



Rosie Andrews scored a personal best on Middlemarch despite the squally weather

**PACHESHAM, SURREY**  
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By Celia Cadwallader

NEARLY 50 combinations completed their tests on Saturday despite squalls which had refugee seagulls glumly hunkering down in the deluged fields below the arenas.

The day's highest scorer, para grade IV rider Rosie Andrews, even achieved her best result to date, 70.88%, to win the medium qualifier on her Medoc-sired 13-year-old Middlemarch.

Rosie, 17, said: "Riding 'Monkey' against the wind made me think he lacked impulsion, but because he can be quite naughty I was pleased just to get him round the test."

Nikki Crisp on Donna and Tracey Hughes' Argentinus grandson

Acrobat took the medium 61.

She said: "The weather was unbelievable. I didn't warm 'Stevie' up so I rode him on half power hanging on to my hat. He behaved like an angel and scored lots of eights for his canter work."

Rosie's mother Sally Andrews, on new partner Tango V, also had a successful day as joint winner of the elementary classes.

"I've only had Tango a week so this was a baptism of fire," she said. "He was an absolute star and didn't spook at anything despite the markers flying about."

Tango, a nine-year-old 16.3hh chestnut gelding by Nurejev (Cocktail), belongs to Kate Butling. Kate has left Hickstead, where she was assistant dressage event organiser, for a winter job in a French ski resort.

List Three A judge Sally said: "I judged Kate on Tango in the summer and she knows I think he's a special horse. She wanted him to stay somewhere for six months where he'd be part of the family and not a competition machine."

David Rumsey, who set up his own training business in 2007 (see I owe it to) shared first place with Sally in the elementary qualifier. He was riding Mio Weltamore, known as "Bradley", one of the horses he now competes for Kent-based Southern Cross Stud.

David said: "Bradley was more interested in getting back to his lorry than competing today. He gave the trees at the end a look, but he allowed me to ride him gently through it and then gave me an eight walk and medium trot."

Eventer Kate Lukas brought four horses to Padeshham, including her top ride Daisy Crazy, who has only just returned to competition after injury.

She said: "I'm glad I persevered to the end of the day despite the weather as she won the restricted medium qualifier with 66.17%."

"I was gutted when she tore a superficial tendon at a three-star in Portugal in March. Alternative therapy vet Roger Meacock and his Scenar machine [which stimulates the immune system] have done a fantastic job getting her back on the road. I wanted a long-term solution, not something that looked okay on the scan for five minutes."

Kate also won both novices earlier on Lynne Clarke's Belgian gelding Casper Van De Bramdelle.

"He's not brave enough cross-country so he's for sale," Kate explained. "He has a lovely attitude, which paid dividends in the atrocious weather." H&H

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ELEMENTARY qualifier joint-winner David Rumsey, 26, explained: "I was 18, studying part-

time for BHS [British Horse Society] qualifications while earning a living as a deputy manager in software support, when I went to a Pammy Hutton demo. That convinced me dressage was what I wanted to do.

"After I had passed my BHS exam I worked for Daniel Watson for two years, training regularly with Emile Faurie and making two-week trips to Hoya in Germany to train with Hans-Heinrich Meyer Zu Strohen.

"By the time I was 24 I knew what having a successful dressage career involved, but I didn't know whether I was good enough. I went to Pammy at Talland and asked her just that. She sat me down and discussed it with me and instead of the one lesson arranged, she gave me two and the following day she let me ride several of her horses. She said, 'You've just got to keep working at it' — and that's what I do."

David added: "I also learnt from my previous career to ask clients with problems, 'What can I do to make it work for you?'"



David Rumsey rides Mio Weltamore

**Results**

**Prelim 15Q (C Stothard).** — 1. Red Socks (A Von Bergen) 68.26; 2. Urbi Et Orbi (K Gray) 65.52; 3. Just Riley (M Ormitt) 66.52. **prelim 19Q (A Burton-Cantley).** — 1. Temple Xsara (A Cooper) 65.2eq, Red Socks & Pina Colada (O White) 65. **nov 35 (V Mitchell).** — 1. Casper Van De Bramdelle (K Lukas) 65.76; 2. Remondini (P Paul) 62.3; 3. Shild Be Bop (A Phazey) 57.69. **rest.** — 1. Otto L (A Rossiter) 63.85; 2. Billy Joe (K Ibbott) 63.07; 3. Laslo (I Crofton) 62.3. **nov 37Q (H Wells).** — 1. Casper Van De Bramdelle 66.07; 2. Mark Anthony (D Baddeley) 63.57; 3. Shild Be Bop 62.5. **rest.** — 1. Laslo (Ivy Crofton) 65.71; 2eq, Some Might Say (J Balfour) & Catherine Armalite (P Boreniok) 65.35. **elem 43 (B Wright).** — 1eq, Jazz Master (S Rimmer) & Tango V (S Andrews) 68.27; 3. Bigtime (K Lukas) 64.48. **rest.** — 1. Falcon's Flight (A Stonehill) 64.13. **elem 57Q (M Drew).** — 1. Mio Weltamore (D Rumsey) & Tango V 64.13; 3. Mark Anthony 66.78. **rest.** — 1. Falcon's Flight 63.57. **med 61 (B Wright).** — 1. Acrobat (N Crisp) 66.89; 2. Middlemarch IV (R Andrews) 66.56. **rest.** — 1. Searnus Ap Comet (C Penfold) 64.13; 2. Daisy Crazy (K Lukas) 61.03; 3. Aberdeen D (K Lainsbury) 60.34. **med 73Q (M Drew).** — 1. Middlemarch IV 70.88; 2. Acrobat 69.7; 3. Mio Weltamore (D Rumsey) 67.05. **rest.** — 1. Daisy Crazy 66.17; 2. Aberdeen D 63.82; 3. Woolberding (J Collins) 57.35. **adv med 98Q (S Andrews).** — 1. San Francisco Bay (S Stone) 62.63; 2. Blue Gem II (G Swann) 56.84.

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