



Amazing HOYS for Ellen

Britain's golden girl of Showjumping, Ellen Whitaker stormed to success at this year's Horse of the Year.

The Caldene sponsored 23-year-old was in the ribbons throughout the week on her string of successful top horses. Ellen headed to HOYS on the back of several big wins, on the run up to the show and by the end of the week had captured another three titles from HOYS.

On Thursday and Friday Ellen started her campaign with some solid performances on CS Online and Kanselier. CS Online took two third placings in the hoys.co.uk Cup and the Sky Sports Trophy.

Kanselier went one better and took second place in the Dick Turpin Stakes, just being pipped to the post by Dirk Demeersman by 0.16 seconds

Saturday dawned and CS Online took another third place in The Accumulator after gaining full points. With all these fantastic placings it was only a matter of time before Ellen captured that all important win.

Ladina B had been brought especially to HOYS for the Puissance. The grey mare showed her ability as she soared over the 7ft1in wall to take first place. Ladina's hard pulling attitude throughout the competition entertained the crowd and demonstrated Ellen's ability in the saddle.

Sunday holds two of the biggest classes, The Vinopolis Speed Horse of the Year and HOYS Leading Show Jumper of the Year. Ellen and her speed machine Kanselier whizzed round the course clear in 50.06 seconds pushing Cian O'Connor into second place. This made Ellen the first ever person to win this award four times.

With two back to back wins Ellen was on top form and showed she was flying high when Equimax Ocolado produced one of five clears in the HOYS Leading Showjumper of the Year. In the jump off Ellen produced another dazzling round on the 13 year-old gelding owned by her dad Steven and great owner Dawn Makin. It was a nervous wait for Ellen as she watched to see how the others would fair. With one left to go no one else had produced that all important double clear. Abdel Said then lowered a pole which secured Ellen's place at the top of the leader board.

Ellen had been close to winning this title in 2005 on Locarno but it was Equimax Ocolado that gave Ellen one of the most memorable wins of her career so far, which placed her above two Beijing Olympic GB riders, Ben Maher and Nick Skelton who took second and third respectively.

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