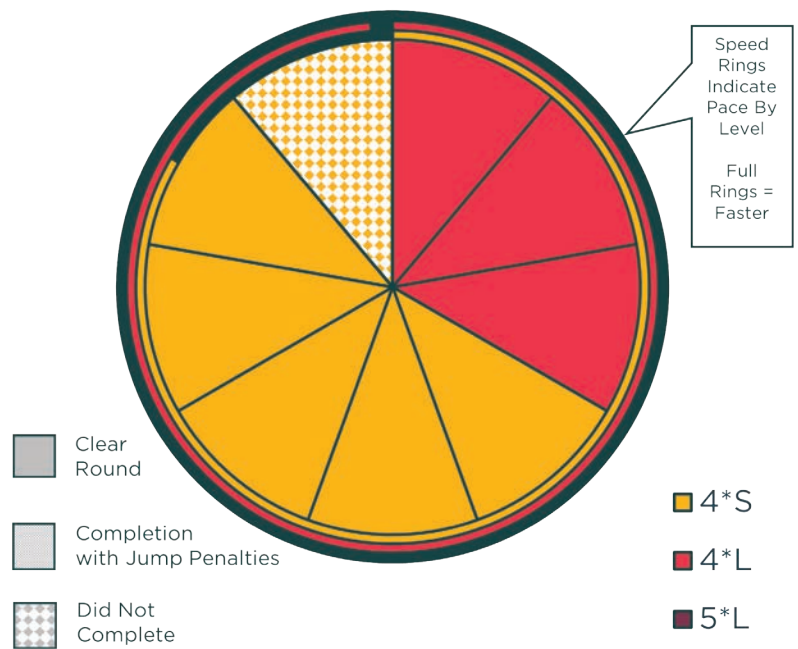
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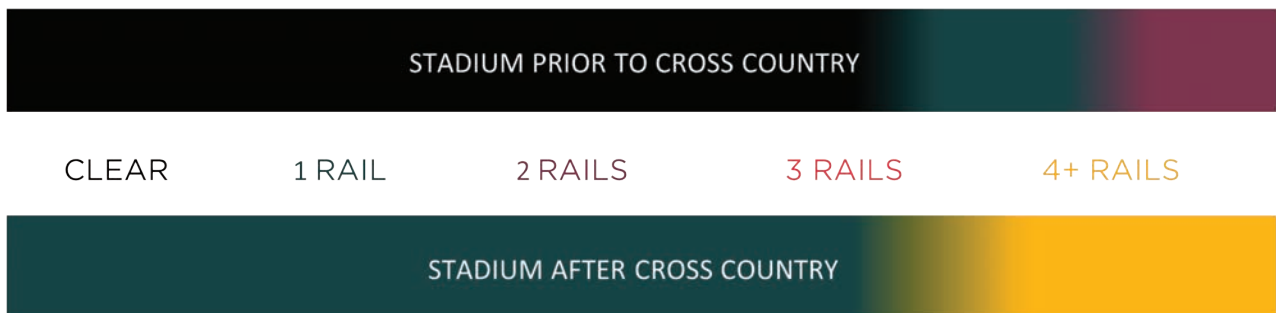
BY THE NUMBERS

A very successful CCI5* debut at Kentucky this spring, where he finished fourteenth, Mama's Magic Way looks set to deliver yet again on the main stage. Though he's just a ten year old, he's been impressive through his 18 FEI starts, and more pertinently, he's been consistent. His mid-30s scores will stop him fighting for the win this year, but he should get himself another clear cross-country trip with minimal time, which will see him climb and could put him in hunting distance of the top ten. All of this brings him another step closer to a big win down the line.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE





LAUREN NICHOLSON



LANDMARK'S MONTE CARLO



Owner: Jacqueline Mars

Age: Fifteen

Height: 16.1hh

Breed: Irish/Thoroughbred

Pedigree: Formula One x Glamour, breeding unknown

Country: USA

DRESSAGE

AVERAGE:

34.8

SPEED PREDICTION:

0

PREDICTED POLES:

