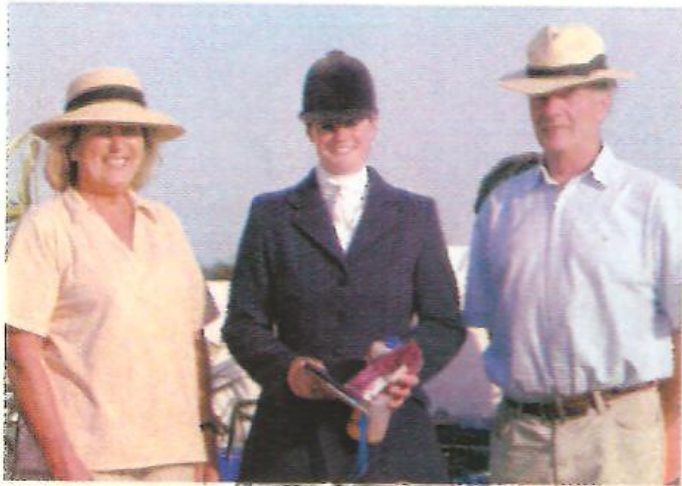
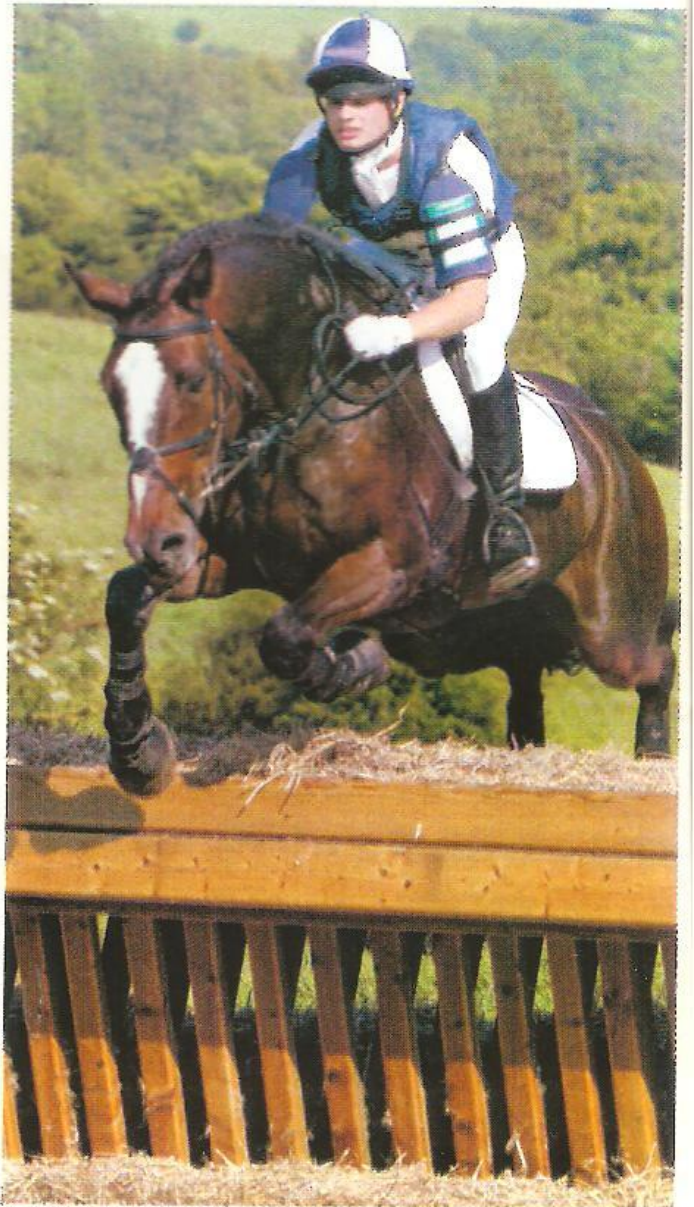


# Vittoria speeds to victory



**above** Annabell Villiers with organisers Caroline and James Prentice



**above left** Vittoria Panizzon and Rock Model splash through the water en route to victory **above right** Martin Schleicher and Mr McCormack, runners-up

## SYDE PARK

ITALIAN rider Vittoria Panizzon used speed to stay at the top in the tightly-contested GNS open intermediate section at Syde Park. Riding her consistent eight-year-old gelding Rock Model, Vittoria led the section from start to finish despite "throwing away" three points during one movement in the dressage.

"He lost a shoe just before going into the arena and, due to the rather hard ground, he was not quite as balanced in the canter as he could have been," explained Vittoria.

Throughout the competition, Katie Burton and Fulham Faer were breathing down Vittoria's neck, and they finished just a point adrift in second, with Jo May and Just Jes slipping into third place.

Vittoria, who put up the fastest cross-country round of the day, shaving 14 seconds off the optimum, explained her quick time: "I ride better if I put my foot down. It makes me more positive and Rock Model goes better that way."

Vittoria, who is studying biology at Bristol University, was quick to pay tribute to Sarah Bullen and Claire Settler who keep her horses fit. She was about to set off for Pratoni with Rock Model — which no doubt pleased her Italian sponsors, Pariani Saddles and SARM Hippique — while her long-term aim is the Young Rider Europeans.

## Annabell is a Lucky winner

Katie Burton received some consolation for seeing the first prize slip from her grasp when her pupil, Annabell Villiers, claimed the first of three intermediate sections on her own Lucky Stripe, a horse she bought from Becky Beaumont.