

Halliday-Sharp Crowned Queen of Cloud 11~Gavilan North LLC Carolina International

Thrilling cross country finale secures her wire-to-wire win of Setters' Run Farm CCI4-S*

Raeford, N.C. - March 23, 2019 - Elisabeth Halliday-Sharp had no one to beat but herself when she left the starbox with Setters' Run Farm CCI4*-S overnight leader Fernhill By Night. A double clear performance earlier in the division with second-placed Deniro Z guaranteed her win, but her final ride would decide which of her horses would take home title at the Cloud 11~Gavilan North LLC Carolina International, presented by Lumbee River EMC.



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

Her veteran competitor Fernhill By Night, a 16-year-old Irish Sport Horse owned by Deborah Halliday, sailed around the Carolina Horse Park, securing a wire-to-wire win of the premier division on his dressage score of 27.9.

"He didn't need to make the time, but I wanted try to for myself. The horse hasn't really ever made the time at this level so it was kind of a see what we can do. He was really fantastic, and the horse has really come into his own now that he knows he isn't going to be exhausted from long format now. He is quite a

happy guy. He comes out and fights for me which is great," she said.



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

Riding for The Deniro Syndicate and Ocala Horse Properties, Halliday-Sharp produced a masterful ride with Deniro Z, an 11-year-old KWPN. They went penalty-free all weekend for a final result of 29.5.

"'Niro' was a bit of a beast today. He's class and an incredible horse. We have a great partnership. He just fights the whole way through. I couldn't have asked for more of him," she said.



Hallie Coon and Celien. Photo by Brant Gamma Photography.

Rising star Hallie Coon stuck for third with Celien, a 12-year-old KWPN owned by the rider and Helen Coon. They boast a three-phase score of 32.3 as they prepare for their second CCI5*-L appearance at the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event later this spring.

"I thought she was really fantastic. She's really game this year and really feeling fit. I was a little bit surprised by how forward-going she was," Coon said.



Will Faudree and Caeleste. Photo by Brant Gamma Photography.

The cross country phase proved influential in the Attwood Equestrian Services CCI3*-S as a tiebreak ultimately decided the final standings. At day's end, Halliday-Sharp and Will Faudree found themselves

tied in first place on 28.9 points. With their cross country times separated by only one second, Faudree claimed the win of the class for finishing closest to optimum time.

Hometown rider Will Faudree received booming applause as he and Caeleste, a 12-year-old Holsteiner owned by Jennifer Mosing and Sterling Silver Stables, galloped boldly around Ian Stark's track inside the time.

An equally accomplished ride gave Halliday-Sharp another top finish this weekend at the Carolina Horse Park, this time aboard Flash Cooley, a 7-year-old Irish Sport Horse owned by Chailey Stud Equestrian in the horse's debut at the level.

Sydney Conley Elliott claimed third with QC Diamantaire. Carol Stephen's 9-year-old Oldenburg skipped around inside the time for a final result of 29.



Andrew McConnon and Bossinova. Photo by Brant Gamma Photography.

Andrew McConnon dominated the Breezeway Sporthorse and Diagnostic Clinic Friendship Mobile Veterinary Imaging and Sports Medicine CCI2*-S field from start to finish aboard his own Bossinova. A record-setting 20.3 in the dressage set the stage for their two-star takeover, and only one show jumping rail marred their final result of 24.3, the best of all international competitors.

Canadian Olympian Kyle Carter was second with Gaillard Lancer (27.5), an 8-year-old KWPN owned by Brandon Blackstock, and Hugh Wrigley finished third aboard his 8-year-old Hanoverian, FE Santos

(28.9).

Click here for [live scoring](#).

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.

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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.

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