

OLIVER TAKES FIRST PLACE IN BREMEN (GER) CSI 4*

Oliver Lazarus had a fantastic week in Bremen, Germany, at the CSI 4* show from 26 February – 01 March 2009.

His weekend started with CORVETTE 21 who had three fantastic rounds. Although he was not placed, it was his first indoor International Show and he was relaxed and jumping easily, with clear rounds.

Late on Saturday night, Oliver took CASSIANO Z (Goofy) into the Mitsubishi Euroclassic Highlight 1.50 m jump off class. This class was extremely technical and difficult, with some very high penalty scores with the riders. Oliver was second last to ride out of 53 starters, and he rode a cracking clear. Only 9 horses and riders made it into the jump off. Oliver was last to ride in the jump off. There was only one clear before him, and, in true South African style, Oliver decided to go for it - he flew around the track, winning the class!

At the prize giving, Oliver's mom Penny said it was very moving to see Goofy in the spotlight with the South African national anthem and South African flag being hoisted up for the presentation.

The show organiser of the Bremen show introduced Oliver to some of his German fan club. Oliver had no idea they were there until he saw some screaming girls with SA flags in the audience!!! They were all wearing a grey fleece hooded jacket with TEAM LAZARUS on their backs – Oliver was really touched.

Oliver's mom relates that after the class, as Oliver walked into the hotel, the lobby was full of riders and they were all clapping like mad. She says "Of course it was a pretty late and expensive evening in the hotel bar for us!!! His silver cup is half the size of my body! "

Oliver Pictured below in 2008 riding Cassiano Z a son of the great Cathargo Z.

