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HAGYARD GRAND JUNIOR HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP GOES TO SOPHIA MASNIKOFF & HEARTDANCER H



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This week's Kentucky Summer Classic welcomed Sophia Masnikoff and Heartdancer H into the Stonelea Ring to collect the Hagyard Grand Junior Hunter Championship award. Masnikoff, riding out of Wellington, FL, piloted "Danny," her 2012 bay Dutch Warmblood gelding by Dakar VDL to Championship honors in the 3'3" Junior Hunters 16-17. Masnikoff, who rides with Val Renihan of Wellington, FL, had a win and a second in yesterday's over fences classes coming into today.

The pair rounded out their stellar division performance today with another win over fences, a second in the handy, and a red ribbon under saddle. With a total of 38 points accrued throughout the Older 3'3" Junior Hunters, Masnikoff secured the championship over Karen Kogon's Pepita and Katherine Addington who took home reserve championship honors.

At the end of the two days of Junior Hunter competition at the Kentucky Horse Park, Masnikoff's 38 points held the lead for the Grand Junior Hunter Championship title across all sections of the Junior Hunters: 3'6" Small Junior Hunters 15 & Under, 3'6" Small Junior Hunters 16-17, 3'6" Large Junior Hunters 15 & Under, 3'6" Large Junior Hunters 16-17, 3'3" Junior Hunters 15 & Under, and 3'3" Junior Hunters 16-17.

"My favorite trip this week was the handy because it is always so fun to do the inside turns on him," Masnikoff said, "I have been riding Heartdancer H for three years now, his barn name is Danny and he is super sweet and friendly in the barn. My favorite thing about him is his personality because he loves attention from people and he can be really goofy." Regarding goals for the remainder of the competition year, Masnikoff shared, "My plans with him for the rest of the show year are to continue our consistency in the 3'3" Junior Hunters and do well at all of the finals."

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MOLLY HUTCHISON & SISI WIN; ELUSIVE & MALLORY VALE, SECOND

Posting the fastest clear round with 60.600 seconds on the Rolex Stadium clock, 21-year-old Molly Hutchison riding out of San Diego, CA took home the win in the High Jr/AO Jumper Speed (Table II, Section I) today aboard the Finesse Sport Horses, LLC entry, Sisi.

Under the tutelage of Wellington, FL's Tina Yates, Hutchison piloted the 2013 Dutch Warmblood mare by Baltic VDL around the High Jr/AO Speed to stop the clock more than a second ahead of the 61.373 posted Mallory Vale and Elusive.



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Vale, a 38-year-old rider from Williston, FL who rides with Aaron Vale, took the second spot on the scoreboard with Elusive, the 2009 Dutch Warmblood Gelding by Rodrigoo, owned by Thinks Like a Horse.

Rounding out the top three in the High Jr/AO Speed was another pair training under Aaron Vale, this time it was Fiona Sutton of Bradenton, FL who finished in third aboard her own Zangersheide gelding by Comme II Faut, Cooper Z.

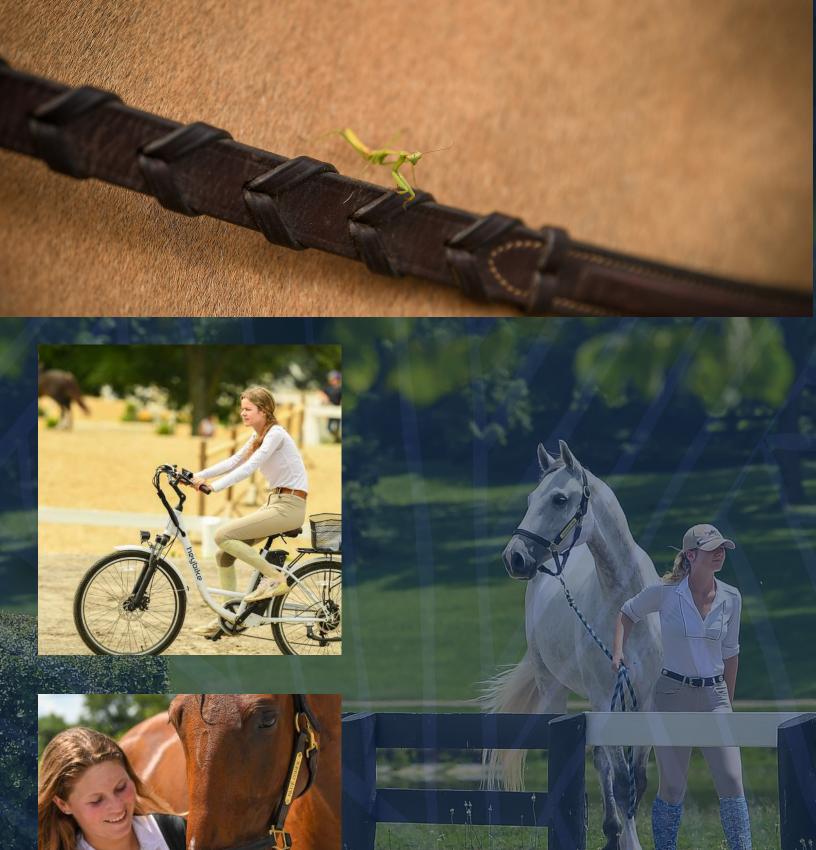
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