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**Mackenna Shea Leads CIC3\***  
*Thieriot-Stutes Tops CIC2\* , Wooten-Macouzet Bests CIC1\**



Mackenna Shea and Landioso  
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Mackenna Shea and her own Landioso came to Galway Downs as their final prep run before heading to compete at the Rolex Kentucky CCI4\* and their results thus far have proved they are ready for that challenge. This talented pair put in a stellar dressage performance in the CIC3\*, taking a 9.5 point lead with a score of 43.3. Mackenna and Landioso were the highest placed Young Riders after dressage at Rolex in 2015, and today they looked on track to accomplish great things when they return later this month.

Shea thought of her test, “I felt pretty good, I didn’t have a long warm up but he is really good on the flat, we have been working on his ride-ability.”

Rounding out the Top 3 after dressage was Jennifer McFall and her own High Times scoring a 51.9 to take second place. In third place with a score of 52.8 were the 2014 Galway Downs CCI3\* Champions, Barb Crabo and her own Eveready. Both McFall and Crabo are entered to compete at the Rolex Kentucky CCI4\* Event and were very pleased with their dressage performances today in preparation.

Crabo stated of her dressage ride, “After the second or third movement I was really able to push and

get a lot out of him, he really got his act together today as he was a bit frisky at his first show and I was really happy with him."

The CIC divisions completed the Show Jumping phase this afternoon and Michael Roy Curtis's course design proved challenging as rails came down for some who usually jump clean but accurate riding was rewarded. Mackenna Shea and Landioso held onto their lead despite adding 12 faults to their score. Barb Crabo and Eveready's lovely round left all the rails up but did earn them 3 time faults, their score still allowed them to move up to second place. Earning a spot in the Top 3 was Tamie Smith aboard the Twizted Syster Syndicate's Twizted Syster after knocking one rail and collecting 2 time faults put them in third place.

Shea stated, "I thought the show jumping course was great, it was really challenging. You had a good balance of fences that flowed, even though we had several rails down, it was my fault. I plan to ride forward but careful tomorrow."

Frankie Thieriot-Stutes is no stranger to the top of the leaderboard riding The Chatwin Group's Chatwin. Chatwin was the winner of the 2015 Galway Downs CCI2\* last November with Tamie Smith in the irons, as Frankie had just given birth to her first child. Now back in the saddle Frankie and Chatwin look better than ever scoring an incredible 40.6 to lead the CIC2\* by more than 10 points after dressage. They then went on to jump a double clear stadium round to hold their lead going into cross-country tomorrow, one of only three riders to do so in the division.

Frankie felt, "A couple years ago this environment would have been intimidating for both of us, but we have come far in our relationship and it was great. Tamie really helped give him more experience last year, while I wasn't riding. I think it is a tough course tomorrow, I plan to have fun and look forward to it."

The leaderboard in the CIC2\* certainly shifted after a clean round proved very valuable. Tamie Smith made the jump from fifth to second place after scoring a 53.6 in dressage and jumping a double clear round in stadium, aboard Peggy Moore's Lagos Star. Kelly Pugh wins the award for biggest jump up the scoreboard with Corazon owned by David Garrett. Their dressage score of 54.2 put them in seventh and an impressive double clear round allowed them to make the move into third place.

The Top 3 in the large CIC1\* division held their positions through both dressage and stadium today. Jennifer Wooten-Macouzet is enjoying being back competing at the FEI level after giving birth to her first son last year. She leads the division aboard Ballingowan Ginger owned by Jordyn Horwitz after scoring a 42.3 and adding nothing to that score with a double clear show jumping round.

Wooten-Macouzet stated about today, "The course was a true show jumping course...you really had to keep your balance. The Cross-Country looks straight forward, I spent last year out of the tack, this will be my second ride on this horse, I plan to ride really forward tomorrow and am excited to get out there."

Emilee Libby a resident of Temecula, CA is in close second earning a 43.3 in dressage and having just one rail down to end the day on a 47.3 with Linda Libby's Jakobi. Also adding one rail to her dressage score was Kimberly Steinbuch and En Vogue owned by Ruth Bley, they will head into cross-country in third place with a score of 47.8.

Cross-Country starts tomorrow at 8:30 am PST with the CIC1\*, moving up the FEI levels and finishing with the national class of Preliminary in the afternoon. There is a trade fair full of award winning food trucks, including a margarita truck and live music in the afternoon. With something for the whole family, we hope to see you there.

There will be live streaming tomorrow covering the CIC Cross-Country, to watch visit [www.rideonvideo.net](http://www.rideonvideo.net)

General admission for the Galway Downs International Event starts at \$15 with children under 12 getting in free when accompanied by a paying adult.

Patron's passes include seating in the ringside tent, lunch and a full selection of beverages. They are available for \$55 per day on Sunday, \$75 for Saturday, or \$150 for the weekend in advance. For advance reservations, visit the spectator information page at [www.galwaydowns.net](http://www.galwaydowns.net).

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