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Vanderveen Races to the Win in \$32,000 FEI 5* Two-Phase at 2024 Hampton Classic Horse Show

Manzitto Wins \$10,000 Citarella 2* Open Jumper Two-Phase

Bridgehampton, NY – August 29, 2024 – Course designer Nick Granat (USA) kicked off the FEI 5* division at the 49th annual **Hampton Classic** with a winding 15-effort track set at 1.45m in Thursday's **\$32,000 FEI 5* Two-Phase**, where many of the top placings were separated by just hundredths of a second. Fellow American Kristen Vanderveen raced to the win with a double-clear score of 30.39 seconds aboard *Bull Run's Hesed*.

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.



Kristen Vanderveen (USA) and Bull Run's Hesed won the \$32,000 FEI 5 Two-Phase © KindMedia*

The \$32,000 FEI 5* Two-Phase featured 77 entries representing 11 countries in the Grand Prix Arena on Thursday. Colombia's Mark Bluman and his mount *Ubiluc* were just third to enter the ring, setting the

time to beat at 30.86 seconds. The pair seemed nearly uncatchable until Vanderveen and Bull Run Jumpers Inc.'s 10-year-old Oldenburg gelding flew over the course without fault in the last third of the order, taking over the top of the leaderboard in 30.39 seconds.

"I knew Mark was fast, but my first horse was fast and still a second off his time," Vanderveen said. "*Bull Run's Hesed* is a bit of a newer ride for me, and I was pretty excited. Today was quite fun for me to learn a lot of new gears with this horse. I've never jumped the water with him, so I wanted to do that today. I kept thinking, 'He's fast. Let's see where we're going to end up.' It was such a fun finish."



Vanderveen and Bull Run's Hesed © KindMedia

Bluman's speedy time kept him in second place with Daniel Bluman and Over The Top Stables LLC's 12-year-old Mecklenburg gelding. Ireland's Darragh Kenny finished third in 31.29 seconds aboard *Serendepety*, Beerbaum Stables GMBH's 9-year-old Hanoverian mare.

Prior to the \$32,000 FEI 5* Two-Phase, 33 horse-and-rider combinations representing nine countries contested Granat's 15-effort, 1.40m course for the **\$10,000 Citarella 2* Open Jumper Two-Phase**. Fourth-to-last to enter the ring, Victoria Manzitto (USA) and North Fork Equestrian LLC's 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood *Noah VD Bisschop* brought home the win in a faultless 26.97 seconds.



Victoria Manzitto and Noah VD Bisschop won the \$10,000 Citarella 2 Open Jumper Two-Phase © KindMedia*

Of the 19 pairs to ride clear over the initial phase, Taylor Cawley (USA) set an early time to beat aboard *Jack Van't Kattenheye* with a double-clear score of 27.66 seconds. Cawley was nearly uncatchable until the final five entries in the order. Fellow American Vanessa Hood was the first to speed ahead of Cawley, riding *K&T Geromino* to a double-clear time of 27.15 seconds. Manzitto immediately followed Hood with *Noah VD Bisschop*, a horse with more experience in national competitions than on the FEI circuit.

“I was conservative in the first round and took a gamble in the last phase; he jumped everything fantastically,” Manzitto said. “I thought the beginning of the course rode perfectly. Overall, it rode quite well for us, and everything came up nicely. I got him from Oakland about five years ago and developed him with help from a lot of people. I’ve been his main rider for most of his life, and this was his first international class! He was super today. We had such a lucky day.”



Manzitto and Noah VD Bisschop © KindMedia

Hood and Take Two LLC's 9-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding ultimately finished second, while Cawley and Ceahorse LLC's 15-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding took third.

Christian Coyle (IRL) maintains his overnight lead in the **Longines Rider Challenge** with 130 points. Zayna Rizvi (USA) has moved into second with 120 points. Tied for third with 100 points each are Sydney Shulman Desiderio (ISR) and Vanderveen. 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.

Other jumper highlights included the **\$5,000 1.40m Junior/Amateur Jumper presented by Cedar Fox LLC**, won by Cristian Hacker of Wellington, FL, and CSH Equine LLC's *Cocaine De Riverland* (0/64.472), and the **\$3,000 1.30m Amateur Jumper presented by Twin Oak Ventures**, won by Alexander Alston IV of New Albany, OH, and North Run's *Undercover* (0/37.826).

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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 Agnetta 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* Two-Phase** 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 Agnetta &**

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, [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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