



# KENTUCKY HORSE SHOWS'

Summer Newsletter - Wednesday, July 26, 2023

## \$5,000 Open 1.40m Jumper

**1st: Alejandro Leonardo and Con Cha Cha Ps**

**2nd: Aaron Vale and Constantine HUS**

**3rd: Mallory Vale and Gray's Inn**

Top horse and rider combinations took to the track, eager to be back competing in the Bluegrass state. Ultimately, standing atop the leaderboard at the conclusion of the class was Alejandro Leonardo aboard Con Cha Cha Ps behind an impressive ride to take home the blue ribbon. The riders were not only up against each other but also up against Anderson Lima's (BRA) 13-effort track. Riders made haste as they galloped for home in an effort to trip the timers fault-free in hopes of advancing to the jump-off.

Alejandro Leonardo entered the Rolex Stadium aboard his own 9-year-old Oldenburg mare Con Cha Cha Ps midway through the class, mastering the first track and quickly advancing to the jump off with a time of 67.360 seconds. Con Cha Cha Ps showcased the extent of her skills, taking the tightest of turns and setting the quickest pace to cross the finish line in a blazing 36.678 seconds with all the rails intact, leaving the rest of the field to chase them.

Following closely behind in the competitive class was Aaron Vale and Sigma Stables LLC's Constantine HUS. Vale, no stranger to the leaderboard, put together an impressive performance. Set to go last in the 1.40m, Vale and the 11-year-old Selle Francais had a tall task to meet. The pair put in a good position to finish in the top three, finishing with a time of 67.434 seconds to help them advance to the jump off. The pair fell slightly behind in the jump off track finishing with a time of 37.167 seconds to secure the red ribbon.

The \$5,000 Open Jumper 1.40m class kicked Kentucky Summer off on the right foot with stiff competition. Jumper competition is slated to continue in the Rolex Stadium at 8:00am Thursday with the Open Jumper 1.30m.



*1st place Con Cha Cha Ps & Alejandro Leonardo*



*2nd place Constantine HUS & Aaron Vale*



*3rd place Gray's Inn & Mallory Vale*

## Green Hunter Incentive 3'6" and 3'9"

Eager equestrians were thrilled to be back in the Bluegrass state as the Kentucky Horse Show kicked off its 2023 Summer Series Wednesday, July 26, at the famed Kentucky Horse Park. The sun rose on the Stonelea Arena to set the scene for top hunter horse-and-rider combinations to try their hand at the beautifully built track.

The Green Hunter Incentive Stake is open to horses eligible to compete in the Green Hunters 3', 3'3", 3'6", and 3'9". The program is designed to encourage the development of young, green hunters.

Christopher Payne and Hemsworth, a gray gelding owned by Stephanie Ring, stood out amongst the competition that saw a total of 8 horse-and-rider combinations. The winning duo jumped in top form while showcasing a rhythmic cadence throughout the entirety of the course. This pair has only been showing together for a few short months and already has an extensive list of wins.

Putting together another impressive performance of their own was Christopher Payne and Stephanie Ring's 8-year-old KWPN gelding, Atlas. The pair was able to put together a solid plan and execute accordingly, coming up just shy of the top spot.



*Christopher Payne & Hemsworth*



*Christopher Payne & Atlas*

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