



Coudray and Tryon Dominate Dressage At Galway Downs International Horse Trials

Temecula, Calif., March 27, 2009 — Tiana Coudray, of Ojai, Calif., and Ringwood Magister outperformed the rest of the CIC**** field today in dressage, making them the pair their 11 rivals must catch at the Galway Downs International Horse Trials.

Coudray earned 37.2 penalty points from judges Wayne Quarles of the United States and Jo Young of Canada, putting her exactly 2 points ahead of two-time Olympian Amy Tryon of Duvall, Wash., on Leyland (39.2). Kelly Prather, of Bodega, Calif., rode Ballinakill Glory to third place (41.0). “I’m thrilled with him—it was his best test ever,” said Coudray enthusiastically. Ringwood Magister, 9, is an Irish Sporthorse Coudray imported from Ireland as a 4-year-old. In November 2007, the pair won the CCI* at the Galway Downs International Three-Day Event.

“It kind of dawned on me today that he’s grown into a big horse now,” said Coudray.

Tryon has also developed Leyland since starting the 10-year-old Thoroughbred as a 5-year-old fresh off the racetrack. “Overall, I was very happy with his performance today,” said Tryon. “He’s a bit like a child: When he gets tired, he becomes hyperactive. But he’s maturing as he gets older, and today, when he got a bit tired in the ring, he kept trying. A year ago he would have just thrown his toys out.”

Tryon is the dressage leader in the CIC**, on Nicodemus, a 9-year-old she started riding in January. Tryon scored 43.5 penalties, well ahead of Julie Ann Boyer on Rumor Hazit (47.3). “He’s incredibly honest and is always going to do his best,” said Tryon of Nicodemus.

Neither Coudray nor Tryon wanted to predict how their relatively inexperienced horses will perform on Ian Stark’s redesigned cross-country course tomorrow. Both said they will not worry about accumulating time faults, leaving the door wide open for riders and horses behind them.

“This course is right up there with any three-star course anywhere in the world,” said Tryon, winner of the team gold medal at the 2002 World Equestrian Games.

Coudray believes that “any horse who jumps well around Ian’s course is going to feel pretty proud of himself and be ready to do more.”

The Galway Downs CIC**** is the first event of the Adequan U.S. Eventing Association Gold Cup Series, in which horse-and-rider pairs earn points at each of the eight designated premier events held across the country from March to September. The Series added an exciting new May event to the calendar this year, Chattahoochee Hills Horse Trials in Chattahoochee, Georgia. The Bit of Britain/USEA American Eventing Championships will again offer a Gold Cup division, and will be held September 10-13 at Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, Illinois.



*Tiana Coudray and Ringwood Magister trotted away with a score of 37.2 to lead the CIC****. Josh Walker photo.*