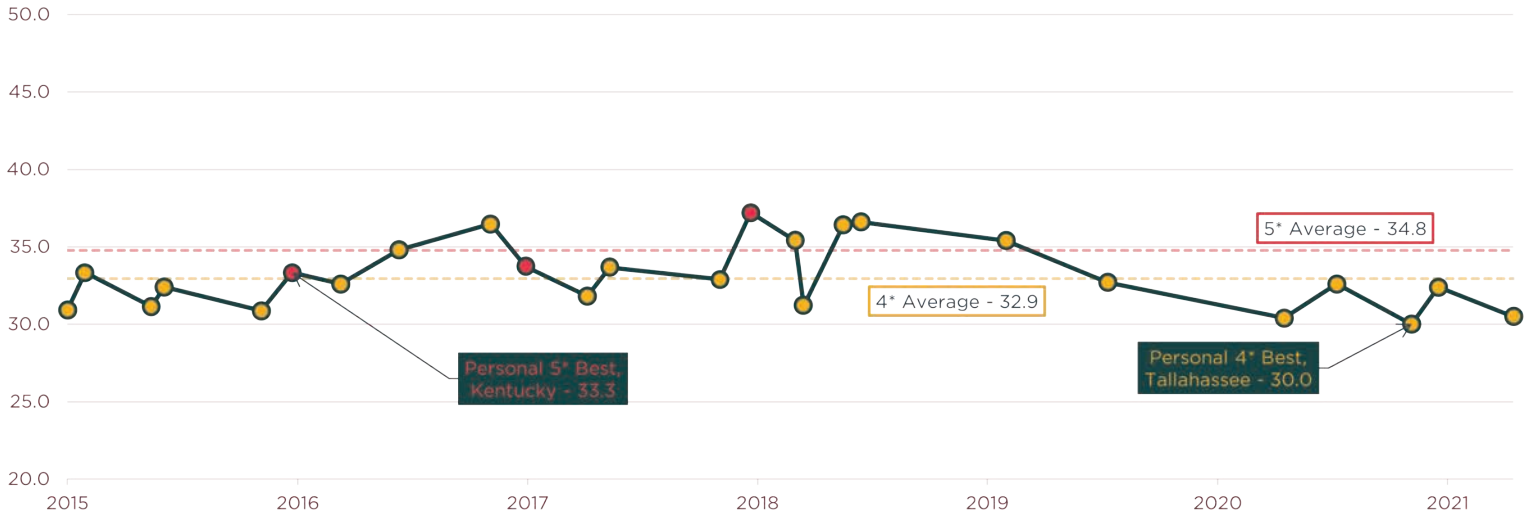
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Lauren Nicholson brings forward two experienced campaigners in this CC15* field, and this is a special horse on Lauren's string, being a homebred of her longtime owner and supporter Ms. Jacqueline Mars.

"Patrick" made his eventing debut with Hannah Sue Burnett before transferring to Lauren's program in 2011. At the time, he'd progressed through the Novice level. In the intervening years, Lauren has put her stamp on the gelding, tactfully moving him through the levels before finding herself up against a roadblock in the show jumping phase as he got to the upper levels. After Landmark's Monte Carlo began accumulating a higher number of rails in the show jumping than was characteristic, Lauren wanted to find something to give the gelding an injection of confidence. That's when Cathy Wieschoff recommended she try bringing in an animal communicator. Believe it or not, the tips provided by the animal communicator — which centered around positive encouragement and taking the pressure off — helped Lauren turn a corner. He may still have a pole down here and there, but the nerves seem to have been soothed.

