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Amanda Derbyshire Slices and Dices to Win Friday’s $37,000 Wölffer Estate CSI2* Grand Prix Qualifier at the 2022 Hampton Classic Horse Show

Bridgehampton, NY – September 2, 2022 – Ireland’s Jonathan Corrigan set an early time to beat in the jump-off of Friday’s $37,000 Wölffer Estate CSI2* Grand Prix Qualifier at the Hampton Classic Horse Show, riding Maya Nayyar LLC’s Nadal VD Wateringhoeve, a 9-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding, to a fault-free time of 37.970 seconds. Great Britain’s Amanda Derbyshire wouldn’t let him hold the lead for long, though. She and Gochman Sport Horse LLC’s Wonder If sliced and diced their way to shaving over half a second off that time, stopping the clock in 37.350 seconds to win the class.

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.

Amanda Derbyshire and Wonder If won the $37,000 Wölffer Estate CSI2* Grand Prix Qualifier. © KindMedia
“I’ve had ‘Juicy’ since the start of Florida this year,” Derbyshire said of the 10-year-old Anglo-European mare. “She’s the most awesome horse. She’s literally a big pony with a really big heart. She’s been nothing but perfect since we got her and is the nicest, friendliest horse. Every time you go into the ring, you know she’s going to try for you, and it’s such a good feeling to have. Even though she’s little and doesn’t have the biggest stride, she makes up for it by being really fast and economical over the jumps.”

Fifty-seven entries representing 11 countries tackled Alan Wade’s (IRL) 15-effort, 1.45m course for the $37,000 Wölffer Estate CSI2* Grand Prix Qualifier. The LONGINES combination (#6AB) proved to be the most influential in the initial round, with just 14 competitors navigating everything successfully to move on to the jump-off.

“I thought the course was beautiful,” Derbyshire said. “I thought there was just the right amount of clears after the first round, and the jump-off was great with a lot of rollbacks and a few gallops. It certainly worked out well for me. The owner, Becky, was also here to watch today, and it’s just amazing. She’s my biggest supporter, and I will always be grateful to her.”

Venezuela’s Luis Larrazabal was the only other rider to beat Corrigan’s time, piloting his 13-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding Sligo Balou Boy through the timers in 37.660 seconds for a second-place finish. Corrigan and Nadal VD Wateringhoeve ultimately landed in third.
This win puts Derbyshire at the top of the leaderboard in the **$30,000 LONGINES Rider Challenge** with a total of 198 points. McLain Ward (USA) sits in second place with 160 points, while Corrigan has moved into third with 130 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.

Other jumper highlights included the **$12,500 Pacaso Medium Amateur Jumper Classic** in the Grand Prix Arena and the **$10,000 Amateur 1.25m Jumper Classic** in Jumper Ring 2. Amy Shafmaster of Portsmouth, NH, rode her *Infante SK*, a 9-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, to the fastest of only two clear rounds in the $12,500 Pacaso Medium Amateur Jumper Classic with a jump-off time of 37.266 seconds. In the $10,000 Amateur 1.25m Jumper Classic, Kristyna Carlton of Holliston, MA, rode Gramercy Farm’s 8-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding *Oakley Van De Heffinck* to the win in 37.519 seconds.

Amy Shafmaster and *Infante SK* won the $12,500 Pacaso Medium Amateur Jumper Classic. © KindMedia

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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 Aspinall 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.

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