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World #3 Shane Sweetnam Is #1 in \$62,500 CSI5* over Two Rounds presented by North Star at the 2026 Hampton Classic

Junior and Amateur Jumper Divisions Conclude with Several Classics

Bridgehampton, NY – August 29, 2026 – Hampton Classic course designer Nick Granat challenged 39 starters representing nine countries with a technical 16-effort, 1.50m course in Saturday's **\$62,500 CSI5* over Two Rounds presented by North Star**, and only three went double-clear. World #3 Shane Sweetnam (IRL) blazed to the top of the leaderboard in 42.88 seconds aboard *Coriaan Van Klapscheut Z*.

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**.



World #3 Shane Sweetnam and Coriaan Van Klapscheut Z won Saturday's \$62,500 CSI5 presented by North Star © KindMedia*

Sweetnam was a full second faster than second-place finisher Nayel Nassar (EGY), crossing the timers in 42.88 seconds with his and Voquest LLC's 10-year-old Zangersheide gelding for the win. Nassar's time of 43.89 seconds aboard *Crislin Van Den Bosrand Z*, the 9-year-old Zangersheide mare owned by Evergate Stables LLC with whom he took second in Thursday's \$32,000 BrainJuice CSI5* Two-Phase, ultimately held on for second place.

Third went to Mexico's Tanimara Maria Macari Carrillo and *Quenala T*, Rupert Winkelmann's 10-year-old Hanoverian mare. Although the pair were faster than Sweetnam and *Coriaan* over the initial course, they returned over the shortened track with a time of 44.93 seconds.

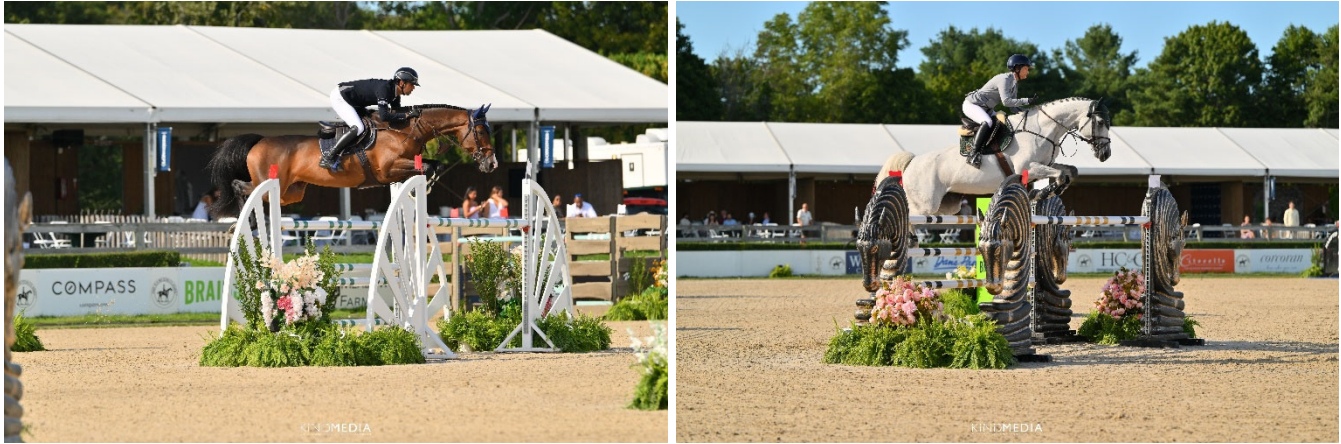
"*Coriaan* naturally is a very fast horse," Sweetnam said. "I'd seen Nayel go, and I knew I had to be at least that quick with a couple of fast riders coming after me; Jordan (Coyle) and Daniel (Bluman) still had to go as well. I knew I had to take every chance I could. I got a good rhythm at the start of the course, and I took every chance we had, and he really responded and stayed with me. It worked out well for us today. It was a bit of an awkward jump-off where the horses had to be sharp, looking for the next jump, so luckily for me, my horse was in that zone.