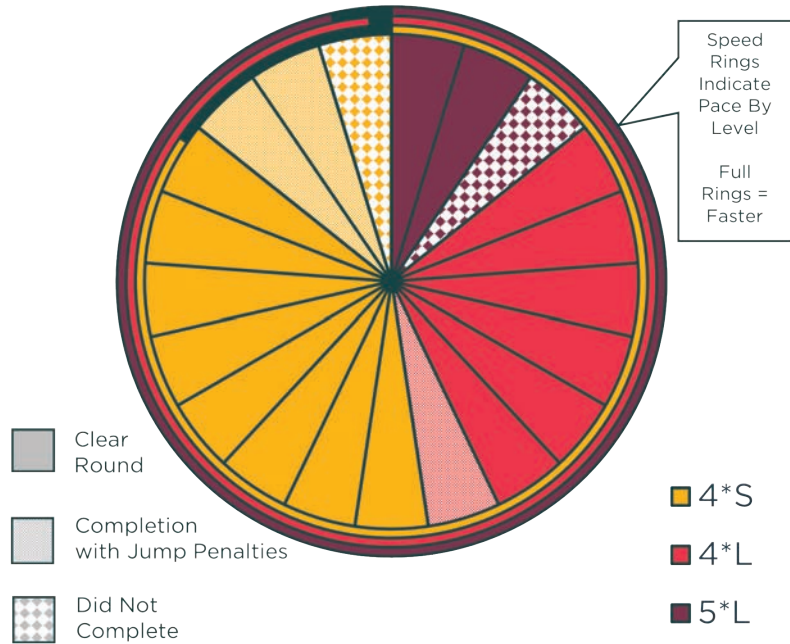
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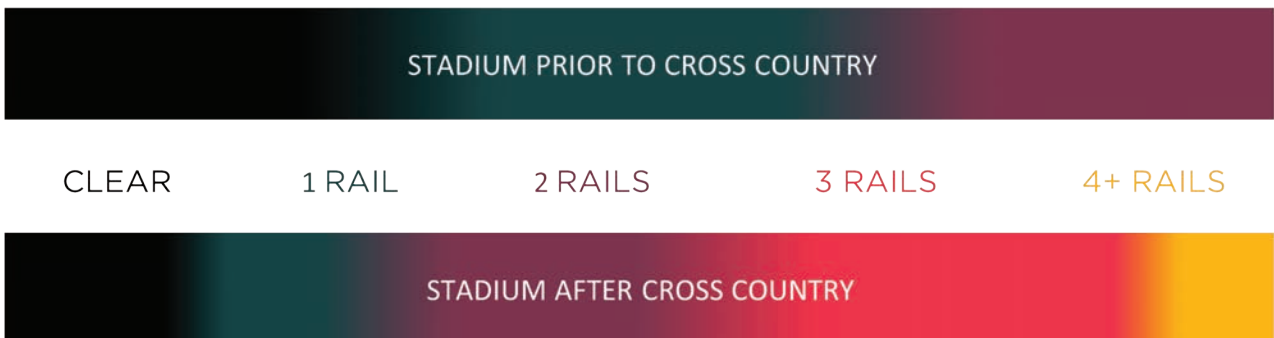
BY THE NUMBERS

This will be a fourth CCI5* start for the striking grey gelding, who has twice been a top twenty finisher at Kentucky. He's got masses of experience and a penchant for going fast and clear across the country - and he's jumped well at this venue before, finishing twelfth in the CCI4*-L back in 2016. Expect a low-30s dressage, and likely a quick round on Saturday - though he hasn't run a long-format event since 2019, he added nothing across the country on that occasion.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



PHILLIP DUTTON



FERNHILL SINGAPORE



Owner: Tom Tierney, Annie Jones, and Dave and Patricia Vos

Age: Twelve

Height: 16.2hh

Breed: Dutch Warmblood

Pedigree: Singapore x Riedellia, by Animo

Country: USA

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

32.5

SPEED PREDICTION:

4.8

PREDICTED POLES:

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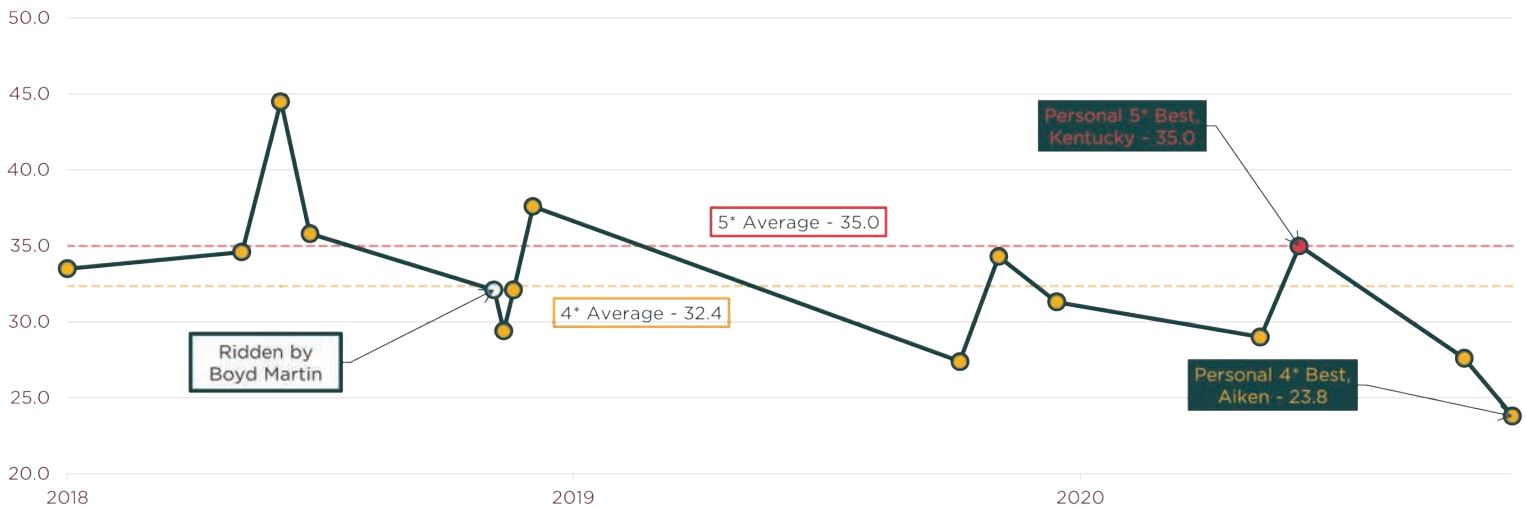
It's been all too easy to overlook the exceptional Fernhill Singapore, purely because Phillip's Tokyo Olympics mount, Z, is such a spotlight-stealer. But even before he made his CCI5* debut at Kentucky this spring, Singer was producing some seriously exciting results: he's won the CCI3*-S here last year, and finished fifth in the CCI4*-L in 2019.

