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AARON VALE AND CONSTANTIN DE HUS TAKE THE WIN IN THE \$50,000 KENTUCKY SUMMER CLASSIC GRAND PRIX

A full slate of jumper competition brought the fans to their seats in the prestigious Rolex Stadium at the Kentucky Horse Park Saturday night. The action packed day was to be concluded with the feature event of the week, the \$50,000 Kentucky Summer Classic Grand Prix, which was sure to be an exciting class. As the sun set on the Bluegrass State, 33 of the top horse and rider combinations took to the ring to try their hand at the competitive track designed by Andy Christiansen (ECU) and take home the blue ribbon.

Ultimately, Aaron Vale and Constantin De Hus put together a double clear effort that could not be caught in the jump off, crossing the wire in a speedy time of 36.736 seconds. Putting together impressive performances of their own were Filippo Pignatti with *Ideal Es* and Jimmy Torano aboard *Chewbacca*, but both pairs came up just short of the time to beat, falling into second and third place respectively.

The class was set to Table II, Section 2(a) format - the pairs that went clear in round one were invited to return to the jump off round. Six of the 33 entries earned their spot in the jump off and had the chance to put the pedal to the metal around the shortened track.

The first to come back for the jump off was last week's Saturday night winner, Aaron Vale of Williston, FL. Going first, the pressure was on for Vale to not only jump clear, but also be fast. The pair did just that, putting in a fault free round with a time that could not be beat.



Aaron Vale & Constantin De Hus
Photo Courtesy of Shawn McMillen Photography

The last rider to enter the ring, Pignatti put in a great effort to catch Vale's time, but was just shy of the win crossing the wire in 37.778 seconds to finish in second. The Italian rider made tight turns and pushed *Ideal Es* to the last jump, but the pair was not able to catch the beat the time Vale set early on.

Third went to Torano, who also went early in the order. Entering the ring following Vale, Torano and *Chewbacca* gave it their all throughout the course. Yet, a last minute decision to add an extra stride in before the last fence caused them to finish up shy of Vale's time, posting 37.965 seconds on the clock, finishing up in third place.

USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY (JR/AM)



JJ Torono & Carry On

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Coming in second was the Westphalian gelding Ballentine's F, an Ashland Farm entry out of Wellington, FL with Tessa Downey in the irons riding out of Austin, TX. 14-year-old Devon Schwartz of Brentwood, TN, piloted Robin Schwarz's Educated Guess to third place honors rounding out the podium for today's Jr/Am section of the USHJA National Derby. Downey and Ashland Farm's, Ballentine's F, came in close second to Torano with a total of 184 points, while Schwartz and Educated Guess took home third with a total of 178 points.

Earlier this morning, prior to the Jr/Am section, the Stonelea Ring welcomed the Open section of the USHJA National Hunter Derby. Michael Desiderio and Cocolores put in a repeat performance, taking home the win for the second time in two weeks.

JJ Torono Takes The Win

A field of 40 Juniors and Amateurs took to the Stonelea Ring over Kevin Holowack designed courses to vie for top honors in the USHJA National Hunter Derby Jr/Am at the Kentucky Summer Classic. Of the 40 entries, 12 were called back from the Classic Round for the Handy. At the close of the class, it was JJ Torano of Wellington, FL and Pamela Wright & Charlotte Rossetter's Carry On who took top honors. Torano and the 13-year-old Holsteiner gelding scored a 91 in the first round, and a 94 in the second for a total of 185 to take the win.

RESULTS

1	JJ TORANO	FL
2	TESSA DOWNEY	TX
3	DEVON SCHWARTZ	TN
4	LILY WALTON	KY
5	NOAH NELSON	CA
6	KATHERINE MERCER	FL

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