

McEwen leads British success

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BRITISH riders took second and third in the seven-year-old class at this prestigious championship, so often a pointer to future stars.

Tom McEwen was runner-up on Frank and Jane Inns' Toledo De Kerker. He is bred on showjumping lines by Diamant De Semilly out of a Papillon Rouge mare.

"You have to deal with his personality as sometimes he decides he's untrainable — I can't jump him in the school at home as he shoots off — but he's super-talented," said Tom, 23. "Hopefully he'll go on to be a winner at big events. He's not just a two-star track pony."

Toledo has not had a showjump down in his two years with Tom and he stayed on his third-placed dressage score of 43.7 here.

The cross-country, designed by Pierre Michelet, was as beautifully built as ever, with fences including a violin at fence five, which was created by Jacques Bougier, the carpenter at the National Stud de Le Lion d'Angers. The track didn't cause too many problems, with 35 clears inside the 9min 22sec optimum time, from 54 starters.

One who was caught out was the dressage leader, Caretinhus, ridden by French double European champion Nicolas Touzaint. But Caretinhus showed his lack of experience by becoming unsettled



Tom McEwen is best of the Brits in the seven-year-old class, taking second with Toledo De Kerker

by the unusual fences and huge crowds, resulting in three refusals.

The showjumping was influential and Laura Collett rose from 11th to third after her clear with Pamero 4.

"It's a big arena and you had to move on around the corners, then the distances were a bit 'waiting' [short] so you needed a horse which could change gear," said Laura, who bought the horse in Germany in February for Kauto Star's owner Clive Smith.

Also for Britain, Piggy French took fifth on Carpe Diem IV. He belongs to her partner Tom March and John and Judith Addicott — parents of her headgirl Helen — and was bought as a project from Vere Philipps at the end of last year. Oliver Townsend claimed ninth on Angela Hislop's Cooley SRS and Kitty King finished 10th on the recent British seven-year-old champion, Ceylor LAN.

This class was won by France's Thomas Carille on Tenareze (see box, below). The Jaguar Mail

stallion is the third horse ever to have won both classes here.

Tenareze also led the Anglo Arabs to studbook trophy victory.

French's Dream machine

PIGGY FRENCH claimed another British podium finish with third in the six-year-olds on Cooley Dream Extreme (Cruising x Ramiro B).

"I've always thought he'd be a serious horse," said Piggy, who picked out the Irish sport horse in Richard Sheane's Cooley Sport

Results

LE LION D'ANGERS

7yo. — 1. Tenareze (T Carlie) FRA 43.6, 0.0=40.6; 2. Toledo De Kerker (T McEwen) GBR 43.7, 0.0=43.7; 3. Pamero 4 (L Collett) GBR 46.2, 0.0=46.2; 4. Carpe Diem IV (P French) GBR 48.1, 0.0=48.1; 5. Cooley SRS (O Townsend) GBR 48.8, 0.4=49.8; 10. Ceylor LAN (K King) GBR 46.2, 0.4=50.2.
6yo. — 1. Star Connection (M Jung) GBR 42.7, 0.0=42.7; 2. Dutch Man Retto (C Burton) AUS 44.4, 0.0=44.4; 3. Cooley Dream Extreme (P French) 47.1, 0.0=47.1; 6. Parkfield Quintessential (Z Wilkinson) GBR 46.7, 0.2=46.7. **studbook trophy.** — 1. Anglo Arab (Tenareze, Fischer/tenou/M Jung, Trouble Fete, Ene HN/M Vanlandeghem) 42.1; 2. KWPN (Carpe Diem IV, Cloud Dancer/J Price, Ceylor LAN) 147.9; 3. Selle Français (Toledo De Kerker, Tess Heulère/Mil/W Willett, Tzinga D'Auzay/N Touzaint) 152.1.

Horses yard as a four-year-old. "Richard had only just bought him and we couldn't put a bridle on to try him because he'd hit his head on the wagon, but he's been one of the most balanced horses I've sat on, even when he was four."

Cooley Dream Extreme ran in Sara Fowler and Kate Wall's name for the last time, but Piggy retains the ride as he has been bought by her father Wally and Michael Underwood.

This class went to Germany's Michael Jung, on Star Connection (Chacco-Blue x Star Regent), with Christopher Burton second for Australia on Carolyn Townsend and Sue Lawson's Dutch Man Retto, by Colandro.

"We bought him in the KWPN auction at Boekelo last year," said Christopher. "He's very easy-natured, with plenty of blood for a warmblood [his dam is the thoroughbred Julia Mariner]."

Britain's Zoe Wilkinson, 24, capped her great season with fifth on Parkfield Breeding's homebred Parkfield Quintessential (Quicksilver x Carino Sun), at her first competition abroad. H&H



Thomas Carille pilots Tenareze to the top spot in the seven-year-old class

Pedigree of seven-year-old winner Tenareze

