

DEVON DAILY

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Jessica Mendoza Tops \$50,000 Jet Run Devon Welcome Stake CSI4* and Rodrigo Pessoa Wins \$37,000 Devon International Speed Stake CSI4*



**Jessica Mendoza & Play
Welcome Stake Champion**

"The courses were great. I thought it was a really perfect course and got the right amount of clear rounds. The time was good. It was my first time here so it was amazing to compete. I've never been and the atmosphere is already great on day one."



**Rodrigo Pessoa & Venice Beach
Speed Stake Champion**

"It's good to be back here, this is one of the most traditional shows in the U.S. It has a great atmosphere and it's always great to compete here. The enthusiasm of the crowd is always great and it's a really nice event."

International show jumping competition kicked off at the 2022 Devon Horse Show Tuesday, May 31, welcoming a field of talented athletes and their mounts to the iconic Dixon Oval for the \$50,000 Jet Run Devon Welcome Stake CSI4*. Out of the 22 starters representing six different nations, just nine navigated clear efforts to advance to the jump off. At the conclusion of the class, it was Great Britain's Jessica Mendoza and her very own mount Play who emerged victorious to take home the Devon blue.

Olaf Peterson, Jr. set forth a challenging 15-fence first round track fit for the talent of the competitors. A triple bar, a few challenging combinations and a tight time-allowed required the pairs to ride smart around the Dixon Oval if they were to add their names to the jump off order. At the conclusion of the first round, nine horses and riders were clear and ready to vie for the blue, including Mimi Gochman (USA), Mendoza, Ali Wolff (USA), Paul O'Shea (IRL), Amanda Derbyshire (GBR), McLain Ward (USA), Catherine Tyree (USA), Zayna Rizvi (USA) and Grace Debney (GBR). Returning for the shortened 8-fence jump-off track, which asked new questions of the athletes including a winding track featuring numerous opportunities to take rollback turns and shave time off the clock, it was 17-year-old Gochman who set the pace for the remaining competitors. Putting the heat on the rest of the pack, Gochman and Celina BH, owned by Gochman Sport Horse LLC, cleared the track with ease, crossing the beams in 38.66 seconds. The crowd immediately saw a new leader as Mendoza finished three seconds faster than Gochman, stopping the clocks quick and clear in 35.79 seconds.

In the end, the remaining pairs could not catch Mendoza's swift effort, showcasing her at the forefront of the victory gallop at the conclusion of the class. O'Shea claimed second place riding Imerald Van't Voorhof, with Tyree rounding out the top three aboard BEC Lorenzo. Tuesday evening marked the first FEI win for Jess and Play since their partnership began one year ago, and she spoke highly of his talent and scope. She looks forward to taking the 10-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding to Europe next week to aim for Nations Cup competitions and represent Great Britain throughout the summer.

International show jumping athletes returned to the Dixon Oval Wednesday evening to contest the \$37,000 Devon International Speed Stake CSI4*. In a race against the clock, the Devon blue was anyone's for the taking. In the end, it was Rodrigo Pessoa and Venice Beach who sped to the victory, topping the class and taking home the lion's share of the prize money. A decorated field of 23 starters took to Olaf Peterson Jr.'s 17-obstacle track for their one and only shot at a quick and clear round in the hopes of earning the win. Twists and turns, challenging approaches and tricky combinations ensured that only the best of the best would rule the night.

With the pressure on in the second half of the order, Great Britain's Jessica Mendoza turned on the heat with her own Dublin, a 15-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, crossing the finish in a clear 68.15 seconds. 17-year-old Zayna Rizvi took over Mendoza's second place position on the leaderboard shortly after with Peacock Ridge LLC's Excellent, a 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, finishing in 67.68 seconds. With Pessoa and Venice Beach still in the lead, the last few pairs made valiant efforts to take over the top spot to no avail. The United States' Aaron Vale on Condarco, a 14-year-old Oldenburg gelding owned by Thinks Like a Horse, completed a clear effort but could not match Pessoa's time, tripping the timers in 68.57 seconds. At the conclusion of the class, Rizvi and Excellent took the red ribbon, while Mendoza and Dublin took the yellow.

