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Torano Back on Top in \$30,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic presented by FarmVet and The Currey Family at the 2026 Hampton Classic

Gochman Finishes 1-3 in \$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Hunter Classic

Bridgehampton, NY – August 30, 2026 – JJ Torano of Wellington, FL, had a highly successful week at the 2026 Hampton Classic, and he began his final Sunday at the show with another victory lap aboard Jet Show Stable's 16-year-old Hanoverian gelding *Vitus K*. This time, the pair took top honors in the **\$30,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic presented by FarmVet and The Currey Family** with a faultless time of 32.430 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**.



JJ Torano and Vitus K won the \$30,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic presented by FarmVet and The Currey Family © KindMedia

Nick Granat and his team set a 15-effort, 1.45m track for the \$30,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic, which reduced a field of 45 entries to just 10 in the jump-off. Following their win in Friday's \$10,000 Harrods Junior/Amateur Welcome Stake, Torano and *Vitus K* emerged victorious once more on Sunday, blazing through the timers in 32.430 seconds.

"I'd watched Violet (Tatum) from the screen, and she didn't leave much on the table," Torano said. "I thought, 'Ooh, this is going to be a fast jump-off.' But *Vitus* is a quick horse, and I know him super well. We have amazing trust in each other. It's almost not a thought in my mind that I can't catch somebody when I'm on him. I'm quite confident and really feel at ease with him, and I know we can really take a challenge together.

"We've done a lot of these Show Jumping Hall of Fame Classics all year, but this one was special to have," he added. "We're at the Hampton Classic. We aim for this show every year. It's almost like a championship show for us; it's always a stop on our summer tour."

Both picture-perfect performances helped the duo earn the Jumper Classic's associated Currey Cup sponsored by The Currey Family and the week's overall **1.40m Junior Jumper Championship** and Swan Creek Perpetual Trophy sponsored by Alvin R. Topping. Torano also earned the **Show Jumping Hall of Fame Style of Riding Award** as the Best Junior Jumper Rider (as determined by the judges).



Torano and Vitus K © KindMedia

Violet Tatum of Los Angeles, CA, landed in second place with a 32.660-second time aboard *BP Swifty*, Tatum Equestrian LLC's 13-year-old Irish Sport Horse mare. Isabel Coxe of West Lake Hills, TX, piloted *ZG Bella*, 5 Roosters' 14-year-old Warmblood mare, into third with a time of 35.126 seconds.

Other jumper champions included Tori Corts of Wellington, FL, and her *Semi Automatic*, who secured the **1.40m Amateur Jumper Championship**.

Junior and Amateur riders also starred in the Aspinall Hunter Ring in the morning, closing out their competition week with the **\$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Hunter Classic**. Tony Sgarlata and Scott Fitton judged 43 competitors on an initial 10-effort course set at two fence heights (3'3" and 3'6") before welcoming back the top 12 over another 10-effort course to determine final placings. In the end, Sophie Gochman of West Palm Beach, FL, brought home two of the top three placings aboard her mounts from Gochman Sport Horse LLC, winning with *Charlie Be Good Z* (179.5 points) and taking third with *Daydream* (177.5 points).

"It was a really long course and required a lot of concentration," Gochman said. "'Charlie' is my mom's horse, and I rode him here as a spur-of-the-moment thing. He was jumping so well – the best he's ever jumped with me. It was just really fun. We were also champions earlier in the week, so my main goal was to have fun today. The win was just icing on the cake!"

Second place went to Irene Neuwirth of Culver City, CA, aboard her *Scout's Honor*, who earned 179 total points.



Sophie Gochman and Charlie Be Good Z won the \$10,000 Junior/Amateur Hunter Classic © KindMedia

The Hampton Classic also awarded its final hunter trophies, including the Charlie Weaver Perpetual Trophy, which was given to Scott Stewart of Flemington, NJ, as the Best Hunter Rider (as determined

by the judges). For her efforts in the Small and Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & Under divisions, Caroline Freeman of Wellington, FL, was named the Best Junior Rider on a Horse and earned the Kathy Scholl Memorial Trophy.

The **Grand Hunter Championship** saw a three-way tie throughout the week, with each horse-and-rider combination earning a total of 46 points in their respective divisions: Dr. Betsee Parker's *Rosewood*, ridden by Stewart in the Green Conformation 3'9" Hunter; John & Stephanie Ingram LLC's *Odette*, ridden by Victoria Colvin of Loxahatchee, FL, in the Performance 3'6" Hunter; and *Tufton Avenue*, owned and ridden by Stephanie Danhakl of Haverford, PA, in the Human Touch Amateur-Owner 3'3" Hunter 36+.

The Hampton Classic concludes Sunday afternoon with the \$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix.

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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 as two separate bonuses: \$10,000 for the FEI 2* division and \$20,000 for the FEI 5* division.

Other competition highlights included 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).

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