



WEEKLY WIRE

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WEEK 2 JANUARY 17-21, 2018

MEN'S TEAM CAPTURES 10TH ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE SEXES, PRESENTED BY WELLINGTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER



The winning men's team with Equestrian Sport Productions CEO Mark Bellissimo, Pam Tahan, COO of Wellington Regional Medical Center, Robbin Lee, CEO of Wellington Regional Medical Center, and Nick Sama, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Orthopedics. ©Sportfot

On the opening "Saturday Night Lights" and in the 10th annual Battle of the Sexes, presented by Wellington Regional Medical Center, the men's team was victorious for the first time in the history of the class. The event is one of the most popular events at the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), held at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) in Wellington, FL.

Teams of ten men and ten women battled it out for this year's Battle of the Sexes title, with team captains Charlie Jayne and Nicole Bellissimo at the helm. Bellissimo led Heather Caristo-Williams, Amanda Derbyshire, Maggie Jayne, Caelinn Leahy, Abigail McArdle, Chelsea Sundius, Annabella Sanchez, Sydney Shulman, and Alexandra Welles on her team.

Jayne's team included David Blake, Andrew Bourns, Jordan Coyle, Alex Granato, William Hickey, Darragh Kenny, Luis Larrazabal, Spencer Smith, and Michael Tokaruk.

The contest was held in three phases, consisting of a faults converted speed round, a relay race, and a match race. The men and women were pitted against each other in each phase over courses set by Eric Hasbrouck (USA).

In round one, it was a tie with both teams scoring five points. Ireland's Jordan Coyle had the fastest time of 49.21 seconds.

In round two's relay races, the girls picked up an additional 10 points, while the men earned five, bringing the totals to 10 for the men and 15

for the women. The fastest relay team consisted of Amanda Derbyshire, Sydney Shulman, and Maggie Jayne.

With five points separating them, the men and women headed into the third and final round for match races, where the men took a decisive 18 points to the women's nine. The final tally of 28 to 24 gave the men their first win in the 10-year history of the class.

It came down to the second to last match race and it was Spencer Smith of Wellington, FL, who secured the win for the men's team by beating his team captain's sister, Maggie Jayne. With a four-point difference after Smith's win, they did not need to ride the final match race.

"There have been a lot of years where it comes down to the last rider or the second to last rider, and Spencer really pulled it off for us today," said Charlie Jayne. "Spencer went in, and he out-turned my sister at the end. Everybody in the match races did a fantastic job. Spencer really sealed the deal for us."

Riding in the Battle of the Sexes for the first time, Smith said the event was "super fun." He continued, "It gives you the team feel and the team mentality. You have the pressure of other riders that are counting on you."

Coming down the final line of jumps to seal the victory, Smith said he was thinking, "Kick and pray!"

This was Charlie Jayne's fifth time on the men's team and the victory was sweet.

\$75,000 ROSENBAUM PLLC GRAND PRIX VICTORY GOES TO EMILY MOFFITT AND TIPSY DU TERRAL



Emily Moffitt and Topsy du Terral won the opening \$75,000 Rosenbaum PLLC Grand Prix at WEF 1. Photo © Sportfot

The Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), held at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) in Wellington, FL, concluded its first week of competition on Sunday with the \$75,000 Rosenbaum PLLC Grand Prix. Victory went to Emily Moffitt (GBR) riding Poden Farms' Topsy du Terral.

There were 44 entries in Sunday's grand prix, and they competed over a course designed by Eric Hasbrouck.

"Eric Hasbrouck did a beautiful job this week with the courses," said Olympic team gold medalist McLain Ward. "Lots of horses are coming off a short winter break and it's a long season here and you're trying to start up some new horses, some greener horses. You want to make it challenging, but on the friendly side to let the horses get going. I thought it was a great course."

Fifteen went clear to return for the jump-off, and six went double clear. It was 19-year-old Emily Moffitt (GBR) and Topsy du Terral, an 11-year-old Selle Français mare by Toulon, who recorded the fastest time of 35.508 seconds for the win.

