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**Bluman Leads Victory Lap in \$40,000 CME Group National Grand Prix at
50th Annual Hampton Classic Horse Show**

Junior and Amateur Jumpers Take the Stage in Various Divisions

Bridgehampton, NY – August 27, 2025 – Hampton Classic course designer Nick Granat challenged 33 horse-and-rider combinations representing eight countries with a winding 16-effort, 1.45m course in Wednesday morning's **\$40,000 CME Group National Grand Prix**. After 13 made it to the jump-off, Mark Bluman (COL) led the victory lap for his blistering 36.252-second time aboard *Phelina De Septon*.

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.



Mark Bluman (COL) and Phelina De Septon won the \$40,000 CME Group National Grand Prix © KindMedia

The only rider to have two entries in the jump-off, Bluman set an early time to beat about his first mount, a 10-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare owned by Mario Deslauriers Inc. He nearly caught his own time with his second mount, *S & L Hello Sunshine*, but the stallion posted a four-fault score in 36.332 seconds to drop from the podium.

“The mare I was riding is pretty quick across the ground,” Bluman said. “Even though she’s new to me, I know her quite well. We made a plan before the jump-off, stuck to it, and hoped it was going to pay off. And it did. When you go that early in the jump-off, the only thing you have to do is follow your plan, hope for the best, and sometimes have a little bit of luck.”



Bluman and Phelina De Septon © KindMedia

American JJ Torano and Kadley Farms LLC and North Run’s 11-year-old Hanoverian stallion *Lyon 50* were the only other combination to come within a second of Bluman and *Phelina De Septon*’s time, posting a double-clear score of 36.426 seconds for second place. Great Britain’s Jessica Mendoza rode *Onslow De Roju*, Ammann Equestrian LLC’s 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding, to third place in 37.474 seconds.

With several of the week’s Open Jumper classes completed, the standings for the **\$30,000 Longines Rider Challenges** are starting to take shape. Bluman currently leads with 116 points, Mendoza sits second with 105 points, and Brianne Goutal-Martreau (USA) is third with 100 points. The 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), will be awarded on Sunday, August 31, after the conclusion of each grand prix.

The Grand Prix Ring also featured the **\$5,000 1.35m Open Jumper presented by Katie Robinson** in the morning, where Israel's Alberto Michan piloted Copperline Farm LLC's *Ushuaia Van Het Bellehof* Z to victory on a double-clear score of 36.206 seconds.

Later in the day, the 1.30m Amateur and Junior jumpers took the stage, starting with the **\$3,000 1.30m Amateur Jumper presented by Cloverhill Show Stables**. Alexander Alston of New Albany, OH, and North Run's *Undercover* flew to a double-clear victory in 31.232 seconds. The **\$3,000 Maria Mendelsohn 1.30m Junior Jumper** immediately followed, with Campbell Brown of Fayetteville, AR, clinching the win in 35.515 seconds aboard MMK Equestrian LLC's *Luca Van't Eigenlo*.



Campbell Brown and Luca Van't Eigenlo won the \$3,000 Maria Mendelsohn 1.30m Junior Jumper © KindMedia

Amateur and Junior jumpers also starred in Jumper Ring 2 throughout the day, including Patricia Hurter of Wellington, FL. Hurter claimed top honors aboard Amber Hill Farm LLC's *Heart 2 Heart* in the **\$3,000 1.20m Amateur Jumper presented by Turnham Green** with a faultless time of 29.758 seconds. In the **\$3,000 1.20m Junior Jumper presented by Finnway Farm**, Shane Radimer of Marlton, NJ, and Radequestrian LLC's *CC Top 4* emerged victorious with a faultless time of 28.122 seconds.



*Patricia Hurter and Heart 2 Heart won the \$3,000 1.20m Amateur Jumper presented by Turnham Green
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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 begins 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](#). 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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