Along the way, he's earned himself a reputation for being reliable and quick across the country – and for being one of the best showjumpers in the field, too. We've only seen him pull one rail in an FEI competition since 2017 (that's 17 clears from 18 international rounds!), and he jumped clear in both phases at Kentucky, too, finishing 27th after adding 15.6 time penalties to his dressage score of 35. Now, though, he's prepared for his second time at the level by winning the CCI4*-S at Great Meadows, where he added just 3.2 time to his impressive 27.6 dressage. On this form, he's a dark horse contender to fight for the first US five-star win since Phillip won Kentucky back in 2008.



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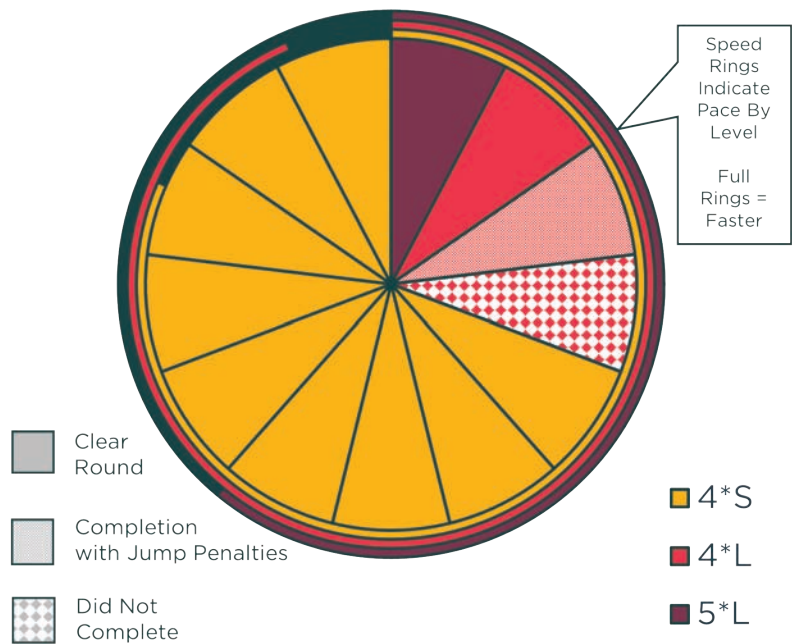
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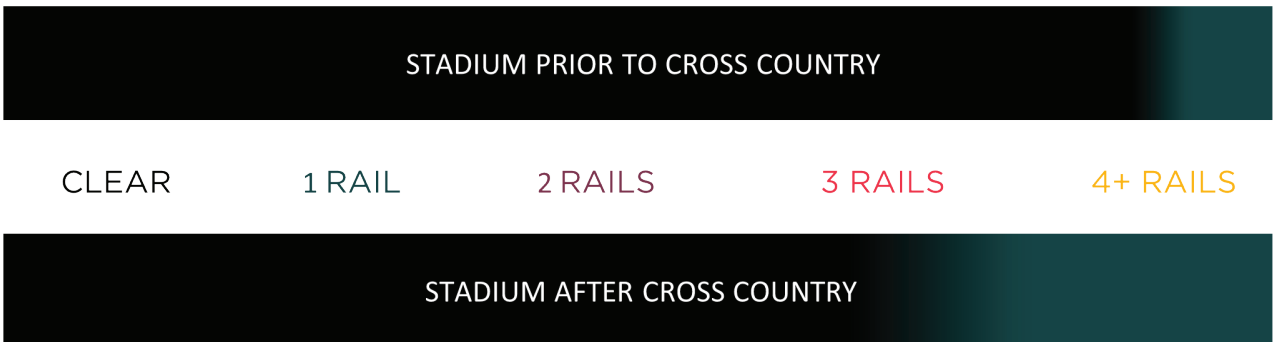
BY THE NUMBERS

