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Matz Blazes Ahead in \$32,000 CSI5* Two-Phase at 50th Annual Hampton Classic Horse Show

Wasserman Wins \$5,000 Citarella CSI2* Open Jumper Two-Phase

Bridgehampton, NY – August 28, 2025 – Thursday afternoon's **\$32,000 CSI5* Two-Phase** at the 50th annual Hampton Classic perfectly showcased both the experience of Olympic show jumping veterans and the talent of young riders climbing up the sport's ranks. In the end, American Alex Matz blazed ahead of his fellow competitors with a fault-free score of 24.36 seconds, emerging victorious aboard longtime partner *Cashew CR*.

Celebrating 50 years of world-class equestrian competition in 2025, the **Hampton Classic Horse Show** takes place in Bridgehampton, NY, **August 24-31**, featuring FEI CSI5* and CSI2* show jumping and USEF Premier hunter competitions with more than \$1 million in prize money. The highlight of the week is the \$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix, one of the world's premier show jumping competitions, on Sunday, August 31.



Alex Matz (USA) and Cashew CR won the \$32,000 CSI5 Two-Phase © KindMedia*

Some might have said that when World #8 McLain Ward (USA) and *High Star Hero* took the lead in 25.74 seconds during the middle of the \$32,000 CSI5* Two-Phase on Thursday, no one could catch them. However, with 68 horse-and-rider combinations representing 14 nations contesting Nick Granat's 15-effort, 1.45m track, spectators had more to look forward to.

Immediately following Ward in the order was 20-year-old Skylar Wireman (USA) aboard *Barclino B*, her double-gold winning mount from the 2025 Gotham North/North American Youth Jumping Championships presented by USHJA. The pair sliced and diced their way to a blistering, faultless time of 24.83 seconds, knocking Ward from the top spot and keeping the lead until Matz entered the ring during the final ten rides. He and Dorothy Matz's 17-year-old Holsteiner gelding shaved almost half a second off Wireman's time, clinching the win in 24.36 seconds.



Matz and Cashew CR © KindMedia

“My horse is naturally very, very fast,” Matz said. “He’s 17 now, and we’ve been together for nine years. He’s an incredible competitor. Skylar had a fantastic round; I didn’t know if we would be fast enough, but Cashew felt unbelievable in the warmup. During the first phase, I put him in a couple of compromising positions, but he didn’t want to come close to touching the poles so I felt pretty confident that he was in top form. Luckily, he did the rest.”

Wireman and her, Shayne Wireman and the Wireman Investment Group's 9-year-old Holsteiner gelding walked away with second place for their efforts. Ward and the 12-year-old Belgian Sport Horse gelding owned by Michael and Wendy Smith finished third.



Matz's fellow Americans, Skylar Wireman aboard Barclino B (left) and McLain Ward aboard High Star Hero (right), finished second and third, respectively © KindMedia

Matz's and Wireman's placings catapulted them to the top of the leaderboard in the **\$20,000 Longines Rider Challenge for the FEI 5* division**, which will be awarded after the \$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix on Sunday. Matz currently leads with 150 points, while Wireman sits second with 120 points. Overnight leader Mark Bluman (COL) is third with 116 points.

Earlier in the day, the U.S. contingent also swept the podium for the **\$5,000 Citarella CSI2* Open Jumper Two-Phase**, which saw 42 entries representing 11 nations tackle Granat's 15-effort, 1.40m course. Halfway through the order, Stella Wasserman claimed the lead with a double-clear score of 25.56 seconds aboard her 10-year-old Hanoverian mare *Myjorka*. That time held through the rest of the class, placing them in the winner's circle to kick off the day's FEI competition.



Stella Wasserman (USA) and Myjorka won the \$5,000 Citarella CSI2 Open Jumper Two-Phase © KindMedia*

“My best strategy going into the ring was to just stick to my plan and execute it to the best of my ability, especially with that horse,” Wasserman said. “It worked out for us today. She is the bravest and most competitive horse I’ve ever had. You say jump, she says how high; it’s such a lovely feeling.”

Taking second was Eva Fisherman (USA) and her 16-year-old Holsteiner gelding *Casallvano*, who stopped the clock in 26.27 seconds. Third went to Emily Dehoff (USA) and *Manou De Muze*, a 13-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare owned by The Sporty Game LLC, for their 26.30-second time.



Wasserman presenting on her other CSI2 mount, Precious Dwerse Hagen © KindMedia*

The standings have also changed for the **\$10,000 Longines Rider Challenge for the FEI 2* division**, which will be awarded on Sunday after the \$70,000 Hampton Classic 2* Grand Prix. Campbell Brown (USA) now leads with 95 points, David Blake (IRL) holds second with 74 points, and Coco Fath (USA) sits third with 60 points.

Other jumper highlights included the:

- \$5,000 1.40m Junior/Amateur Jumper presented by Pollack/Mirasol Equestrian, won by Elena Haas (USA) and her *Ogue BT Special* (0/54.030);
- \$3,000 1.30m Amateur Jumper presented by Twin Oaks Ventures, won by Alexis Mierzwa (Winchester, VA) and her *Glynnwood Mer Calido* (0/0/33.223);
- \$1,500 1.10m Junior Jumper presented by The Samuels Family, won by Katherine Babun (Miami, FL) and First Blue LLC's *Amazing Z* (0/0/29.616);
- \$1,500 1.10m Amateur Jumper presented by Sarah & Murray Kessler, won by Madeline Scopellite (Monmouth Beach, NJ) and her *Evita Peron* (0/0/30.085).

For live show results, visit HamptonClassic.com. Photos from the event are [available via Dropbox](#) with credits to KindMedia (unless otherwise noted in the folder name).

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 28, with the **\$5,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2*** and **\$32,000 CSI5* Two-Phase** and continues throughout the weekend with seven 2*/5* classes. 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 31.

Other competition highlights include the **\$30,000 The Wellington Jumper Challenge, \$10,000 Stomp Capital 1.40m Open Jumper, \$40,000 CME Group 1.45m National Grand Prix, \$10,000 Hunt & Go Stake presented by The Baran, \$10,000 Hermès Equitation Championship, \$25,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey 1.45m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic**, and **\$30,000 Longines Rider Challenges**, which are now being offered as two separate bonuses: \$10,000 for the FEI 2* division and \$20,000 for the FEI 5* division.

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 30).

Daily entry to the Hampton Classic is \$25 per carload which includes grandstand seating on all days except Grand Prix Sunday. Admission is free on Monday. Admission is also free on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for Seniors, members of the Military and those who bring three or more non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Tickets for **reserved grandstand seats** for Grand Prix Sunday, August 31, are \$55 per seat and are available on the [Hampton Classic website](http://HamptonClassic.com). Tickets for the Classic's new **Judge's Box Lounge**, which

offers an elevated experience for watching Grand Prix Ring competition on Thursday-Sunday, August 28-31, are also available. Lounge tickets are priced at \$200 for Thursday, \$300 for Friday or Saturday, and \$600 for Grand Prix Sunday and are available on the [Hampton Classic website](#).

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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