Pessoa Blazes to Victory in the $10,000 Stomp Capital Open Jumper at the 2023 Hampton Classic Horse Show

Bridgehampton, NY – August 29, 2023 – Course designer Alan Wade presented 23 horse-and-rider combinations with a technical 14-effort course set at 1.40m for Tuesday's **$10,000 Stomp Capital Open Jumper** at the Hampton Classic. Each entry put their best foot forward for the single-round speed class, but no one could beat Rodrigo Pessoa and *Dhalida Diamant VD Krekebeke Z*'s winning time of 65.002 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.

Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA) and Dhalida Diamant VD Krekebeke Z won Tuesday's $10,000 Stomp Capital Open Jumper © KindMedia

Pessoa, a six-time Olympic veteran for Brazil, drew on his wealth of experience to pull out the win aboard *Dhalida Diamant VD Krekebeke Z*, a fairly new mount to his Artemis Equestrian Farm LLC. He and the 9-year-old Zangersheide mare stopped the clock in 65.002 seconds, an astounding 1.2 seconds faster than second-place finisher Carly Anthony (USA).

"This is a new mare for us, but she is very fast and willing to do her job," Pessoa said. "We are looking forward to our future with her. It's nice to start with a win, especially at the Hampton Classic. This horse show is one of the most important shows on the calendar for us in North America. We came with our best horses, so a win today is good for morale for the rest of the week. We're looking forward to a great week and are very happy to be here."

Rodrigo Pessoa and Dhalida Diamant VD Krekebeke Z © KindMedia

Anthony took second in the $10,000 Stomp Capital Open Jumper after tripping the timers in 66.236 seconds aboard *Jet Blue*, Portfolio Horses LLC's 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding. Brianne Goutal-Marteau (USA) finished third with her 9-year-old Zangersheide mare *Bianca* in a time of 68.030 seconds.

Americans Carly Anthony with Jet Blue (left) and Brianne Goutal-Marteau with Bianca (right) were second and third, respectively, in the $10,000 Stomp Capital Open Jumper © KindMedia

Pessoa's win moved him into the lead for the **$30,000 Longines Rider Challenge** with 120 points. Not far behind, Anthony is tied for second with Ireland's Christian Coyle with 100 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.

Other jumper highlights included the **$3,000 Bown Harris Stevens Low Amateur Jumper**, where Ariel Bluman of North Salem, NY, piloted R.J. Equestrian Group's *Euphoria* to the win in 27.690 seconds. Immediately following were two sections of the **$1,250 Coterie Low Child/Adult Jumpers**, with Christina Fried of Wellington, FL, and Mimi Maddock of New York, NY, coming out on top in their respective classes. Fried piloted Buttonwood Show Jumpers LLC's *Walnut* to a double-clear victory in 32.594 seconds, while Maddock and Lumiere Horses Inc.'s *Here I Am Z* put in a double-clear score of 31.952 seconds.

For live show results, visit TheHamptonClassic.com.

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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