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Mark Bluman Soars to Victory in the \$39,000 Wölffer Estate 2* Jumper Classic at the 2023 Hampton Classic Horse Show

Nash Wins the \$10,000 Lugano Diamonds Junior/Amateur Welcome Stake

Bridgehampton, NY – September 1, 2023 – Speed was the name of the game in Friday’s **\$39,000 Wölffer Estate 2* Jumper Classic** at the 48th annual **Hampton Classic Horse Show**, which saw an extremely competitive jump-off with placings separated by just hundredths of a second. Colombia’s Mark Bluman and *Superman MT* flew around the course the fastest, putting in a winning double-clear time of 34.45 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.

Course designer Alan Wade presented his technical 15-effort, 1.45m track to a field of 71 entries representing 17 countries in this qualifying class for Sunday’s \$78,000 Hampton Classic 2* Grand Prix. With faults scattered around the course, 16 horse-and-rider combinations made it through to the jump-off, where Bluman claimed top honors with his blistering time of 34.45 seconds aboard Florencio Ramirez Martinez’s 8-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding.



Mark Bluman (COL) and Zuperman MT won Friday's \$39,000 Wölffer Estate 2 Jumper Classic © KindMedia*

“My horse is extremely fast,” Bluman said. “It was a big field in the jump-off, and my draw was pretty early on. I just tried to lay down a very quick round, starting with one rhythm and continuing with it all the way around, and took advantage of how fast he is.”

“It’s an honor for us riders to compete here at the Hampton Classic,” Bluman added. “It’s a horse show we look forward to every summer.”

Immediately following Bluman in the order, Conor Swail (IRL) gave it his all with *Count Me In*, a 16-year-old Hanoverian gelding owned by Mannon Farm and Sandy Lupton, but ultimately landed in second place with his time of 35.24 seconds. Third went to Luiz Francisco de Azevedo (BRA), who stopped the clock in 36.20 seconds aboard Santa Cecelia Stables LLC’s 16-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding *Collin*.



Mark Bluman (COL) and Zuperman MT © KindMedia

Pathfinder Josephine Nash of North Salem, NY, proved uncatchable in the evening's **\$10,000 Lugano Diamonds Junior/Amateur Welcome Stake**. She piloted DP Ventures' 16-year-old Zangersheide gelding *Luron S Z* with ease over Alan Wade's 1.40m two-phase special featuring 12 numbered jumps, tripping the timers in 34.507 seconds. Hallie Grimes of Houston, TX, claimed second with her time of 34.998 seconds aboard Can We Keep It? LLC's 12-year-old Zangersheide mare *La Belle Dame Z*. Third went to Alexa Elle Lignelli of New York, NY, and Skyline Sporthorses LLC's 10-year-old Warmblood gelding *Fayuri AWR* for their time of 35.447 seconds.



Josephine Nash and Luron S Z won the \$10,000 Lugano Diamonds Junior/Amateur Welcome Stake © KindMedia

Other jumper highlights included the **\$10,000 Low Amateur Jumper Classic Sponsored by Marisa Holzer**, which was won by Deborah Perkins of Wellington, FL, and her 16-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding *Prince Garbo* with a faultless jump-off time of 32.704 seconds. In the **\$10,000 TAK Protective Group Low Junior Jumper Classic**, Caroline Signorino of Basking Ridge, NJ, brought home the blue in 30.452 seconds with *Hemerald – Balia*, Signorino Family Farm LLC's 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding.

Beautifully rhythmic hunters continued to shine in the other rings at the Hampton Classic, including **Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35 Champions** Danae Oliveri of West Islip, NY, and Orpen Horses' *Lurango*, who brought home the Complement Trophy for their efforts. Other Adult Amateur Hunter champions included Wolfstone Stables & Sales Inc.'s *Integrity*, ridden by Michael Baum of New York, NY, in the **36-49 division**, and Gochman Sport Horse LLC's *Last Man Darling*, ridden by Becky Gochman of Wellington, FL, in the **50+ division**.

Several **Junior Hunter 3'6"** champions were also crowned: Marnell Sport Horses' *Babylon*, ridden by Ariana Marnell of Las Vegas, NV, in the **Combined Small** division; Aquitaine Equine's *Arabesque*, ridden by Clara Propp of New York, NY, in the **Large 15 & Under**; and Shadowfax Equestrian LLC's *Small Occasion*, ridden by Raina Swani of New York, NY, in the **Large 16-17**.

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 Agnetta 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 began 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

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