"I figured I'd just go as fast as I could," said Moffitt. "I know she's a fast horse, but she's also a really big horse, so coming to the double I saw a distance that wasn't super close to the jump, but I figured why not, it's going to save some time and it ended up working in my favor. I'm happy she's as careful as she is."

Near the end of the jump-off, Mattias Tromp (USA) and Chicago

Hof Eversem Z, owned by Swede Ventures LLC, slotted into second place with a time of 37.323 seconds, while McLain Ward (USA) and HH Gigi's Girl were third in 37.713 seconds.

Moffitt, who trains with Olympic team gold medalist Ben Maher of Great Britain, bought "Topsy" in the summer of 2017. Maher rode Topsy throughout the fall, and Moffitt just came back after a seven-week break from riding to return and win the grand prix.

"Maybe I should take some vacations more often," she quipped.

"Last year was a rough year — I had an accident with my horse in Ocala and she had to be put down — so I'm glad to come back here and immediately start off on the right foot; it means more to me than most people would think. It's a nice feeling to be back," added Moffitt.

Moffitt has 15 horses at the Winter Equestrian Festival.

"I'm pretty busy," said the rider, who is based in the Cotswolds of England. "I have a few new horses. I'm going to focus on getting to know them, so by the end hopefully I'll be at the top level with them all and ready for the summer in Europe."

Another young rider at 23 years old, Tromp is getting to know his new horse as well.

"I started competing him last week," said Tromp of the nine-year-old Zangersheide gelding by Con Spirito R. He's a horse that McLain

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FRIENDS OF ORPHANS COMPETITION AND EVENT

Riders from the Chateaublond Equestrian Center in Haiti will be coming to compete in the United States this weekend. Their competition will be held at the Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center on Saturday, January 20, at 8 a.m. General admission is free. Then, join them for a luncheon and silent auction to benefit Chateaublond Equestrian Center in Haiti therapy program on Sunday, January 21, at 12 p.m., which is dedicated to children with special needs. Individual tickets are available for \$80 and a table of six for \$450. Contact Romy Tschudi for information and ticket purchase at 954-643-8678.

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RIDE & LEARN WITH LOUISE SERIO

The Ride & Learn Series will take place six times during WEF in 2018. Each week will feature a mounted riding clinic instructed by highly esteemed industry professionals and will be held in various venues and arenas at PBIEC. Week 4 features Louise Serio, who will be training with the theme of "Hunters" at the Van Kampen Covered Arena at Equestrian Village at PBIEC (AGDF show grounds) on Tuesday, January 30, from 2-4:30 p.m. Participation to ride in the clinic is \$100 per horse/rider per clinic, with a maximum of 8 riders, so sign up today! Auditing is Free. For more information or to sign up for a clinic, please contact Jessica Nichols at 561-784-4275 or jnichols@equestriansport.com.

INTERNATIONAL POLO CLUB HAPPENINGS

This week at IPC will feature several more games in the Joe Barry Memorial Cup before the final on Sunday, January 21. The highlight match on Sunday will begin 3:00 p.m. on the Engel & Völkers Field.

This week's special events on Sunday will include new shopping vendors Milou and Goldmund, in addition to Michelle Farmer Collaborative. All three retail spaces will be open throughout the day on Sunday for you to peruse. Milou will also be hosting a small pop up location in the Pavilion.

The Coco Polo Lounge sponsored by Seminole Casino Coconut Creek will be hosting two special guests this weekend - a pair of current UFC stars.

Antônio "Cara de Sapato" (Shoeface) Carlos Junior will be joined by his fellow Brazilian countryman, former UFC Heavyweight Champion of the World, and current top contender Junior dos Santos. The retailer for Sunday will be David Maison.

which will have several fashion styles on-site and provide something special in each guest's swag bag.

The Pavilion will open at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday and serve a brunch buffet throughout the match, with tables overlooking the play at Engle & Völkers Field. Tickets for the Pavilion can be purchased online at www.internationalpoloclub.com.

Autograph signings with the winning team are available after the highlight game on Sunday - bring a ball or a pen and get a souvenir signed by your favorite player!

General admission seating is available and can also be reserved online or purchased upon arrival on Sunday. Parking at IPC is \$5.