"Tomorrow, I'm jumping *Pia Maria H*, who's been developing in Europe all summer," he added. "She's very talented – definitely talented enough to win the Grand Prix. Experienced enough to win it is another question, but we are not going to know unless we do it. I'm very hopeful."



Sweetnam and Coriaan Van Klapscheut Z © KindMedia

After their winning performance in Friday's \$116,100 Douglas Elliman CSI5* Grand Prix Qualifier, World #12 McLain Ward (USA) and Robin Parsky's 13-year-old Oldenburg mare *First Lady* returned for fourth place in Saturday's competition (4/42.73). World #6 Daniel Bluman (ISR) rounded out the top five with *Hummer Z*, Abigail Wexner's 12-year-old Zangersheide gelding (4/43.43).



L: Nayel Nassar (EGY) and *Crislin Van Den Bosrand Z* were second. R: Tanimara Maria Macari Carrillo (MEX) and *Quenala T* finished third. © KindMedia

Nassar maintains his lead in the **\$20,000 Longines Rider Challenge for the 5* division** with 320 points. Ward has moved into second with 240 points. Molly Ashe Cawley (USA) sits third with 194 points. The \$30,000 Longines Rider Challenges will be awarded as two separate bonuses for the FEI 5* and 2* divisions following the \$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix and \$70,000 Hampton Classic 2* Grand Prix on Sunday.

Prior to the CSI5*, the Hampton Classic wrapped up the 1.30m Junior and Amateur jumper divisions with their respective classics. Alexa Elle Lignelli of New York, NY, and her *XO Onermie* returned to the winner's circle in the **\$15,000 1.35m Amateur Jumper Classic presented by Evergate Stables** with a double-clear score of 35.243 seconds. Ellie Aronson of Atlanta, GA, and her *Che Tipa* earned the division championship and its associated Firefly Challenge Trophy sponsored by Philip Richter.

JJ Torano of Wellington, FL, also returned to the winner's circle, this time tripping the timers in a faultless 34.048 seconds aboard Jet Show Stable's *Coachella Z* in the **\$15,000 1.35m Junior Jumper Classic**. Torano and *Coachella Z* tied with Violet Tatum of Los Angeles, CA, and both her mounts (*D&H Q Paravatti N* and *Flotylla*) for the division championship and its associated Wishing Well Farm Trophy sponsored by Diane Schaefer Ampagoumian.

In the **\$12,500 TAK Protective Group 1.25m Amateur Jumper Classic** presented by Sagamore Farm, Jole Kosloske of Tampa, FL, and her *Crystal Claire* topped the leaderboard for their double-clear time of 34.144 seconds.



*Alexa Elle Lignelli and XO Onermie won the \$15,000 1.35m Amateur Jumper Classic presented by Evergate Stables
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JJ Torano and Coachella Z won the \$15,000 1.35m Junior Jumper Classic © KindMedia



*Jole Kosloske and Crystal Claire won the \$12,500 TAK Protective Group 1.25m Amateur Jumper Classic presented by Sagamore Farm
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Agatha Lignelli of New York, NY, and Alexa Elle Lignelli's *XO Kiara* claimed victory in the **\$12,500 1.25m Junior Jumper Classic** presented by Falkirk Farms with a fault-free time of 31.469 seconds.

Earning another win were Alissa Kinsey of East Hampstead, NH, and her *Toulouse VH Beeckhof Z* in the **\$7,500 1.15m Amateur Jumper Classic** presented by Blue Trim LLC (0/0/29.967), while Eva Tucci of New York, NY, and her *Princip F. Damgaard* secured victory in the **\$7,500 1.15m Junior Jumper Classic** presented by Highport Stables LLC (0/0/28.664).

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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 included 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 Stable Row and hands-on activities, pony rides and petting zoo animals at the Kids Exhibition Tent.

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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