



CIC3\* runners-up Thomas Carille and Quiro Hoy underline their Rio credentials

Impressively, he stopped the clock inside the time on all three of his horses, while no one else achieved this target. He was also the only person apart from the winner to make the CIC3\* time when finishing ninth on Cillinabraden Evo.

Peter Windus' Jumbo 10-year-old Dunbeau was the section O winner, with ODT Ghareeb and Samuel Thomas II making up the successful trio.

"Samuel Thomas is a freak to gallop – I honestly believe he could win a two-mile chase. He's quick with his feet and doesn't waste time in the air," said Oliver. "The other two are becoming more established, so I don't have to set them up as much."

Andrew Nicholson was third in section O with Perfect Stranger. Another Kiwi, Jonelle Price, took section M on Trisha Rickards' Classic Moet, who was the fastest horse at the 2014 World Equestrian Games and had just two time faults here.

"She's naturally very fast – even in the dressage she goes as fast as possible," said Jonelle. "Cross-country is the only time she's allowed to use her speed to her advantage and I try not to stand in her way."

Laura Collett was second behind Jonelle on Cooley Again, an eight-year-old advanced first-timer by Ramiro B.

"I was most surprised by his dressage as he doesn't find it all

that easy, but having more questions really made him try," said Laura.

The rider bought the horse as a four-year-old and sold him the following year to Maggie Sargent, whose daughter Francesca keeps her horses on Laura's yard. The pair shared the ride for a while, but as Francesca didn't really click with Cooley Again, only Laura now competes him.

### Future stars shine

TIM CHEFFINGS won section K of the Listers Mercedes-Benz CIC2\* with eight-year-old Donateur, whom he owns with Anne Chapman and Ros Fisher-Smith.

"Last June he injured his shoulder – he staked himself in the field – and after he'd had a break, we thought he was OK, but he was feeling it down drop fences so he had a few blips," said Tim.

Flora Harris was second in both CIC2\*s on two exciting eight-year-olds. Monarts Masterpiece, by Master Imp, was brought out by Polly Jackson Griffin before being sold to US rider Katherine Coleman. He is now registered to Flora's mother Caroline but Flora is syndicating him.

"I still have a few shares to sell and I'm really keen to keep him," she said. "He's sensitive and can be tense, but he has the most ability I've ever felt in a young horse."

## IN THE GENES

### Kilnamac Holly's dynasty

IRELAND'S Pádraig McCarthy won the only intermediate that ran, on Friday, with MGH Kings Street, by Kings Master.

Pádraig bought the now seven-year-old as a yearling, having previously had his half-sister, whom he sold on to a successful showjumping career in America. He then also bought the horse's dam, Kilnamac Holly, by Cruising. He has a three-year-old from her (by Sligo Candy Boy) and a two-year-old (by OBOS Quality), and the mare is in-foal to Future Trend.

Flora's other ride, the Billy Congo son Billy Bandit, has "stacks of jump and has really grown up this year". Bandit just beat another Billy horse, Billy Walk On, by Billy Mexico.

Rider Pippa Funnell said: "I love him – he's no oil painting, but he has an old head on young shoulders; he's workmanlike and good in his brain."

The other CIC2\* winner was Ludwig Svennerstål, who was relieved to get Master Ping's nose in front after two second places and threats from his girlfriend, the horse's owner Talia Laghzaoui, that he would have to sleep on the floor if he didn't win. Ludwig has taken over the ride because Talia is at university and the horse is for sale, so it made sense for him to show him off.

"I ride him in a snaffle and it's like steering with a joystick, he's so responsive – I wish that all my horses were like him," said Ludwig.

Christopher Burton picked up another top placing with third in this section on the four-star horse TS Jaimamo, who is taking the one-day event route towards potential Rio selection.

Vittoria Panizon was in line for a CIC2\* placing on Bonne Amie until she fell on the flat and was taken to hospital for X-rays, but luckily, although badly bruised, she had not broken anything. **HKH**

### RESULTS

CIC3\* – 1. Nobilis 18 (C Burton) 34.5.0.0-34.5; 2. Quiro Hoy (T Carille) 38.4.0.0-39.2; 3. Seigneur Medici (B Hoy) 33.2.4.4-41.6; adv sec M – 1. Classic Moet (J Price) 32.9.0.2-34.9; 2. Cooley Again (L Collett) 31.5.0.8-40.3; 3. Samuel Thomas II (O Townend) 38.4.0.4-42.1; sec O – 1. Dunbeau (O Townend) 30.2.0.4-34.2; 2. ODT Ghareeb (O Townend) 33.8.4.0-37.8; 3. Perfect Stranger (A Nicholson) 33.0.7.6-41.1; CIC2\* sec K – 1. Donateur (T Cheffings) 47.8.0.1-49.4; 2. Monarts Masterpiece (F Harris) 45.1.0.4-49.9; 3. TS Jaimamo (C Burton) 45.0.1.3-50.2; sec L – 1. Master Ping (L Svennerstål) 44.4.0.0-44.4; 2. Billy Bandit (F Harris) 47.2.0.5-52.4; 3. Billy Walk On (P Funnell) 48.9.0.5-54.5; Int – 1. MGH Kings Street (P McCarthy) 28.4.4.8-37.2; 2. High Time (C Hall) 34.1.0.8-42.9; 3. Opposition Tiger (A Pimblett) 28.0.16.4-44.4; OnR – 1. Cruz V (H Needham) 24.8.0.0-24.8; 2. Royal Fury (H Coy) 27.5.4.0-31.5; 3. Gentlemen George (E Miller) 32.5.0.0-32.9; nov sec A – 1. Priorspark Precocious (L Shannon) 25.0.0-25; 2. Reuben Rialto (J Adams) 26.5.0.3-30.3; 3. Veyga (S Hunt) 27.3.0.3-30.9; sec B – 1. To Be Fair II (J-P Sheffield) 28.0.0.0-28.0; 2. Deoch An Doris (Macpherson) 30.0.0-30.3; 3. Lady Donnerhall (A James) 32.5.0.2-35.3; sec C – 1. Uffens (S Garrod) 28.0.0.0-28.0; 2. Castle View Larry (J Clarke) 30.0.0-34.8; 3. Allentown Luidam (R Jones) 37.0.0-37.7; sec D – 1. Dineal Ballylarnau Decar (J Amos) 31.3.0.0-31.3; 2. Lockroy (M Heath) 31.5.0.0-31.5; 3. Monsoon III (R Holroyd) 28.0.0.2-31.6.



Flora Harris and Billy Bandit, one of her two promising CIC2\* runners-up