Ashleigh Glorioso and Epilogue Clinch Ladies Side Saddle Championship



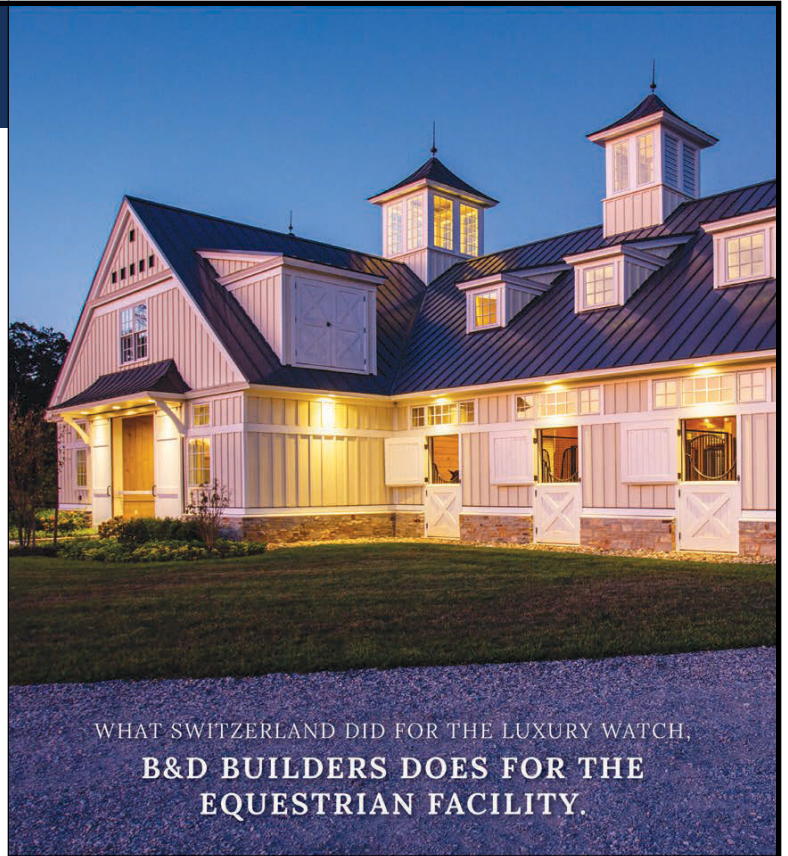
"I really enjoy side saddle. I think it's gotten a little smaller the last couple of years, but I think as more people learn about it more are interested in it. It's definitely different, it's not for everybody. It takes a special horse to do it, but I hope we continue to grow it and keep that tradition going."

The Ladies Side Saddle division took center stage during Ladies Day on Wednesday. The division featured an under saddle, sponsored by Courtyard by Marriott, a hunter hack and an over fences class. Ashleigh Glorioso and Epilogue ultimately took home the championship tricolor earning 26 points, walking away with The True Blue Challenge Trophy at the conclusion of the division.

Side Saddle has been a long standing tradition at the Devon Horse Show. The style of riding was first introduced in Great Britain by Anne of Bohemia in 1382, at the time of her marriage to King Richard II. It introduced a more independent way of travel, since travel was primarily through cart or carriage back then. Devon carries on the tradition of this unique division every year on Ladies Day of the annual Devon Horse Show and Country Fair.

Glorioso and her own Epilogue, a 23-year-old, took home the True Blue Challenge Trophy donated by Mrs. Robert E. Rogers and Mrs. John Be Denegre for top placing in the Ladies Side Saddle Championship. First time champions of the division, the pair earned the blue ribbon in the Ladies Side Saddle Under Saddle, sponsored by Courtyard Marriott, second place in the Ladies Side Saddle Hunter Hack, and first place in the Ladies Side Saddle Over Fences. A total of 26 points ensured that they would leave with the division's top honors.