Coming into a five-star off the back of two FEI wins in a row isn't a shabby position to find yourself in, and Fernhill Singapore will fight to continue that excellent form this week. His dressage average doesn't reflect the fact that his most recent scores have been in the 20s - 23.8 at Stable View, to be precise - so we could see him frighten the dressage leaders this week. He produced a steady clear at Kentucky this spring, but once the handbrake's released, he's capable of competitive speed - and over poles, he's in a league of his own.

CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCE



SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE



BUCK DAVIDSON



ERROLL GOBEY



Owner: Cassandra Segal, Lisa Darden, and Natalie Sandler

Age: Eleven

Height: 16.3hh

Breed: Holsteiner

Pedigree: Cassini II x Ulla II, by Contender

Country: USA

DRESSAGE
AVERAGE:

34.1

SPEED RATING:

10.4

PREDICTED POLES:

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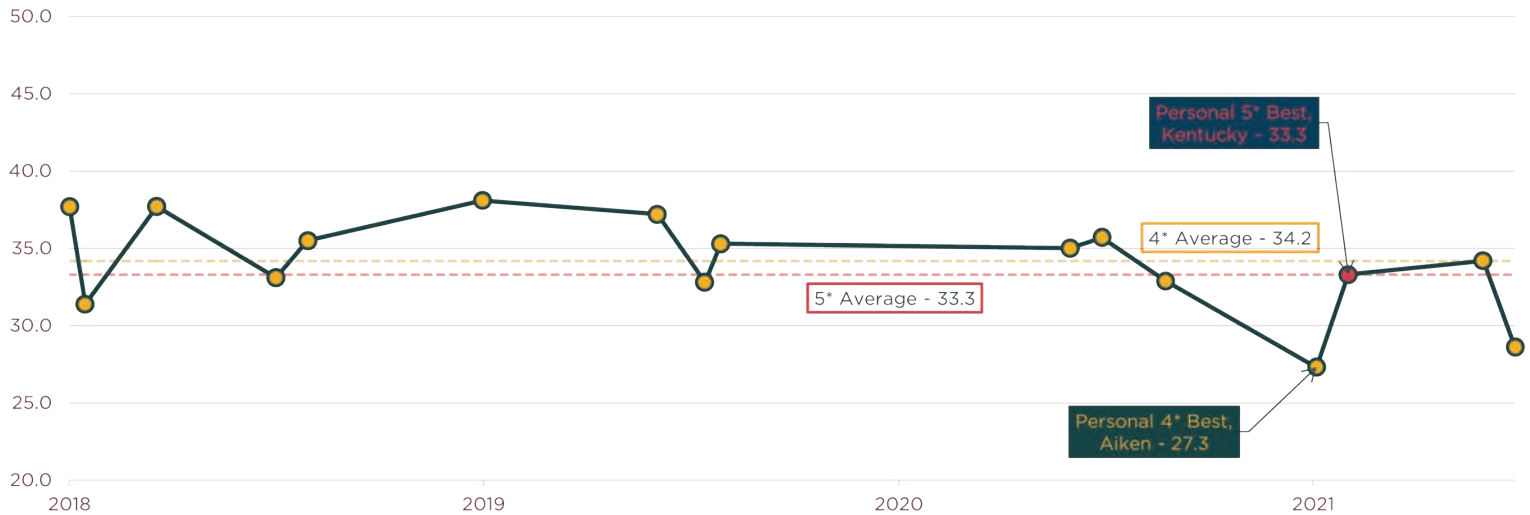
Buck - who's the son of eventing legend Bruce Davidson - is a busy man this week, but that's the way he likes it: he hasn't brought fewer than two rides to that other US CCI5* in any year since 2013. Now, at the first-ever Maryland Five-Star, he's the best-stocked rider in the field, with three horses on his roster.