The polo season at IPC, which began on December 31, continues through Sunday, April 22, and will once again be home to the U.S. Open Championship Finals, North America's most prestigious polo tournament.

To purchase tickets to Sunday polo and brunch at The Pavilion, visit internationalpoloclub.com.

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found for me last week in Belgium. It's very new."

Having a top three grand prix finish for HH Gigi's Girl, a nine-year-old KWPN mare by Vingino, was something that made Ward happy.

"Gigi is a horse we purchased last summer," he said. "It's actually the last horse Hunter [Harrison] bought for me. She's named after his wife Jeannie, who was here today, so it was nice that she went so well in the first grand prix after his passing."

"It's a very talented horse; she doesn't have a wealth of experience, but she was off to a good start this week and we have high hopes for her, but she has to develop along."

Sponsor Dan Rosenbaum stated, "I'm an extremely proud sponsor and I'm always learning more about how this works from the rider, the trainers' point of view, because I see it from an entirely different side. It's a very special thing and an amazing experience to be here."

 **Jennifer Wood**

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- ### FINAL RESULTS
- #### \$75,000 ROSENBAUM PLLC GRAND PRIX
- 1 TIPSY DU TERRAL: 2007 Selle Francais mare by Toulon x Quat'sous EMILY MOFFITT (GBR), Poden Farms: 0/0/35.508
 - 2 CHICAGO HOF EVERSEM Z: 2008 Zangersheide gelding by Con Spirito R x Papillon Rouge MATIAS TROMP (USA), Swede Ventures LLC: 0/0/37.323
 - 3 HH GIGI'S GIRL: 2008 KWPN mare by Vingino x Celano MCLAIN WARD (USA), Double H Farm: 0/0/37.713
 - 4 HELIANTE TER WILGEN: 2007 BWP mare by Chin Chin x Surrealist van't Paradijs HECTOR FLORENTINO (DOM), Marion Scott Head: 0/0/38.142
 - 5 UDSTURM DU LYS: 2008 Selle Francais gelding by Landsturm OLD ALEXA LOWE (USA), Windsor Farm Sales: 0/0/38.935
 - 6 ZEPHIRE: 2004 KWPN mare by Coriano x Animo HAYLEY BARNHILL (USA), Barnhill LLC: 0/0/40.082
 - 7 BÖCKMANN'S LAZIO: 2000 Westphalian stallion by Lancer II x Cor de la Bryere MARGIE ENGLE (USA), Gladewinds Farm Inc.: 0/4/35.110
 - 8 HIJA VAN STROKAPELLEKEN: 2007 BWP mare by Calido I x Azur de Paulstra MCLAIN WARD (USA), Evergate Stable LLC: 0/4/36.184
 - 9 ISHD DUAL STAR: 2002 Irish Sport Horse mare by Quick Star x Concorde LAURA CHAPOT (USA), Mary Chapot: 0/4/37.513
 - 10 FOR EDITION: 2000 Hanoverian stallion by Forsyth FRH x Leggiero TAYLOR LAND (USA), Jay Land: 0/4/37.549
 - 11 SHIVER: 2005 Hanoverian gelding by Stakkato x Grannus LIZA FINSNESS (USA), Lisa Finsness: 0/4/38.973
 - 12 WIN FOR LIFE: 2006 Zangersheide gelding by Winningmood van de Arenberg X Chatman CHRISTINE MCCREA (USA), Candy Tribble: 0/4/39.299



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23-25 March	Welcome 1	Hunter/Jumper		B	Level 5
29 March-1 April	Welcome 2	Hunter/Jumper		B	Level 5
4-6 April	The Fork at TEC/WEI Evening Test Event	Eventing	CDE 1*, 2*, 3*		
4-6 April	WEI Vaulting Test Event	Vaulting	CW 1*, 2*, 3*		
14 April	Black Horse Races	Shagbushes			
12-15 April	Welcome 3	Hunter/Jumper		AA	Level 4
19-22 April	Spring Dressage/WEI Dressage and Para Dressage Test Event	Dressage	CDI 3*/CDIO 1*		
19-22 April	WEI Driving Test Event	Driving	CAU 1*		
26-28 April	WEI Endurance Test Event	Endurance	CEI 2*		
26-29 April	Welcome 4/Hunter/Jumper	Hunter/Jumper		B	Level 5

