

1) What horses do you have to compete with?

This year I will only have one horse to compete with- Doc Holiday P an 11 year old Belgian Warmblood gelding.

2) What do you compete them in?

Currently I'm doing the 1.35m/1.40m with Doc but I'm hoping to end the season in the 1.45m

3) How was your Royal Winter Fair?

I can't complain about my Royal Winter Fair, it's an exciting atmosphere and always a fun experience. I was extremely nervous this time around,

probably even more so than when I did the CET finals in 2012...strange how things like that work! Thankfully my horse did everything I asked of him and although I didn't ride to the absolute best of my ability I still ended up 6th overall in the CET Medal.

4) What were the courses like?

The first day the course was a combination of a flat test and a gymnastic course, it incorporated tasks like counter canter, changes of lead, turn on the haunches and forehand, collecting and lengthening the stride over fences, poles and of course single fences and combinations mixed in. It was likely the longest course I've ever ridden as it lasted four and a half to five minutes and so it was extremely nerve wracking because I thought for sure I would forget something in that crazy long course.

The second day was the jumping phase so the course was set up like a typical jumper course, however it asked more tests of the rider than an everyday course would. One unique aspect of the jumping phase that can make it more challenging is that the riders must walk the course without their trainer. This tests the competitor's ability as a horseman and rider seeing if they can properly examine the course and make the best decisions in regards to that course.

5) What is the format for the CET Medal?

The CET Medal finals is completed over two days. On the first day is the combined gymnastic and flat phase and on the second day is the jumping phase. The top four riders, who are determined from their combined scores from the first and second phase, then ride off in a shortened test. This ride off has different questions incorporated in it like counter canter, halt, trot fences and hand galloping. When the top four enter the ride off the scores are wiped clean so regardless of if you come in first or fourth whoever performs the test the best wins!

6) How do you qualify for the finals?

To qualify for CET Medal finals you must first qualify for Regional Finals. You can do this by winning a CET Medal class or by being in the top 20 for points in the CET Medal in your region. At the Regionals riders perform a flat phase, gymnastic phase and a jumping phase. The 6 riders with the highest combined scores come back and ride each others horses, 3 rides per person, and the top four after the switch go on to the Royal Winter Fair.

7) Which horse did you take to the Royal?

I took Prophecy a Zangersheide gelding that was 9 years old at the time.

8) What are your next goals in the sport?

My goals for this upcoming season are to get into the 1.45m and hopefully get into a couple small grand prix. Unfortunately I have to take a bit of a break from riding full time to go to university this fall but eventually I want to be able to compete in 5 star grand prix and ride for Team Canada on the international stage.

9) Where will we see you next?

I will be doing Spruce Meadows Summer Series and Thunderbird in August.