Erroll Gobey, who was bred in Germany but initially produced in the UK by JP Sheffield, is the youngest and least experienced of the three. He made his five-star debut at Kentucky this spring, though was retired on course after going green at the first water. Since then, Buck's been busy putting the wheels back on the bus, and Gobey has stepped up, finishing sixth and second in Advanced classes at the Horse Park of New Jersey and Millbrook Horse Trials, respectively. Considering that his Kentucky run came after a retirement in the Open Intermediate at Chattahoochee Hills after activating a safety device, he should be feeling confident and ready to rumble on his second attempt at the level.



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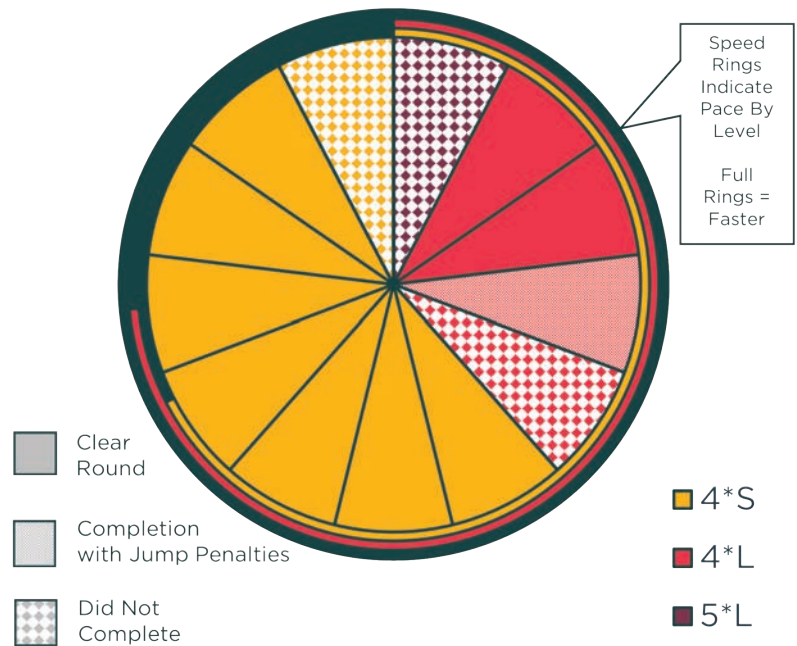
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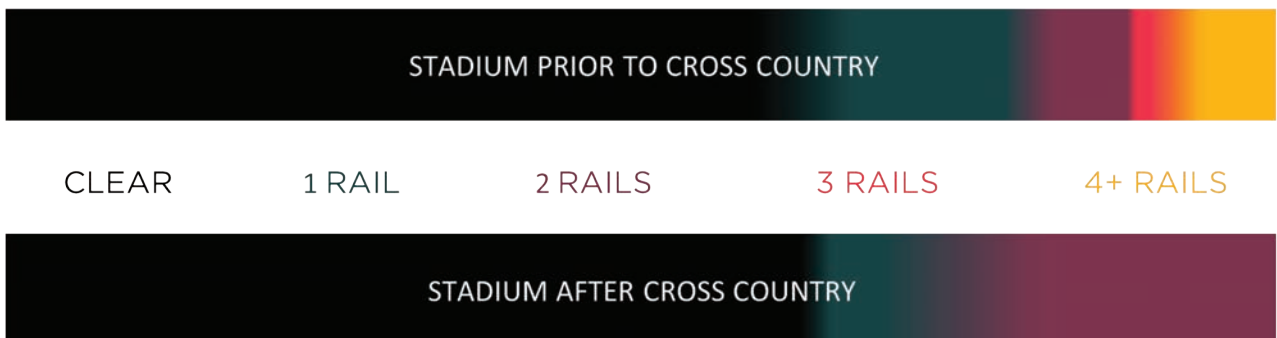
BY THE NUMBERS

This is still a relatively inexperienced horse, and his primary focus will be nailing down a first five-star completion after retiring at Kentucky on his debut earlier this year. They've had just one FEI cross-country run since then, but it's been a very, very good one: they finished second in the CCI4*-S at Unionville, adding just 0.8 time penalties along the way. This could be set to be the season in which Erroll Gobey steps up from a boy to a man, and this week will be a crucial stepping stone for his exciting future.

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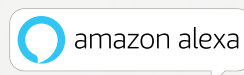
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