SPRING SERIES					
DATE	SHOW NAME	DISCIPLINE	FEI LEVEL	HUNTER LEVEL	JUMPER LEVEL
1-4 May	Spring 1	Hunter/Jumper	CSI 2*	AA	Level 4
10-13 May	Carolina Classic /WEI Reining Test Event	Reining	CRO 3*, 2*, 1		
10-13 May	Spring 2	Hunter/Jumper	CSI 3*	A	Level 4
17-19 May	Spring 3	Hunter/Jumper	CSI 3*	AA	Level 5
24-27 May	Spring 4	Hunter/Jumper	CSI 3*	AA	Level 4
29 May-3 June	Spring 5	Hunter/Jumper	CSI 3*	AA	Level 4
5-10 June	Spring 6 (WEI/USPC Country Horse Show)	Hunter/Outpost	CSI 4*	AA	Level 6

SUMMER SERIES					
DATE	SHOW NAME	DISCIPLINE	FEI LEVEL	HUNTER LEVEL	JUMPER LEVEL
14-17 June	Summer 1	Hunter/Jumper		B	Level 5
18-17 June	Summer Dressage	Dressage			
21-24 June	Summer 2	Hunter/Jumper		B	Level 5
26 June-1 July	Summer 3	Hunter/Jumper	CSI 2*	AA	Level 6
3-8 July	Summer 4	Hunter/Jumper	CSI 3*	AA	Level 6
10-15 July	Summer 5	Hunter/Jumper	CSI 2*	B	Level 4
19-22 July	Summer 6	Hunter/Jumper	CSI 2*	B	Level 6
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Leading Lady Jumper Rider, sponsored by Martha Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman Real Estate (after 2 qualifying events)

1. Margie Engle (USA): 110
2. Emily Moffitt (GBR): 109
3. Hayley Barnhill (USA): 92
4. Alexa Lowe (USA): 82
4. Taylor Land (USA): 82



Hollow Creek Farm 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic Series (after 1 qualifying event)

1. Todd Minikus (USA): 21
2. Michael Desiderio (USA): 19
3. Emily Moffitt (GBR): 18
4. Andrew Welles (USA): 17
5. Blythe Karolyi (USA): 16



Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award:

Last Dance, ridden by Jimmy Torano for Elizabeth Frankel

Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award:

Lexus, ridden by Paige Kouimanis



The Leading Lady Jumper Rider, sponsored by Martha Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman Real Estate, for WEF 1 was Margie Engle. © Sportfot



Omega Alpha Healthy Horse Award presented to winner Samantha Shaefer and Trademark.



The Vita Flex Tack Room award is presented to Jet Set Stables Barn Manager Alex Vespico and barn mascots Coco and Oreo.



The Triple Crown Excellence Award winner of WEF 1 was Jimmy Torano and Last Dance.



The Vetrolin Grooming Award winners were Vivian Golden and Lollipop during Week 1 of competition.



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BATTLE OF THE SEXES

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"It feels good!" exclaimed Jayne. "It was a team effort. Everybody involved did a great job. It was a great victory."

In its 10th year, the Battle of the Sexes remains a popular event on the WEF calendar.

Jayne explained, "I think it's nice because it's very easy for the general public to understand. The kids come out and they have a great time rooting for the boys or the girls. It's something that's instilled in us from a young age, soccer teams, whatever. I think it's great for the sport."

"It feels awesome," Smith said of the win. "We had a great team, great guys, and a lot of fun."

👉 Jennifer Wood

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FACES OF WEF

GRACE CARUCCI

Q: WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED FOR THIS YEAR AT WEF?

A: I am excited to get into the show ring with my new young horse, Gracia, and watching her progress throughout the season. I am also looking forward to watching a lot of the big classes and watching my friends show.

Q: CAN YOU TELL ME A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT YOUR HORSE?

A: Gracia is a horse I bought a year ago sight unseen and have been really lucky to have developed a good relationship with her. She is six and it's really exciting to see all that she has learned and will continue to learn in her time at Wellington.

