



KENTUCKY HORSE SHOWS'

Summer Newsletter - Thursday, July 27, 2023



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A talented field of horse and rider combinations set their sights on the first prize money class of the Kentucky Horse Shows summer circuit, the \$25,000 Kentucky Summer Classic. With horse show competition back in action at the Kentucky Horse Park, the athletes were eager to step foot back in the famed Rolex Stadium to vie for the top spot Thursday night.

As the sun began to set, 25 partnerships awaited their opportunity to put their skills to the test on the challenging course designed by Anderson Lima (BRA). The class was filled with veteran duo's that were no stranger to the atmosphere in Kentucky, including Wednesday night's 1.40m Open winner Alejandro Leonardo and Con Cha Cha PS. The \$25,000 Kentucky Summer Classic was set to a two-round, Table II, Section 2(a) format which meant all clear rides from the first round were qualified to return for the jump-off round at the conclusion of round one. Ultimately, only five horse and rider combinations, which included only three riders, amongst the field rode clear to advance to the all-anticipated jump-off. Summer Hill and Aaron Vale each had two mounts advance.

After two rounds of stiff competition, it was Summer Hill and her first mount in the jump-off La Belle SCF to emerge victorious and claim the coveted blue ribbon. Hill and the 12-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare posted the only clear round in the jump-off with each of the other combinations claiming four faults each. The win marked the first big win of the year for the talented duo, building off several good performances at the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), Kentucky Spring and Split Rock earlier this year. Taking second and third place on the podium was Aaron Vale aboard I. Adermie R 4 and Constantinde HUS respectively.

Grand Hunter Champion, presented by Hagyard Equine Medical Institute

The Grand Hunter Champion award, presented by Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, is an award that riders are eager to add to their Kentucky Horse Show resume. Every year during their spring and summer series, KHS honors several top hunter riders for their stellar performances across a two day span of competition.

To ultimately be crowned Grand Hunter Champion, the horse and rider partnership must stand out amongst the field of competitors by presenting top hunter form to the judges both over fences and in the flat. Points towards the coveted award are tallied from the Green Hunter 3', Green 3'6" and 3'9" Hunter, Green Confirmation Hunter, High Performance Confirmation Hunter and High Performance Working Hunter classes.

Accumulating the most points during Wednesday and Thursday's competition was Christopher Payne and Provence LLC's Reign. Payne and the 10-year-old Holsteiner stallion are no stranger to the high stakes hunter ring. The pair has already been a mainstay at the stop of the leaderboard in the High Performance division throughout the year. Payne and Reign have accounted for several big wins at the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), the Kentucky Spring Horse Show, and Split Rock Hunter Jumper Classic, and also qualified for Devon earlier this year.



Christopher Payne & Reign



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