Alexis C Dipasqua and Reba Dean, a 16-year-old Thoroughbred mare owned by Stephen Di Pasqua, went home with the reserve championship of the division, finishing with a total of 20 points.



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Nick Haness Crowned Devon Grand Hunter Champion

Professional hunter divisions wrapped up at the Devon Horse Show Wednesday, June 1, with the crowning of the Grand Hunter Champion. Presented with the Fourth Sally Deaver Murray Memorial Challenge Trophy donated by Mrs. Ernest Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Stillman F. Kelly 2nd, Nick Haness was named the victor for his many stellar performances in the Dixon Oval.



Haness and Only Always, a 10-year-old Warmblood gelding owned by Balmoral, produced impressive rounds Monday and Tuesday in the Green Conformation Hunter division, helping them come out on top of the leaderboard across all the hunter divisions. The pair started off strong with a win and score of 88 in Monday's over fences class, a second place finish and score of 87 in the second over fences, and third place finish in the under saddle. Combined with wins in both Tuesday's handy with a score of 88 and the stake with a score of 89, Haness and Only Always were named champions of the Green Conformation Hunter division, taking home the Just For Fun-Two For One Challenge Trophy with 45 points. Their consistently high scores helped them secure the Grand Championship at the conclusion of Wednesday's hunter classes.



Scott Stewart was named the Leading Hunter Rider, receiving the Hope Montgomery Scott Perpetual Trophy. Stewart has received the award 16 times over the years, including each year of the Devon Horse Show since 2015 with no signs of letting up in his domination.

The Leading Lady Rider Award was given to Amanda Steege as the High Performance Working Hunter with the most points accumulated in the Regular Working Hunter Section. Steege was presented with the Tarad Hill Perpetual Trophy on a total of 26 points aboard Lafitte De Muze, an 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding owned by Cheryl Olsten. The Devon Leading Groom Award and the Gerald Johnson Memorial Perpetual Trophy was presented to David Vega.

During Tuesday's hunter competition, Stewart and Bikoff Equestrian's Ever After topped the Green 3'6" Hunter division, sponsored by Dr. Betsee Parker and Huntland Farms, taking home the first tri-color of the day. The pair accumulated a total of 22 points over the two days to secure The James J. Piehler Memorial Challenge Trophy. Stewart took home his second tri-color of the day in the Green 3'9" Hunter division, this time aboard Dr. Betsee Parker's Nottingham. The pair earned 34 points over the two days to claim the champion honors. In the Green Confirmation Hunter, Haness and Balmoral's Only Always captured the division tri-color. Haness and the 10 year-old Warmblood gelding scored a total of 45 points in the division to secure their names on The Just For Fun-Two For One Challenge Trophy.



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Gail Aumiller Claims Single Horse Driving Championship Victory



"This is the first time I drove here, and it was on my bucket list to come and show, so this is definitely icing on the cake. I really trained hard for the marathon because I really wanted to do well in that, and I did. So everything else is just icing on the cake."

The Single Horse Driving championship finished out Tuesday evening at the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair with Gail Aumiller claiming the tricolor and taking home the championship apron, sponsored by Misdee Wrigley Miller, and the Single Horse Driving Championship Challenge Trophy. Aumiller's own Sjaantje, a 17-year-old Friesian mare, earned first place in Tuesday's Single Horse Pleasure Driving Turnout for the Witteveen Friesian Perpetual Trophy and second place in the Single Horse Scurry Driving competition to earn 19 points and secure top honors. The reserve champion title was awarded to Pj Crowley III with 12 points.

Just prior to the championship presentation, PJ Crowley III and James & Kathleen Leo's Studebaker Phaeton walked away with the win in the Single Horse Scurry competition. First place and the Wittenveen Friesian Perpetual Trophy in the Single Horse Pleasure Driving Turnout class was awarded to Gail Aumiller and her Sjaantje cart. Paul Martin and his Brewster Park Drag took home the win in the Four-In-Hand Suitable for Pleasure Coaching class, also receiving the Fifth Collins Perpetual Trophy.

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