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JOSH BARNACLE NAMED USEF WESTERN NATIONAL YOUNG RIDER EVENTING CHAMPION AT GALWAY DOWNS CCI**

TEMECULA, CA- Josh Barnacle of Santa Rosa, CA and the 12 year-old Selle Francais, Florestan du Serin managed to hang onto the CCI** traditional format lead despite three rails in the show jumping phase. The pair won with a score of 77.5. "I don't know what I was thinking, I finally woke up and started to ride," said a smiling Barnacle regarding his first three fences.

Barnacle took home \$2000 in prize money (sponsored by the California Horsetrader), a new Devoucoux saddle, a Galway Downs embroidered cooler, and the Fritz Cup. The pair will likely point for the Jersey Fresh CCI***.

Debbie Rosen aboard Quito 10 placed second with a 92.2. "I ran Quito 10 in the traditional format in order to qualify him for a young rider next year, he did really well, he has a mind of his own," stated the petite Rosen.

The USEF CCI** Western Young Rider Two Star Championship was presented with the traditional Three-Day Event format which includes a Steeplechase and Roads and Tracks section within the Endurance (cross-country) phase.

Nicholas Cwick, 23, and his 8 year old Oldenburg, Asterix, held onto the CCI** Olympic format lead with an impressive show jumping round in the final phase of the Galway Downs CCI** Olympic format and take home a check for \$700 and a Galway Downs cooler. Asterix, who is by the show jumping sire Sion and out of a Feiner Stern mare, easily cleared stadium course with room to spare. "Sometimes he jumps me out of the tack," smiled Cwick, "I could never replace him." Cwick entered the Galway CCI** to qualify for the Jersey Fresh CCI*** on the East coast. "Originally I just wanted to qualify, and then I had a chance to win."

Tiana Coudray, winner of the April 2005, Galway Downs CIC**, had a clear show jumping round on her 10 year-old Irish Sport Horse King

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Street, with a final score of 52.9, putting her second. Veteran three-day rider and crowd favorite, Derek di Grazia finished a professional third placed round on the 11 year-old Irish-bred Kildare Cavalier with a final score of 64.2. Di Grazia's goal for this event was to qualify Kildare, who is just coming back after a year and a half lay-up, for the Jersey Fresh in the spring of 2006. Di Grazia, who also designs courses remarked upon the Galway CCI** course "as not a big course, but it kept you busy, if you had a bad jump, you had to keep coming, there was a lot to do out there."

Look for the Galway Downs CIC***-World Cup Qualifier Event in the spring of 2006.

Full results and further Event information is posted on the web site at www.galwaydowns.com <<http://www.galwaydowns.com/>>.

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