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**Qualifier Winner Karl Cook Returns for the Victory in Sunday's \$410,000
Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix**

Final Awards Given at the 2022 Hampton Classic Horse Show

Bridgelyampton, NY – September 4, 2022 – Of the 30 horse-and-rider combinations representing nine countries in Sunday's culminating **\$410,000 Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix** and nine pairs to make the jump-off, only five went double-clear over Alan Wade's (IRL) 17-effort, 1.60m course. Last to go in both rounds was American Karl Cook, who returned with his Grand Prix Qualifier mount, *Kalinka Van't Zorgvliet*, to stop the clock in 36.710 seconds and secure his second victory at the Hampton Classic.

The Hampton Classic, **August 28-September 4**, is one of the world's most prestigious horse shows, offering more than \$1 million in prize money during a full schedule featuring competitors at every level from young children in leadline to Olympic, World, and World Cup Champions. The Classic also has competitions for riders with disabilities.



Karl Cook and Kalinka Van't Zorgvliet won the \$410,000 Hampton Classic 5 Grand Prix. © KindMedia*

This was Cook's first time at the Hampton Classic and first Five Star grand prix win. "It's great to be here," he said. "I'm so glad I came here. I'm grateful to my mom, who owns the horse, and it's just great that we've worked so hard with that mare, had our highs and lows, and still had everything come together.

"If you see her, she's hot, a bit wacky, a little small, and has an inverted-type jump," he added of Signe Ostby's 12-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare. "But the only reason she can do this is because she wants it. She tries so hard for it."



Karl Cook and Kalinka Van't Zorgvliet © KindMedia

Defending champion Daniel Bluman (ISR) rode immediately before Cook in the jump-off, and his fast-paced time of 36.930 seconds with Blue Star Investments' 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare *Gemma W* gave them the potential to win for their second consecutive year. That added pressure didn't faze Cook and *Kalinka* when they entered to tackle the course.

"I watched Karl's ride, and he's a deserving winner," Bluman said. "He rode great all week and had a lot of success, and I already knew when I crossed the timers that he would beat my time. It was just a matter of if the rails stayed up or didn't. I tried to get the crowd going to interfere with his focus, but I know Karl. He's a winner, and I did absolutely everything I could. I'm very happy for him."



Daniel Bluman and Gemma W finished in second place in the \$410,000 Hampton Classic 5 Grand Prix.*

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Both riders had Katie Dinan's (USA) time of 38.320 seconds for their target. In the end, Dinan and Grant Road Partners LLC's 16-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding *Brego R'N B* walked away with third-place honors.

"In the prize-giving with a group like this, you just feel really good about the sport," Dinan said. "We've all grown up on a similar circuit, even though Karl is West Coast-based, and we all have a lot of respect for each other.

"I don't think I would have ridden my round any differently," she added. "That's why I'm not kicking myself too hard. I really laid down the jump-off exactly like I planned. I came out thinking I had seven incredible horse/rider combinations behind me, and I needed a lot of luck to stay in first. My horse has a huge stride; I did all the leave-outs and made all the turns I could. He gave me everything. Having these speed demons going second-to-last and last broke my heart, but I'm still thrilled to be on the podium and just very happy with my weekend."



Katie Dinan and Brego R'N B were third in the \$410,000 Hampton Classic 5 Grand Prix. © KindMedia*

This win landed Cook on top of the **\$30,000 LONGINES Rider Challenge** with a total of 330 points. Fellow American Aaron Vale finished second with 300 points, while Bluman jumped to third with 280 points. For his additional victory, Cook won the \$30,000 purse and a new LONGINES watch.



Karl Cook also won the \$30,000 LONGINES Rider Challenge. © KindMedia

Final champions were also crowned in the hunter rings throughout the afternoon. Bringing home a big win in the **\$10,000 Sam Edelman Junior/Amateur Hunter Classic**, Becky Gochman of Wellington, FL, rode Gochman Sport Horse LLC's 18-year-old Westphalian gelding *Mythical* to a winning two-round score of 177 points. Joey Roman of Freehold, NJ, finished in second place with a score of 173.5

points aboard *Cascatero*, his 8-year-old Warmblood gelding. Tracy Treace of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, rode her 14-year-old Warmblood gelding *Belgravia* to third-place honors with a score of 173 points.



Becky Gochman and Mythical won the \$10,000 Sam Edelman Junior/Amateur Hunter Classic. © KindMedia

Taking home the **Medium Pony Hunter 2'6" Championship** was Vivian Golden of Wyomissing, PA, riding Betsee Parker's *Baroness of Locheil*. Agatha Lignelli of New York, NY, piloted the Lignelli family's *Higher Love* to the **Large Pony Hunter 3' Championship** and earned the Currey Challenge Cup.

At the opinion of the judges, Holly Orlando of Wellington, FL, earned the Charlie Weaver Memorial Trophy as the **Best Hunter Rider** of the Classic. The Horse Haven Trophy was awarded to Finley Baras of Bedford Corners, NY, as the **Best Junior Rider on a Pony**, while the Kathy Scholl Perpetual Trophy went to Ariana Marnell of Las Vegas, NV, as the **Best Junior Rider on a Horse**. Carlee McCutcheon of Aubrey, TX, earned the Gordon Wright Trophy as the **Best Junior Equitation Rider** of the week.

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Each year approximately 50,000 people come to watch the nation's best equestrian athletes compete at the Hampton Classic. The Classic was rated USEF '**Premier-6**' for both hunters and jumpers with **FEI 2* and 5*** classes. Ireland's Alan Wade served as Grand Prix Ring course designer.

The Hampton Classic featured 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 show grounds. Offering more than \$1 million in prize money, the Classic was highlighted by the **\$410,000 Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix** on Sunday, September 4.

The Hampton Classic's FEI competition began Thursday, September 1, with the **\$10,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2*** and **\$37,000 Hampton Classic 5* Speed Stake** and continued throughout the weekend with seven 2* and 5* classes. FEI competition also included Friday's **\$37,000 Wölffer Estate 2* Jumper Classic** and **\$74,000 Douglas Elliman 5* Grand Prix Qualifier**, Saturday's **\$74,000 Hampton Classic 2* Grand Prix** and **\$74,000 5* LONGINES Cup** and the culminating **\$410,000 Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix** on Sunday, September 4.

The Hampton Classic continued to support several charitable organizations including Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, the Kevin Babington Foundation and Sag Harbor Food Pantry.

Grandstand tickets for the \$410,000 Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix were electronic only; E-Tickets were provided thanks to support from Green is the New Blue.

The Hampton Classic was pleased to continue its relationship with ShowNet by offering its services FREE to all exhibitors. Services include: Orders of Go; Live Ring Status; and Live Results.

For those who couldn't make it to the show grounds, complimentary live webcasts of all Grand Prix ring competitions aired on the Hampton Classic website, produced by ClipMyHorseTV and courtesy of LONGINES. ClipMyHorseTV also produced a live webcast of all Anne Aspinall ring competitions, available for free on the Hampton Classic website, thanks to Pacaso. In addition, WVVH-TV, Hamptons Television, broadcasted 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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