

FREQUENT FLYER: Emily Llewellyn riding Bueno Uno



Emily on track

Rider looking past 2012 to Rio Olympics

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EMILY Llewellyn is delighted with how her season is progressing and believes her young stallion, Bueno Uno, could lead her to glory at Rio 2016.

The Heathfield eventer has enjoyed a great start to the season, with Bueno Uno (stable name Ivor), already picking up two wins at BE100 open competitions, together with a victory in his last novice event at Twesledown.

The partnership was also due to compete their first International CIC* event at Hambledon International in April, but after an amazing dressage test, scoring 37.8 penalties which put them in the lead, the event was cancelled due to the

extreme weather conditions. Ivor is a six-year-old bay Dutch Warmblood stallion owned by Emily, her mum Cindy and Judith Norris. He started his eventing career last year and is proving to have the makings of a top-class horse.

"He's a real superstar," the 22-year-old said. "He's showing all the attributes of having the potential to be a four star horse and I really hope that he could, in fact, be my contender for the next Olympics.

Popular

"He's also proving very popular with his stud work and it will be exciting to watch and see how his progeny get on.

"It's great to have a good string of horses in the yard - but as always

I'm looking for more and would welcome any enquiries about potential new rides, supporters or sponsors."

Llewellyn is the only rider to have ridden on eight consecutive Youth European Championship teams, winning six gold, one silver and two bronze medals.

Best of British

She is also the only rider to have won collectively the U16, U18, U21 and U25 National Championships. She has already completed three Badmintons, all with a top-25 placing, as well as being best British U25 rider each time.

This season has not all been about Bueno Uno though.

At the weekend, Llewellyn placed eighth with Pardon Me at the

Subaru Houghton Hall Horse Trials. "He performed a beautiful dressage test, but following a lack of starts due to the weather, he was a little over keen and we blew two movements," she said.

"Subsequently the mark suffered, although I was really pleased with the way he went. He then jumped clear in the testing show jumping, just knocking up one time penalty which caught many competitors.

"The cross country was a testing track and the time proved to be very difficult to make. He was a machine [on the] cross country; he jumped a fantastic round and just had 2.8 time faults, which was one of the fastest times of the day. It was a perfect final run before our trip to Luhmühlen in Germany for the CCI."