

pace for second.

A tighter margin of half a penalty separated the top two in intermediate section Q, Italy's Giovanni Ugolotti narrowly beating Matthew Heath (Nevezflamm De Graffan) to the top spot.

"Cult Rewind was fresh in the dressage but he pulled off a lovely double clear. He's one for the future," said Giovanni of his eight-year-old winning mount who was on the sick list last year due to a leg injury. "He's come out better than ever this season."

Laura Collett set the standard in the first phase aboard Tiroeneill. Stay With Me