



Lucy is pictured riding the Good Times-sired Holstein which she has had since he was a foal. Her 70.68% Advanced Medium qualifier winner this time, Rudy, is also 10 and showjumping bred by Cancara. She said: "On Jersey you do everything, so Rudy's done showing, showjumping and dressage. I was pleased with his test. We've been working on his trot extensions. He's good at collecting but struggles with transitions from collection to extension but this time they scored his best marks."

Juggling horses and his British and international competition campaigns, **Daniel Watson** came to Hickstead intent on gaining regionals qualifying points at Advanced Medium with home-bred Berlin. Berlin is an eight-year-old full brother to 11-year-old Daniel's Breitling x Dimaggio-bred mare Butterfly who started her grand prix career earlier this year.

Berlin made it a winning debut at his new level with a 70.92% non-qualifier and also took second place to Lucy with 70.41% in the qualifier. Daniel said: "I was pleased with him because he's still a bit wobbly but coming into the changes he was so on it with me and offered me everything he had. He's so honest and wants to do it. He's a classy little horse and just needs more ring experience."

Nicola Rapley returned to competition and to Hickstead this Spring with her big boys Londoner, Romassino and Scolari's Glory after a taking a domestic break as her daughter Stephanie was at a critical stage in her education. She explained: "Stephanie grooms for me. They're all big boys and I couldn't come out and compete without her help."

Talking of Scolari's Glory who won the silver section Advanced Medium qualifier with 68.11% she said: "I was pleased considering he has not competed for ages and he behaved like a pro. It has taken time for him to get changes because as a big horse with a big stride he has a lot to organise. He's not a naturally sharp horse, so I have to generate the buzzy-ness myself but in the longer term, because he doesn't tense up, that will work in my favour."

On his second outing to Hickstead, List 1 judge **Linda Hoad's** 'last fling', Caprimond x Stedinger 10-year-old Atterupgaards Capirossi, showed off his talent for dressage rather than this talent for spooking at every letter. He won the Medium 75 gold section with 69.05% following a 72.27% Medium 69 for second place behind the class overall winner Sharon Edwards and Maralyn Fichte's Reeno Primeur on 72.73%.

Linda said: "I train with Sune Hansen at Kilbees where Rossi is based. He told me that in Denmark they hardly ever compete outdoors. In a new place Rossi is petrified and you can't steer him. But I wish I'd had him 30 years ago. He's a brilliant horse, probably the best I've ever had." Commenting on her tests, she said: "We had two judges who'd never seen Rossi before and they gave us really nice marks including 8.5s for half-passes. Even so he showed only 60 per cent of his ability. When I've got him really confident and working the way he does at home there's a lot more in there. We've found that he has an unbelievable piaffe and passage, so that's exciting. He's a late developer but for a big horse it's best to take time. He's about 17.1hh, built for the job and a real gentleman, so it makes life easy."



Sharon Edwards dismisses the idea that her Ehrendorf x Davino homebred mare Elysian is spooky. She said: "It was so cold and the trees were thrashing around but her issues were about over-exuberance not about spooking. She hasn't yet got enough gears or brakes to control herself so we had some bursts of uncontrolled power."

They won the Elementary 45 with 73.18% before taking second on 70.78% in the 59 qualifier to Georgie Howard and her more competition experienced but giant-moving Quarterback son, Howards Power.

Sharon added: "I'm very excited about 'Sissy' because she has so much desire to go. I've never sat on anything like her before. It makes me incredibly proud that I bred her every time I sit on her. She's eight and was born knowing it all. When you've done something once, she tells me, 'shut up, I know what I'm doing, I

don't need you'. She's a one-girl horse and she's chosen me. I thought I might get a younger and braver rider to start her off but she wasn't having it. I had to get my balls back. Now she is fantastic — but the most arrogant horse I've ever met!"