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Twin Rivers Fall International

Tamie Smith and Passepartout win the CCI4*-S in Paso Robles



Tamie Smith & Passepartout, owned by Kaylawna Smith-Cook

Sept. 19, 2020: Paso Robles, California. The CCI4*-S had an exciting shake up of the top placings to finish out the International divisions at the Fall International. It was Tamie Smith and Passepartout, owned by Tamie's daughter Kaylawna Smith-Cook, who came out on top with the fastest cross-country time of the group. Ruth Bley's 11-year-old Hanoverian Danito took second. Erin Kellerhouse and her own Woodford Reserve rounded out the top three.

Tamie has made the most of the long break in show schedule. Show jumping focus with international Grand Prix riders Ali Nilforushan and Peter Wylde at home at Kings Way Farm in Temecula paid off in the performances of Passepartout and the rest of the deep string of talent she brought to Twin Rivers. "It's been really good to have the extra attention in jumping," she said after logging three clear rounds on Friday over Jose Nava's courses, including on Passepartout and Danito.

"It was my plan to go out and have a steady quiet go with Danito." The handsome chestnut is "really coming into his own," Tamie explained. He led yesterday's standings on his 25.1 dressage score and a clear show jump. "I asked Kaylawna if she wanted me to go fast on her horse and she said yes. I had never ridden him cross-country and so was pleasantly surprised at what an incredible horse my daughter has! I am so excited for their future together." Kaylawna and Passepartout have had a remarkable first year together, logging their first Advanced finish at the Twin Rivers Winter Horse Trials in March. Tamie has the ride on the talented horse now because Kaylawna and her husband are expecting!

"All my horses were incredible today," Tamie said. "The courses and footing rode great, the attention to the footing was greatly appreciated."

While she has been back competing since July, with a trip to Rebecca Farm, Tamie acknowledges that the "new normal" still takes some getting used to. "We feel so fortunate that the organizers are going above and beyond to enable us to enjoy competitions again. It seems like we have figured it out. Everybody is diligent about wearing masks and the organizers are enforcing things like taking temperatures. It's a new era for all of us."

Erin Kellerhouse was thrilled with her Woodford Reserve's performance. "Woody was really good in his first CCI4*-S, he answered all the questions easily and galloped really well. The courses were really fun and gallopy with good questions."

Weekend Highlights

Along with national level competition, the Fall International hosted qualifiers for the USEA Future Event Horse West Coast Championships and The Dutta Corp. USEA Young Event Horse West Coast Championships. This special showcase for young horses will be hosted by Twin Rivers on Oct. 23-24. An unrated one-day event is slated for Sunday, Oct. 25, and a new, recognized Horse Trials offering Introductory to Intermediate is slated for Nov. 13-15.

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