

'It's fun but you're on the edge' — the powerful Diego Niro takes two small tour classes for Vicki Thompson-Winfield



A fitting finale

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VICKI THOMPSON-WINFIELD and Diego Niro produced home wins and a fitting finale to Oldencraig's Southern Regional Championships, which next year head west to Sparsholt, near Winchester in Hants.

Vicki's scores of 71.54% and 71.14% placed her well ahead of the field in the prix st georges (PSG) and inter I.

Nereide Goodman, judging both classes from C, commented on the PSG: "Vicki's horse showed lovely, light, off-the-ground and uphill paces; supple half-passes with big crossing. He stayed in good balance most of the time."

Vicki admitted: "He can be a little too exuberant. It's fun but you're on the edge with him. He's powerful and, as he's become more confident, he's throwing even more power at it. Now he's got to learn to stay a bit softer, but that will come with mileage."