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**Jacobs Races to Victory in \$32,000 BrainJuice CSI5* Two-Phase at the
2026 Hampton Classic**

Jayne Wins \$5,000 Citarella CSI2* Open Jumper

Bridgehampton, NY – August 27, 2026 – Many of the horse-and-rider combinations competing in Thursday's **\$32,000 BrainJuice CSI5* Two-Phase** seemed to get faster as time went on, giving spectators an exciting taste of what's to come at the 2026 **Hampton Classic**. In the end, it was Charlotte Jacobs (USA) and *Cristiano Obolensky* who stood atop the podium, claiming victory in a blistering double-clear time of 26.17 seconds.

Celebrating 51 years of world-class equestrian competition in Bridgehampton, NY, the Hampton Classic features FEI CSI5* and CSI2* show jumping and USEF Premier hunter competitions with more than \$1 million in prize money, **August 23-30**.



Charlotte Jacobs (USA) and Cristiano Obolensky won the \$32,000 BrainJuice CSI5 Two-Phase © KindMedia*

Course designer Nick Granat presented 62 entries representing 10 nations with a twisting 1.45m track that featured 13 numbered jumps in Thursday's \$32,000 BrainJuice CSI5* Two-Phase. Jacobs went early in the order with her first mount, *Playboy JT Z*, then used her knowledge and *Cristiano Obolensky*'s footspeed to launch to the top of the leaderboard in 26.17 seconds. The class's top three finishers were within half a second of each other.

"First I jumped the horse that I'm going to ride in the Grand Prix on Sunday, and I knew I had *Cristiano* coming later," Jacobs said. "I really wanted to take a swing and win the class with him. I was very happy with the results with both.

"My horse is naturally very, very fast, is ultra careful in the air, and has a lot of experience going quick," she continued about North Star's 11-year-old Hanoverian gelding. "I think that came into play today, and it just fell into our lap. Nayel (Nassar) and Samantha (Schaefer) both had amazing rounds, so it was close. It was a great day today. My horses were great here last year, and we're hoping for the best on Sunday."



Jacobs and Cristiano Obolensky © KindMedia

Second-place honors went to Nayel Nassar (EGY) for his faultless, 26.46-second score aboard *Crislin Van Den Bosrand Z*, Evergate Stables LLC's 9-year-old Zangersheide mare. Samantha Schaefer (USA) landed third in 26.51 seconds aboard *James Bond HX*, Bonne Chance LLC's 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding.



L: Nayel Nassar (EGY) and Crislin Van Den Bosrand Z earned second. R: Samantha Schaefer (USA) and James Bond HX finished third. © KindMedia

Earlier in the day, 78 entries representing 12 nations challenged Granat's 1.40m two-phase course in the **\$5,000 Citarella CSI2* Open Jumper**, which featured 12 numbered jumps. American Charlie Jayne was the only one to finish the second phase in under 30 seconds, blazing to victory in 29.83 seconds aboard *Tender Guy Z*.

"We have a great course designer here this week, and of course, he made a great course to start," Jayne said. "This was a huge starting field with both 5* riders and 2* riders in there. I focused on feeling how the horse was, and when he was good, I went to shave some turns and take a little risk down that last line. I'm grateful it paid off. It feels great to get a blue early in the week.

"Now, he will have a little rest until Sunday for the 2* Grand Prix," he added of Margaret De Remer's 11-year-old Zangersheide gelding. "I'll bring out my other mount (*Midas*) for the 2* Qualifier."

World #28 Aaron Vale (USA) earned second place in 30.28 seconds aboard *Tulara Cascara*, a 9-year-old Warmblood gelding owned by Thinkslakeahorse. Kelli Cruciotti Vanderveen (USA) and Serenity Farm's 8-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare *Shamonix SF* weren't far behind, claiming third in 30.30 seconds.



Charlie Jayne (USA) and Tender Guy Z won the \$5,000 Citarella CSI2 Open Jumper © KindMedia*

Now that the Hampton Classic's FEI division has officially started, the standings for the \$30,000 Longines Rider Challenges have been split. Molly Ashe Cawley (USA) leads the **\$20,000 Longines Rider Challenge for the 5* division** with 194 points. Mark Bluman (ISR) is second with 140 points, and Peter Lutz (USA) sits third with 112 points.

In the **\$10,000 Longines Rider Challenge for the 2* division**, Ariana Marnell (USA) leads with 135 points. David Blake (IRL) sits second with 125 points, while JJ Torano (USA) is third with 80 points. The Challenges will be awarded as two separate bonuses following the \$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix and \$70,000 Hampton Classic 2* Grand Prix on Sunday.

Other jumper highlights included the **\$5,000 1.40m Junior/Amateur Jumper presented by Vento Farms**, won by Tori Corts of Wellington, FL, with her *Semi Automatic* (0/54.544); **\$3,000 1.30m Amateur Jumper presented by Twin Oaks Ventures**, won by Lee Lee McNeil of Chester Springs, PA, with 5 Star Partners' *GK Finette* (0/0/36.282); and **\$1,500 1.10m Masters Jumper presented by Vicki Wilson & Kiwi Partners Equestrian**, won by Christian B. Currey of Franklin, TN, with his *Unesco Du Rouet* (0).

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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 Horse Show. Rated **USEF 'Premier-6'** for hunters and jumpers with designated **FEI 2* and 5*** jumping 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.

FEI competition began on Thursday, August 27, with the **\$5,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2*** and **\$32,000 CSI5* BrainJuice Two-Phase** and continues throughout the weekend with seven 2*/5* classes featuring courses designed by Nick Granat (USA) and Anderson Lima (BRA). FEI competition also includes Friday's **\$32,000 Wölffer Estate 2* Grand Prix Qualifier**, **\$116,100 Douglas Elliman 5* Grand Prix Qualifier**, Saturday's **\$62,500 5* Winning Round**, and culminates with the **\$70,000 Hampton Classic 2* Grand Prix** and **\$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix** on Sunday, August 30. The **\$30,000 Longines Rider Challenges** will also be presented on Grand Prix Sunday as two separate bonuses: \$10,000 for the FEI 2* division and \$20,000 for the FEI 5* division.

Other competition highlights include the **\$10,000 Stomp Capital 1.40m Open Jumper** (Tuesday), **\$40,000 1.45m National Grand Prix** (Wednesday), **\$10,000 Hunt & Go Stake presented by The Baran** (Thursday), **\$10,000 Harrods Junior/Amateur Welcome Stake** (Friday), **\$10,000 Hermès Equitation Championship** (Saturday), **\$30,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey 1.45m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic** and **\$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Hunter Classic** (Sunday).

Outside of the show rings, families can enjoy unique shopping in the Agneta Currey Boutique Garden and on Stable Row; hands-on activities, pony rides and petting zoo animals at the Kids Exhibition Tent; and many more fun activities during Kids Day (Saturday, August 29).

Daily entry to the Hampton Classic is \$25 per carload which includes grandstand seating on all days except Grand Prix Sunday.

Tickets for **reserved grandstand seats** for Grand Prix Sunday, August 30, are \$75 per seat and are available on the [Hampton Classic website](#). Tickets for the **Classic Club** (formerly the Judge's Box Lounge), which offers an elevated experience for watching Grand Prix Ring competition on Thursday-Sunday, August 27-30, are also available.

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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