

Press Release

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Temecula, CA The Galway Downs International three-day event is officially underway with the first phase completed late this afternoon. Debbie Rosen has firmly taken command of the CCI** securing both the first and second spot on the score sheet in what is arguably the most popular event on the west coast.

Rosen's first place mount, Quito 10, is a 12-year-old Bayern gelding she imported from Germany. Her second place was aboard Philippa, a 7-year-old Holsteiner/TB mare. She felt that both of her mounts were very capable of a quality performance though she admits, "With a high level of fitness they tend to get a personality of their own," but added with a smile, "they were amazing".

Josh Barnacle stands in third place with his 12-year-old Selle Francais gelding, Flores du Serin. He is currently the leader in the USEF National Young Rider Eventing Championships.

Leading the standings for the CCI* is Fiona Dodson with her 9-year-old Warmblood gelding, Happy Go Lucky III. The high score was a bit of a surprise for the 17-year old, "There are a lot of good riders, I was expecting to be in the middle of the pack." This is Dodson's first try at the long format, "I'm excited, the course looks fun, but I'm going to have to be on my 'A' game."

Second in the standings is Barbara Crabo with Eveready, who edged out Fiona Graham on San Salvador. Crabo leads the standings for the USEF National CCI* Eventing Championship.

Over 300 competitors have arrived to participate in the International event as well as the horse trials. Saturday cross-country for the CCI gets underway at 8:00 a.m. Tickets are available at gate for \$10.00.

Tickets are available online at www.galwaydowns.com.

Galway Downs is located at 38801 Los Corralitos Road, Temecula, CA 92592.

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