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Geaney Flies to Victory in \$10,000 1.40m Open Jumper presented by Kadley Farms at 2024 Hampton Classic Horse Show

Juniors and Amateurs Vie for Top Honors in Various Jumper Classes

Bridgehampton, NY – August 28, 2024 – Blazing ahead of his fellow competitors with a full second's lead, Dan Geaney of Ireland claimed victory in the \$10,000 1.40m Open Jumper presented by Kadley Farms at the 49th annual **Hampton Classic Horse Show** on Wednesday. Geaney and his mount *Vogue* stopped the clock on a faultless time of 30.071 seconds.

The Hampton Classic, August 25-September 1, is one of the world's most prestigious horse shows, featuring competitors from young children in leadline to Olympic, World, and World Cup Champions. Rated USEF Premier-6 with designated FEI 5* and 2* show jumping classes, the Classic also has competitions for riders with disabilities.



Dan Geaney (IRL) and Vogue won the \$10,000 1.40m Open Jumper presented by Kadley Farms © KindMedia

Course designer Nick Granat presented 43 entries representing seven nations with a sweeping 14-effort, two-phase course in the \$10,000 1.40m Open Jumper presented by Kadley Farms before many riders and grooms turned their focus on the afternoon's FEI horse inspection. Geaney and the 8-year-old

Oldenburg mare owned by David Blake and Amanda Derbyshire overtook the lead late in the order with their 30.071-second time, which ultimately earned them the win.

"It's an honor to jump here at the Hampton Classic, and I'm delighted to compete in this ring," Geaney said. "My strategy today was to go clean in the first phase, and once I did that, to go as fast as I could in the second phase. I was really lucky the mare tried her heart out, and I'm just delighted with the result. It's a privilege to jump in this kind of company and at such a fantastic venue. I've really enjoyed everything so far."

Fellow Irishman Christian Coyle rode *Ma Pomme De Tamerville*, his own 12-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare, to second-place honors with a double-clear score of 31.098 seconds. Lucy Deslauriers (USA) finished third in 31.923 seconds aboard *S&L Gliludium Riverland*, an 8-year-old Selle Français mare owned by Luja LLC.



Geaney and Vogue © KindMedia

Kicking off Wednesday morning's competition were 38 horse-and-rider combinations from six countries in the \$5,000 1.35m Open Jumper presented by Katie Robinson, where only 13 entries went clear over Granat's 14-effort two-phase course. Colin Syquia (PHI) brought home the win aboard Virginia Strauch's 8-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding *Quintano TF* with a double-clear time of 31.939 seconds.



Colin Syquia (PHI) and Quintano TF won the \$5,000 1.35m Open Jumper presented by Katie Robinson © KindMedia

Second-place finisher Marie Hecart (FRA) was close behind, tripping the timers in 32.243 seconds with *Tisara Quality Cruise*, Braintrust Stables LLC's 8-year-old Irish Sport Horse mare. Hecart also claimed fourth place riding Normandie Connection Ltd.'s 8-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare *Qatho Van De Achterhoek* (0/0/32.468).

The USA's Vivian Yowan took third in 32.328 seconds aboard Maggie McAlary's 8-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare *Sea Coast Queen B Van't Paradijs*, while Great Britain's Amanda Derbyshire rounded out the top five with Pine Hollow Farm's 8-year-old BE/SIES Sport Horse mare *Renkum Oriana* (0/0/32.149).

With his consistent placings in the Open Jumper division so far, Coyle has taken the lead in the **Longines Rider Challenge** with 130 points. Sydney Shulman Desiderio (ISR) now sits second with 100 points, while Zayna Rizvi (USA) is third with 80 points. The Challenge, which awards \$30,000 and a Longines watch to the rider accumulating the most points in the week's Open Jumper classes, will be awarded Sunday following the Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix.

Following the Open Jumper classes, 30 entries challenged the \$3,000 WWT 1.30m Amateur Jumper course, where Alexander Alston IV of New Albany, OH, came out on top with a 31.034-second time aboard *Undercover*, a 12-year-old Anglo-European gelding owned by North Run. Alexa Elle Lignelli of New York, NY, and her 12-year-old Warmblood mare *XO Cinderella* won the \$3,000 Maria Mendelsohn 1.30m Junior Jumper in 34.872 seconds to conclude the day's events in the Grand Prix Arena.



Alexander Alston IV and Undercover won the \$3,000 WWT 1.30m Amateur Jumper © KindMedia

Junior and amateur jumpers also stole the show in Jumper Ring 2, including Camellia Ford of New York, NY. Ford stopped the clock in a faultless 29.362 seconds aboard Julie Jones's 8-year-old Holsteiner mare *Jetties* to win the \$3,000 Renewal By Andersen 1.20m Amateur Jumper. In the \$3,000 1.20m Junior Jumper, Agatha Lignelli of New York, NY, finished first and third, respectively, with her 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare *Girl Scout* (29.035 seconds) and her sister's *XO Kiara* (29.289 seconds).

Other highlights included the \$3,000 Mane 'n Tail 1.05m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic, which was awarded to Cassidy Hisler of East Hampton, NY, riding Megan McDermott's *Tizimin LS* (0/34.922).

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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. Rated **USEF 'Premier-6'** for hunters and jumpers with designated **FEI 2* and 5*** 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 begins Thursday, August 29, with the \$10,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2* and \$32,000 CSI5* Speed Stake and continues throughout the weekend with eight 2*/5* classes featuring

courses designed by Nick Granat. FEI competition also includes Friday's \$32,000 Wölffer Estate 2* Jumper Classic and \$70,000 Douglas Elliman 5* Grand Prix Qualifier, Saturday's \$32,000 Open Speed Class CSI2* and \$70,000 CSI5* Winning Round. The Classic culminates with the \$75,000 Hampton Classic 2* Grand Prix and the \$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix on Sunday, September 1.

Other competition highlights include the \$30,000 Open Jumper Challenge, \$10,000 Stomp Capital 1.40m Open Jumper, \$10,000 Lugano Diamonds Junior/Amateur Welcome Stake, \$10,000 Hermès Equitation Championship, \$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Hunter Classic, \$25,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey High Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic, and the new \$50,000 Kristen Baran Hunt Team Stake.

Outside the show rings, families can enjoy unique shopping; hands-on activities, pony rides and petting zoo animals at the Kids Exhibition Tent; and many more fun activities during News 12 Long Island Kids Day (Saturday, August 31).

Daily admission to the Classic is \$20 per carload. Admission is free on Monday. Seniors and military are admitted free on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, as are those who bring three or more non-perishable food items for the Sag Harbor Food Pantry. Grandstand tickets for the Longines Hampton Classic Grand Prix on Sunday, September 1, are \$60 per person (including fees) for reserved bucket seating. Grandstand tickets are electronic only.

For those who can't make it to the show grounds, <u>complimentary live webcasts</u> 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 <u>ClipMyHorse.TV</u>. 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 <u>www.wvvh.tv</u>.

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