

Delphine Largeteau and Picante Pull Off A Hot Win At Meadowcreek Training Three-Day Event

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A single rail decided the winner of the SmartPak Equine Training Three-Day event at the Texas Lions Camp Charity Horse Trials on May 22-24 in Kosse, TX.

At the end of the day, Delphine Largeteau of Houston, Texas and her 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare, Picante, pulled off the win with a score of 26.8. Karen Shull, of Bryan, Texas, finished just behind Largeteau after catching a rail during Sunday's stadium round aboard Finale, a 6-year-old Paint gelding owned by Sharon Shull.

"It was a tight competition. I am walking on clouds!" Largeteau said. Neither she nor Picante had ridden in a long-format event prior to the T3D at Meadowcreek. Largeteau's trainer, Lucy Chalcraft, encouraged her to set the Training Three-Day as a goal.

"I wanted to ride the roads and tracks," Largeteau said. "My mare is a warmblood so I did a lot of preparation before the event to ensure she would be fit and ready. We had a few time faults, but she recovered nicely. I was very impressed with the help everyone got in the vet box after the endurance phase."

While education is top priority at the Training Three-Day events, Largeteau and the other participants were introduced to roads and tracks the day before the competition, including instruction and a walk-through of the three additional endurance phases of the long-format.

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experience," Largeteau resolved, "and I'd like to especially thank my trainers Lucy Chalcraft and Rebekah Wesatzke and the organizers."

The Training Three-Day Event at Meadowcreek Park was the second of the SmartPak Equine/USEA Training Three-Day Series which includes 12 events throughout the year in nine Areas.

Complete Results:

Rider	Horse	Penalties	Place
Delphine Largeteau	Picante	26.80	1
Karen Shull	Finale	29.30	2
Kelley Kays-Everett	Fire and Ice	29.30	3
Ellen Doughty	Sir Oberon	29.50	4
Melissa McMaster	Ms. Tilly	32.30	5
Kimberly Mayfield	Cruz Control	34.00	6
Kristy Limon	Excel	35.00	7
Ellen Doughty	Psychedelic	36.50	8
Kylie Foody	Casper the Friendly Ghost	39.00	9
Devon Smith	Scouts Honor	39.30	10
Melissa McMaster	Flagmount's Sterling Prince	40.60	11
Diana Heinrich	Ulixes	42.80	12
Liz Nugent	Blackjack	46.80	13
Jenny Gholz	Rappahannock	48.10	14
Jenna Jacobson	Cafe Latte	52.60	15
Margaret Threadgill	Trebouchet	53.30	16
Lacy Cotton	Prophet	53.80	17
Larkin Gill	HarleyNoMarking	71.00	18
Karen Trout	Next Dancer	92.30	19

Kelly Stanka	Fulbrook Silver Moon	109.20	20
Larkin Gill	When It Counts	143.30	21
Donna Struke	River Trout	WD	WD
Ashley Davis	Kadeau	TE	TE
Alex VanAmburgh	Baravus	RF	RF