Q: HAVE YOU SHOWN AT WEF BEFORE AND WHAT WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE LIKE THEN?

A: I showed at WEF from 2002 to 2011 until I went to college. I was fortunate enough to spend the entire winter in Wellington with several horses and after being away for school it's really exciting to be back. It has also been fun to see how much everything has changed and all the improvements to the show grounds.

Q: WHAT'S THE BEST HORSE YOU HAVE EVER HAD?

A: This is a hard question. I have been lucky enough to have had a lot of great hunter/jumper/equitation horses! I think all of them have been a part of my journey in different ways and it is hard to decide which is the best.

Q: WHEN YOU AREN'T RIDING, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

A: I am currently in graduate school at Columbia University in New York to get my master's degree in social work so I've been very busy with school work. When I am not in school or riding, I enjoy spending time with family and friends and the world's greatest dog.

Q: HOW DID YOU GET INTO RIDING?

A: My mother took my brother on a trip when I was six years old and sailing camp had not started yet, which left my father not knowing what to do with me while he was at work, so he signed me up for a week-long pony camp. I fell in love with it and have been riding ever since!

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The Small Green Pony Hunter champion was Happiness, ridden by Omi Enkin and owned by Kendall Adelberger.

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The Alessandro Albanese Equitation 15-17 division champion was Isle of Wight, ridden by Tanner Korotkin.

The FarmVet Adult Modified Jumper champions were Ren Round Number and Catherine Wu.

E. L. Raymond and Leslie Campbell were the Low Adult Section A champions.

The USHJA 2'6" Hunter champion was ridden by Maggie Gould for Susan Norton.

The Cross Rails Older championship went to Veuve Clicquot, ridden by Gigi St. John.

Entourage and Alexa Elle Lignelli were the Large Green Pony Hunter champions.



Phoebe Backman's Destiny, ridden here by Tracey Gorin-Byrne, won the Younger Adult Amateur Hunter championship at WEF 1. ©Sportfot

Hunter and equitation riders impressed judges during week one of the 2018 Winter Equestrian Festival.

Victoria Colvin kicked off a successful WEF 1 by conquering the Equine Tack Green Hunter 3'6" division. Colvin and her mount, Snow Day, took the championship with first and second place high scores of 87 and 90 over fences and a second win in the under

HUNTER RIDERS SET COMPETITIVE TONE WEEK 1 OF WEF

saddle. Snow Day is a six-year-old Holsteiner gelding, owned by John and Stephanie Ingram LLC.

Colvin additionally topped the Marshall & Sterling Insurance Performance Working Hunter 3'3" division aboard her mount Antinori, also owned by John and Stephanie Ingram LLC, with a first, second, and third, over fences and a first in the under saddle. The young professional continued on to take the Take 2 Thoroughbred Hunter championship with mount Easton's Rocket, owned by Pamela Landis, with three firsts, and a third over fences with a second on the flat.

Phoebe Backman experienced similar success in the Grand Hunter ring aboard her mount, Destiny, on Friday when she was crowned the Adult Amateur Hunter Younger Sec. A champion. The duo was first and second over the division's first two over fences classes with Tracey Gorin-Byrne finishing up the final two rounds in second and third place aboard the 11-year-old Warmblood gelding with a fourth in the under saddle. Tracy Scheriff-Muser took reserve champion honors with her 13-year-old black Dutch Warmblood, Shoreline.

Saturday's highlights included Tina Allen piloting both of her mounts, Galaxy and Sinatra, to blue ribbons in the Osphos Amateur Owner 3'3" 36+ division. The Connecticut

rider received an impressive score of 86 for the blue in the first over fences class with Sinatra and an 84 in the second aboard Galaxy. Allen additionally claimed the reserve champion title in the Triple Crown Blankets Adult Amateur Hunter Middle Sec. A division with her 13-year-old black gelding, French Kiss.

Throughout the week, spectators at the Grand Hunter ring continued to bear witness to numerous wins, top exhibitors, and three championships taken by long-time WEF competitor, Scott Stewart, who claimed the winning title in the Green Conformation Hunters with Dr. Betsee Parker's Harvard Hall and with her Luster in the Antares Sellier France High Performance and Green 3'9" Hunters, as well as with Parker's Private Life in the High Performance Conformation Hunter division.

