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Coyle Gallops to Win the \$30,000 Hampton Classic 1.40m Jumper Challenge

Goutal-Marteau Takes Victory in \$10,000 Marders Local Hunter Derby

Bridgehampton, NY – August 27, 2023 – Ireland’s Christian Coyle bested a field of 43 entries in the **\$30,000 Hampton Classic 1.40m Jumper Challenge** to kick off the Hampton Classic Horse Show’s Open Jumper division on Sunday. He and *Ma Pomme De Tamerville* were the fastest of eight double-clear rounds, securing their victory in 37.975 seconds.

The Hampton Classic, August 27-September 3, is one of the world’s most prestigious horse shows, featuring competitors at every level from young children in leadline to Olympic, World, and World Cup Champions. The Classic also has competitions for riders with disabilities.



Christian Coyle (IRL) and Ma Pomme De Tamerville won Sunday’s \$30,000 Hampton Classic 1.40m Jumper Challenge © KindMedia

For the \$30,000 Hampton Classic 1.40m Jumper Challenge's winning-round format, Coyle's countryman Alan Wade designed a winding 15-effort course to welcome the world's top equestrians into the Hampton Classic Grand Prix Arena. Each of the 12 riders who returned to the jump-off put in faster rounds than the last, until Coyle and In Showjumpers' 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare stopped the clock at 37.975 seconds.

"I thought Kelli's (Cruciotti Vanderveen) time would be really tough to beat," Coyle said. "But my horse is naturally fast, and sometimes I have to try to slow her down. Going late in the class, I knew what I had to do, and I thought if we could just get over all the jumps that we would have a good chance. I'm really happy with how today worked out. I like the winning-round format; it seems to suit me and my mare well."

Cruciotti Vanderveen (USA) finished second with her time of 38.386 seconds aboard *Forever SFN*, Serenity Farm's 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding. Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA) and *Lord Lucio*, Artemis Equestrian Farm LLC's 12-year-old Holsteiner gelding, took third with their double-clear, 38.815-second score.

With this victory, Coyle takes an early lead in the **\$30,000 Longines Rider Challenge** with 100 points. Cruciotti Vanderveen sits second with 80 points, while Pessoa holds third with 70 points. The Challenge, which awards \$30,000 and a Longines watch to the rider accumulating the most points in the week's Open Jumper classes, will be awarded Sunday following the \$425,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix.



Christian Coyle and Ma Pomme De Tamerville © KindMedia

In the well-manicured Aspinall Hunter Ring, 36 horse-and-rider combinations vied for top honors in Sunday afternoon's **\$10,000 Marders Local Hunter Derby**. After the top 12 returned to compete over the second-round handy course, *Heartland* came out on top with an outstanding score of 180 points. The 8-year-old Oldenburg gelding is owned by Sterling Equine LLC and ridden by Brianne Goutal-Martreau of Annapolis, MD.

"*Heartland* is a really nice horse," Goutal-Martreau said. "He's only eight years old, but he really stepped up to the plate and became a real contender. He's got all the parts; he's a beautiful mover, a beautiful jumper, and just a beautiful horse to look at. He's a very classic Warmblood, and he went great today. (The Aspinall Ring) can be spooky with all the VIP seats and people on the side, but I thought his first round was really amazing. He got a 95, which was a big score, and we're always happy to get those! The second round, I played a little safer as he's still green and the ring had some shadows, but he came to the table again to secure the win.

"We love this opening derby class," she added. "I think it's a wonderful showcase for the people out here with a lot of really nice horses. The area has such a good group of hunters to have this kind of special event for."

Newsha McCarthy's *Gotcha*, a 12-year-old Warmblood gelding ridden by Mary Harding of Norco, CA, earned second-place honors with a combined score of 168 points. Third went to the 10-year-old Warmblood gelding *Dom Perignon*, owned by Samantha O'Brien and ridden by Renato Trioani of Upperville, VA, who scored a total of 166 points.



Brianne Goutal-Martreau and Heartland won the \$10,000 Marders Local Hunter Derby © KindMedia

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Each year approximately 50,000 people – including many A-list celebrities – come to watch the nation’s best equestrian athletes compete at the Hampton Classic. Rated **USEF ‘Premier-6’** for hunters and jumpers with designated **FEI 2* and 5*** classes, the Hampton Classic features more than 200 competitions in six spectacular show rings, the Agneta Currey Boutique Garden with more than 70 vendors, and a wide selection of dining options, all on its world-class 60-acre showgrounds.

The Hampton Classic’s FEI competition begins Thursday, August 31, with the **\$10,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2*** and **\$39,000 Flecha Azul 5* Speed Stake** and continues throughout the weekend with eight 2*/5* classes featuring courses designed by Ireland’s Alan Wade. FEI competition also includes Friday’s **\$39,000 Wölffer Estate 2* Jumper Classic**, **\$78,000 Douglas Elliman 5* Grand Prix Qualifier**, Saturday’s **\$39,000 Open Speed Class CSI2***, and the **\$78,000 The Agency 5* Speed Stake**, and culminating with the **\$78,000 Hampton Classic 2* Grand Prix** and **\$425,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix** on Sunday, September 3.

Outside the show rings, families can enjoy unique shopping; hands-on activities, pony rides and petting zoo animals at the Kids Exhibition Tent; and many more fun activities during News 12 Long Island Kids Day (Saturday, September 2).

Daily admission to the Classic is \$20 per carload. Admission is free on Monday; seniors and military are also admitted free on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Grandstand tickets for the \$425,000 Longines Hampton Classic Grand Prix on Sunday, September 3, are \$55 per person for reserved bucket seating. Grandstand tickets are electronic only; E-Tickets are provided thanks to support from Green is the New Blue.

For those who can’t make it to the show grounds, complimentary live webcasts of all Grand Prix and Aspinall Ring competitions air on the Hampton Classic website. Produced by ClipMyHorse.TV, the Grand Prix Ring livestreams are sponsored by Longines and the Aspinall Ring livestreams are sponsored by ClipMyHorse.TV. In addition, WVVH-TV, Hamptons Television, broadcasts up to five hours of competition and highlights each day during the Classic. These broadcasts can also be seen online at www.wvvh.tv.

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