

Halliday-Sharp is Unstoppable in Cloud 11~Gavilan North LLC Carolina International Show Jumping

Payne Caravella tops Attwood Equestrian Services CCI3-S, McConnon maintains his lead of CCI2*-S*

Raeford, N.C. - March 22, 2019 - Elisabeth Halliday-Sharp was red hot in Saturday's show jumping at the Cloud 11~Gavilan North LLC Carolina International CCI and Horse Trial, presented by Lumbee River EMC. She currently sits first and second in the Setters' Run Farm CCI4*-S with Fernhill By Night and Deniro Z, respectively.



Elisabeth Halliday-Sharp and Fernhill By Night. Photo by Brant Gamma Photography.

Dressage leader Fernhill By Night, a 16-year-old Irish Sport Horse owned by Deborah Halliday, sprang easily across the tricky course, adding nothing to his dressage score (27.9), which he'll carry into the final phase.

Similarly, Deniro Z also remains on his dressage score of 29.5. Placed third overnight, the 11-year-old

KWPN, who is owned by The Deniro Syndicate and Ocala Horse Properties, moved up behind his stablemate after a double clear result.



Liz Halliday-Sharp and Deniro Z. Photo by Brant Gamma Photography.

“They were all amazing. I thought it rode how I planned. Now I’ve been here enough, so I know you’ve got to keep moving no matter what, so that helped. All three of them jumped amazing. I think it’s one of the best rounds Deniro’s ever jumped, and ‘Blackie’ always jumps well,” Halliday-Sharp said.

Historically, the final placings have been decided by the clock on cross country, so Halliday-Sharp has a specific plan in mind for the final phase. “I’m trying to really dial in on my lines. Blackie isn’t the world’s fastest horse, but he is quick enough, so I need to be super efficient with him. I think early on in this course you have to come out of the box in sixth gear,” she said.

Halliday-Sharp had a third double clear performance in this class with The Monster Partnership's Cooley Quicksilver, who sits 10th.



Hallie Coon and Celien. Photo by Brant Gamma Photography.

Hallie Coon took over third place with her own and Helen Coon's Celien. Coon piloted the 12-year-old KWPN nimbly through Saturday's challenge for a double clear round and a two-phase result of 32.3.

"She's been jumping out her skin this year. We've been approaching show jumping with a different view and mixing it up for her, and she seems to really be benefiting from it. It's really nice to feel her stepping up," Coon said.

Four of the last five winners at this level have finished on their dressage score so Halliday-Sharp and Coon are on track to match the trend. They were among the 17 pairs to jump double clear today.



Kristen Bond and I'm Sew Ready. Photo by Brant Gamma Photography.

Holly Payne Caravella took control of the Attwood Equestrian Services CCI3*-S after a double clear show jumping round with CharmKing. The 8-year-old Holsteiner, owned by CharmKing LLC, skipped around Marc Donovan's track, leaving all the poles up to remain on his dressage score of 26.3.

"He has just started to get to the point where he's getting a little fitter and a little more worked up in the big atmosphere. He knows what it's about now. He was good and rideable in the dressage and was the same in the show jumping today. He definitely felt the atmosphere, but it just made him jump better," Payne Caravella said.

Following in her example, Colleen Loach also clinched a clear round that moved her from third to second place. Riding FE Golden Eye, a 7-year-old Hanoverian owned by Amanda Bernhard, the Canadian Olympian carries a score of 27 into the final phase.

Halliday-Sharp and Will Faudree share third place on the identical score of 28.9 with Chailey Stud Equestrian's Flash Cooley and Jennifer Mosing & Sterling Silver Stables' Caeleste, respectively.



Andrew McConnon and Bossinova. Photo by Brant Gamma Photography.

While three- and four-star competitors focused on accuracy in the show jumping, the Breezeway Sporthorse and Diagnostic Clinic Friendship Mobile Veterinary Imaging and Sports Medicine CCI2*-S competitors set out across Ian Stark's formidable cross country course.

Overnight leaders Andrew McConnon and Bossinova kept a strong hold of the division. McConnon and his 9-year-old Hanoverian boast a two-day score of 20.3—over seven points ahead of their competition.

Click here for [live scoring](#).

The CCI3*-S competitors head out on cross country at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, and the CCI4*-S is set to begin at 12:30 p.m. The top ten of each division will run in reverse order of standing at the end of the class, guaranteeing a thrilling finale. The CCI2*-S will show jump Saturday in reverse order of standing at 10:00 a.m.

Carolina International is also hosting Training through Advanced level horse trial divisions, which got underway Friday with dressage, and continue the competition Saturday over fences.

The Carolina Horse Park has rolled out even more improvements to the cross country track in 2019, presenting the footing in an unprecedented condition. The FEI tracks have been taken out of use since last year's competition to best preserve the quality of the footing. Knowlbrook Farms have been crucial in land management with new galloping lanes and extensive tree removal in an effort to offer world-

class ground for each and every competitor at Carolina International.

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EQSportsNet is the official live streaming partner of Carolina International. In addition to providing wall-to-wall live streaming of all of the Setters' Run Farm CCI4*-S, EQSportsNet also offers live and on demand coverage of the Attwood Equestrian Services CCI3*-S show jumping and cross country phases as well as the Advanced level cross country phase. Visit www.eqsports.net for more information.

Brant Gamma Photography is the official photographer for this weekend's competition. Brant and her team will be on site all weekend to cover all the action. Riders can visit their tent located beside the Sagmae Competitor's Lounge to purchase photos.

For more information about the event, visit www.carolinainternationalcic.com.

About Carolina International

The Carolina International Organizing Committee was formed to build a world class eventing competition in the Sandhills of North Carolina. Leveraging local and national expertise and leadership, we will deliver an outstanding weekend of horse sport and entertainment for riders, owners, grooms, spectators, patrons and sponsors alike.

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