Competition in the amateur ring continued through the end of the week with Suzanne Smith piloting her mount of a year and a half, Le Caro, to the FarmVet Adult Amateur Hunter Older Sec. B to the division championship. The pair was first and second over fences on Sunday and second under saddle.

Hunter competition will resume for WEF 2 on Wednesday, January 17.

Ava Lindsay

JUMPER HIGHLIGHTS WEEK 1 OF WEF



Jordan Coyle and Eristov won the opening \$35,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 1. ©Sportfot

Olympic gold medalist McLain Ward won the opening class of the circuit on Wednesday, the Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m Jumpers, in the International Arena over a speed course designed by Eric Hasbrouck (USA). He and Hija van Strokappelle, an 11-year-old BWP mare by Calido 1 x Azur Depaulstra owned by Evergate Stable LLC, were fast and clear in a time of 69.938 seconds for victory.

Second place went to Kevin Babington (IRL), last year's winner of this class, riding Double O Seven 7, owned by Babington and Katznelson Jumpers LLC. They finished in 71.070 seconds. Gustavo Prato (ARG) and Equus Forte LLC's Carnaz placed third in 74.278 seconds.

Jordan Coyle (IRL) rode Eristov, owned by Andrew Kocher, to victory in the \$35,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round One. There were 36 entries in the first round of

the \$35,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup and they competed over a course set by Eric Hasbrouck of the United States. Eleven were clear to continue to the jump-off, to which 10 returned. Coyle and Eristov were fourth in the jump-off order, and had to follow a very quick time set by Todd Minikus (USA) and Victorio 5 of 37.999 seconds.

Coyle and Eristov left a stride out in the first line and also in the line to the double combination, which led them to cross the finish timers in the winning time of 37.662 seconds. Minikus finished in second, while Emily Mason (GBR) rode Explosion W for Poden Farms to third place in 39.008 seconds.

Additional jumper results from Thursday include:
\$8,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m Jumpers – Clenur, ridden by Cian O'Connor (IRL) and owned by Armin Himmelreich
\$6,000 Bainbridge 1.40m Jumpers – Avel de la Lande, ridden by Samuel Parot (CHI) and owned by Parot Horses LLC
\$2,500 The Crown Family 1.35m Jumpers – Cavalier II, ridden and owned by Caitlyn Shiels (USA)
\$2,000 Rushy Marsh Farm 1.30m Jumpers – Vita 24, ridden by Joaquim Malta de Abreu (POR) and owned by Two Swans Farm

Laura Chapot (USA) and Out of Ireland out-paced a field of 91 entries to win the \$6,000 Bainbridge 1.40m Speed Challenge on Friday. Of the 91 entries in Friday's

\$6,000 Bainbridge 1.40m Speed Challenge, 16 jumped the Eric Hasbrouck-designed course without fault, but speed was the name of the game, and none proved able to catch Chapot and Out of Ireland, owned by The Edge and Laura Chapot. Chapot and the 11-year-old Anglo European mare went 19th in the order, tripping the timers in 64.681 seconds and setting a time to beat that would go untouched for the remainder of the class.

Finishing in second were Lacey Gilbertson (USA) and Echo D, owned by Seabrook LLC, on a time of 65.252 seconds, while Hunter Holloway (USA) and Eastern Jam, owned by Hays Investment Corp., rounded out the top three on a time of 66.001 seconds. Chapot also finished in fourth with a time of 67.114 seconds aboard Zealous, owned by Mary Chapot.

Out of 20 entries in the 1.50m Classic, five went clear over a course designed by Eric Hasbrouck (USA), and three of those were double clear. Taking the win in a time of 36.676 seconds was Todd Minikus (USA) on Carlo, a 2006 Holsteiner gelding by Casall x Landlord owned by North Face Farm.

Second place went to Aminka, ridden by Michael Desiderio for David Desiderio and Tranquility Farms, who finished in 37.351 seconds. Emily Moffitt (GBR) and Poden Farms' It's Real Love DV Smis Z were third with a clear jump-off ride of 38.312 seconds.

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