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**Daniel Bluman Takes Top Honors in Saturday's \$74,000 Hampton Classic 2\* Grand Prix**

***Jumper Champions Crowned at the 2022 Hampton Classic Horse Show***

*Bridgehampton, NY – September 3, 2022* – Defending Hampton Classic Grand Prix champion Daniel Bluman (ISR) added another FEI win to his name on Saturday, riding *Cachemire De Braize* to victory in the **\$74,000 Hampton Classic 2\* Grand Prix** with a fault-free time of 35.790 seconds.

The Hampton Classic, **August 28-September 4**, is one of the world's most prestigious horse shows, offering more than \$1 million in prize money during a full schedule 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.

"*Cache* has been with us for about three years," Bluman said of his, Alex Yadgarov, Mikhail Ilyaich and Over The Top Stables LLC's 10-year-old Selle Français gelding. "He came out of an auction a few years ago, and I've been working with him since. He's got a lot of talent, and he's definitely fast. He's had almost ten international wins. He's a very good horse, very competitive, and has his own way of going."



*Daniel Bluman and Cachemire De Braize won the \$74,000 Hampton Classic 2\* Grand Prix. © KindMedia*

Course designer Alan Wade of Ireland set a difficult 1.45m course with 16 jumping efforts for the 2\* Grand Prix, challenging a field of 45 entries representing 12 countries for the top prize. First to go clear in both the initial and jump-off rounds was American Karl Cook. He and *Fecybelle*, Signe Ostby's 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare, set a tough time to beat at 37.300 seconds.

"We had a really good string for this class," Bluman said. "Alan Wade of course did a good job, but we don't expect anything less from him. It was a difficult track for the Two Star level, but *Cachemire* is a Five Star horse. He's done a lot of Four Star grands prix, so he's really at a level where he has experience and scope to spare. He gave me a really, really nice first round, then was great for the second. I knew I had to lay it out in the second round because I had some fast riders coming, and Karl had already had a good jump-off. I just focused on my plan, and it worked out."

Bluman's blistering time of 35.790 seconds was 1.5 seconds ahead of Cook's, setting the bar too high for his fellow competitors to catch. Cook and *Fecybelle* ultimately earned second place with their time of 37.300 seconds, while Switzerland's Beat Mändli finished in third. Mändli and Grant Road Partners LLC's 10-year-old Selle Français mare *Chartraine Pre Noir* stopped the clock in 38.770 seconds.



*Daniel Bluman and Cachemire De Braize © KindMedia*

With her top-ten finish in the \$74,000 Hampton Classic 2\* Grand Prix, Amanda Derbyshire (GBR) has jumped to the top of the leaderboard for the **\$30,000 LONGINES Rider Challenge** with a total of 226 points. Aaron Vale (USA) sits in second with 200 points, and Cook is in third with 180 points. The Challenge, which awards \$30,000 and a LONGINES watch to the winner, will be awarded Sunday following the \$410,000 Hampton Classic 5\* Grand Prix.

The Grand Prix Arena opened in the morning with the **Platinum Performance/USEF Talent Search 3\***, where Alexandra Ryden of Cary, NC, rode Precision Equine LLC's *Heroy Von De Hei* to top honors under the watchful eye of Stacia Madden and the team at Beacon Hill Show Stables. Taylor Madden of Wellington, FL, a student of Frank Madden and the team at Capital Farm, earned second place with her *Mac One III*. Zayna Rizvi of Greenwich, CT, piloted North Run Inc.'s *Acer K* to third with trainers John Brennan and Missy Clark looking on.



*Alexandra Ryden and Heroy Von De Hei won the Platinum Performance/USEF Talent Search 3\*. © KindMedia*

Other jumper ring highlights included the **\$5,000 Beval Children's High Jumper Classic**, where Joe Craver of Shelby, NC, tripped the timers in 28.462 seconds aboard Claudette Yarbrough's *Korino Von Bueren*. In the **\$12,500 Medium Junior Jumper Classic**, Alexa Lignelli blazed to the win aboard Hampton Green Farm LLC's *Girl Scout*, stopping the clock 1.5 seconds ahead of her competitors at 29.093 seconds.

Some of the weekend's first Jumper Champions were also named on Saturday, including Elizabeth Maloney of Franklin, MA, and her *Clementine*, who won the **Brown Harris Stevens Low Amateur Jumper** division. In the **Anna Klose High Adult Amateur Jumpers**, Dylann Ephraimson of Short Hills, NJ, piloted Marigot Bay Farm LLC's *Vindicator* to the Championship.



*Dylann Ephraimson and Vindicator won the Anna Klose High Adult Amateur Jumper Championship.*

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Each year approximately 50,000 people come to watch the nation's best equestrian athletes compete at the Hampton Classic. The Classic is rated USEF 'Premier-6' for both hunters and jumpers with FEI 2\* and 5\* classes. Ireland's Alan Wade serves as Grand Prix Ring course designer.

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 show grounds. Offering more than \$1 million in prize money, the Classic is highlighted by the **\$410,000 Hampton Classic 5\* Grand Prix** on Sunday, September 4.

The Hampton Classic's FEI competition began Thursday, September 1, with the **\$10,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2\*** and **\$37,000 Hampton Classic 5\* Speed Stake** and continues throughout the weekend with seven 2\* and 5\* classes. FEI competition also includes Friday's **\$37,000 Wölffer Estate 2\* Jumper Classic** and **\$74,000 Douglas Elliman 5\* Grand Prix Qualifier**, Saturday's **\$74,000 Hampton Classic 2\* Grand Prix** and **\$74,000 5\* LONGINES Cup** and the culminating **\$410,000 Hampton Classic 5\* Grand Prix** on Sunday, September 4.

The Hampton Classic continues to support several charitable organizations including Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, the Kevin Babington Foundation and Sag Harbor Food Pantry. Everyone who comes to the Classic on Tuesday and Wednesday with three or more non-perishable food items for the Sag Harbor Food Pantry will have their entire car admitted free.

Daily admission to the Classic is \$20 per carload (cash at the gate only). Grandstand tickets for the \$410,000 Hampton Classic Grand Prix on Sunday, September 4, 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.

The Hampton Classic is pleased to continue its relationship with ShowNet by offering its services FREE to all exhibitors. Services include: Orders of Go; Live Ring Status; and Live Results.

For those who can't make it to the show grounds, complimentary live webcasts of all Grand Prix ring competitions air on the Hampton Classic website, produced by ClipMyHorseTV and courtesy of LONGINES. ClipMyHorseTV is also producing a live webcast of all Anne Aspinnall ring competitions,

available for free on the Hampton Classic website, thanks to Pacaso. 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](http://www.wvvh.tv).

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