

# **KENTUCKY HORSE SHOWS'**

Summer Newsletter - Friday July 28, 2023

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#### HIGH AM/JR JUMPER

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Jumper competition returned to the Rolex Stadium at the Kentucky Horse Park bright and early Friday morning. Junior and amateur show jumping competitors took to the ring to contest one another for the top spot in the High Junior/Amateur Jumpers (1.40m). As the first junior/amateur competition of the Kentucky Summer series, talented horse-and-athlete combinations vied for a top spot on the leaderboard. Concluding the two phases of competition, it was Emma Seving aboard her own, Brighton Bay who emerged victorious.

Anderson Lima (BRA) put together a challenging course utilizing the whole ring for the junior and amateur athletes to try their hand at. With an all important jump off to qualify for, the first round kept riders reserved to ensure a clear round. A total of five horse-and-rider athlete duos made their way around the course and all rounds clear, ensuring them a spot in a competitive second phase. Time was of the essence as the athletes had to strategize the best way to remain clear while also posting the fastest time possible. Seving proved to execute her plan the best, finishing the jump-off track with a time of 31.621 seconds, four tenths of a second faster than her second place competitor.

Second place was awarded to Olivia Sweetnam aboard Triple S Group's Ina, a 10-year-old KWPN mare. Sweetnam and Ina put together a valiant double-clear effort, but came up just short, crossing through the timers at 31.667 seconds in the second phase. Rounding out the top three with a double-clear effort of their own was Mallory Vale and Thinkslikeahorse's Condarco. Vale piloted the 14-year-old Oldenburg gelding to two great rides, but could not catch the time to beat in the jump off, finishing their second round with a time of 31.917 seconds.

### HAMEL NHS 3'3" MEDAL & ASPCA Maclay

Equitation riders took to the Kentucky Horse Park Friday afternoon in the Stonelea Ring for the 2023 Kentucky Summer Horse Show. Showcasing some of the top young junior athletes, the competition was stiff as horse-and-rider combinations competed in the Hamel NHS 3'3" Medal and ASPCA Maclay to acquire points towards the year end finals, both of which are held at The National Horse Show in Lexington, KY. In the end, Lily Epstein rode Greyson PH to top honors in the Hamel NHS 3'3" Medal, while Blythe Goguen & Common Sense dominated the ASPCA Maclay.

Lily Epstein is a seasoned equitation rider, earning severa big wins over her career. Epstein and Sweet Oak Farm's Greyson PH, a 12 year old KWPN gelding met each jump gracefully and navigated the course smoothly. The pair took a slightly more inside-track ride, opting for inside turns, helping them to secure the leading title in Friday's Hamel NHS 3'3" Medal.

Blythe Goguen delivered a picture perfect round in Friday's ASPCA Maclay aboard Amber Ayyad's Common Sense, a 17 year old Swedish Warmblood gelding. The equitation course at hand was technical and gave the riders many options to showcase their handiness and technique around the ring. Maintaining her momentum with another seemingly effortless round, Goguen was able to secure the blue ribbon, concluding equitation competition in the Stonelea Ring Friday evening.



Lily Epstein & Greyson PH



Blythe Goguen & Common Sense

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