

Zimmerli Zips to the Top

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Mrs. John Bartko. They set down a clean round right out of the gate, stopping the clock in 38.59, eventually giving them third place and claiming another top five ribbon at HITS Culpeper.

Zimmerli powered through the jump-off and galloped her victorious mount to the win in 36.42, two seconds ahead of the leading time. Zimmerli and Calido's Treasure were fifth in the Johnson Horse Transportation Prix earlier in the week, and they made their exciting climb to the top on Sunday with an undoubtedly great ride to finish out the week on top.

"There was an option to do seven or eight strides to the triple combination and I chose the seven, I thought that would be the most challenging part of the course for my horse because he has a big stride and is not as tight in the front end," said Zimmerli.

There was only one more trip left in the jump-off, Harold Chopping riding Basje, owned by Kendra Bullington. They clocked in at 37.76, sealing the victory for Zimmerli and securing the second place prize.

\$15,000 Johnson Horse Transportation Prix

Tracy Magness of Baltimore, MD, took home the top honors in the Johnson Horse Transportation Prix in an exhilarating class. The win came aboard Intenz



Sandra Zimmerli and Calido's Treasure topped the Grand Prix by two seconds.

Van HD, owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Bartko.

Following Magness in the ribbons was Debbie McCarthy Connor riding Zim, owned by Connor & Ebetino Jumpers, LLC. Third place went to Harold Chopping and Basje, owned by Kendra Bullington.

\$2,500 Devoucoux Hunter Prix

Hunter exhibitors turned out for the

first week of qualifying opportunities in Virginia for the Diamond Mills Hunter Final in Saugerties, NY, this September at the HITS Championship.

Harold Chopping of Southern Pines, NC, took home not only first place, but also the second place prize in the two-round classic. First place came aboard Curuba, owned by Amy Nolan and the red ribbon came with Gold Rush, owned by Doreen Schlicht.

Falls Church, VA, equestrian Taylor Morrison scored the third place prize piloting Tuscan Sky, owned by Mackenzie Ennis. Fourth place went to Liam, owned by Katie Eppinger and ridden by Jill Curtis.

\$1,500 Platinum Performance Hunter Prix

Amy Lloyd Thompson of Chester Springs, PA, walked away victorious in the \$1,500 Platinum Performance Hunter Prix. The victory came aboard Thompson's own ride, Paramount. Thompson and Paramount have secured dozens of top finishes in the Platinum Performance Hunter Prix throughout the seasons at HITS.

Second place in the ribbons went to Zues, ridden by Victoria Walton of Hampstead, MD, and owned by Patricia Walton. Third place was Fortissimo, ridden by Christina Covarrubias from Eldora, NJ. Claire Cognac of Masontown, WV, took home the fourth place ribbon piloting Opium. 📷

Beezie Madden and Breitling LS

Capture \$50,000 Old Salem Farm Grand Prix CSI2* At Old Salem Farm Spring Horse Shows

FOUR-TIME U.S. OLYMPIC Medalist Beezie Madden claimed victory in the \$50,000 Old Salem Farm Grand Prix CSI2*, presented by The Kincaide Group, riding Breitling LS on Sunday, May 14, at the 2017 Old Salem Farm Spring Horse Shows at Old Salem Farm in North Salem, NY.

Madden, who hails from Cazenovia, NY, bested a field of 48 horses for the win over a course designed by Ken Krome of Westminster, MD. Riding Breitling LS, an 11-year old Dutch Warmblood stallion owned by Abigail Wexner, Madden was third to return

in a 10-horse jump-off and crossed the timers clear in 37.34 seconds, which eventually stood for the win. Andrew Ramsay piloted Cocq a Doodle to a double-clear effort and finished in 38.55 seconds to earn second place for The Doodle Group. Charlie Jacobs was third aboard Cassinja S, owned by CMJ Sporthorses, LLC, just fractions of a second behind Ramsay in 38.77 seconds.

Adrienne Sternlicht was fourth riding Toulago for Starlight Farms, LLC, in 40.08 seconds, while Georgina Bloomberg rounded out the top

five riding Manodie II H, owned by Gotham Enterprizes, with a jump-off time of 43.79 seconds.

"Anytime you win it is special because this is quite a humbling sport; you can win one day and be on the ground the next," said Madden, who was a member of the 2016 silver medal-winning team at the Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games. "Last year, I concentrated a lot on the Olympics and didn't try to win many grand prix events, but this horse has picked up two wins already this year and it feels great."

For Ramsay, Sunday's second place finish aboard Cocq a Doodle is a step in the right direction towards the 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare becoming a top grand prix mount. Ramsay has had Cocq a Doodle for about a year and is competing at Old Salem Farm for the first time this year.

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“She is a great horse—really fast and competitive,” said Ramsay. “She gave it her all, and in the end it wasn’t quite quick enough today, but we will keep on trying. The track posed some good questions with some options, so you weren’t locked into the numbers and it allowed us to adjust for our different horses.”

The Old Salem Farm Spring Shows is the first competition for Jacobs and Cassinja S after competing at the Longines FEI World Cup Final in Omaha, NE, earlier this spring. Cassinja S, an 11-year-old Dutch Sporthorse mare, is coming off a month-long rest.

“I am debating whether or not to show her next week because of how nicely she went,” said Jacobs, who has owned Cassinja S for four years. “As with most great horses, as they get older they tend to mature and develop in terms of their repertoire and ability, and she really showed that here. I could not be more proud of how she is jumping.”



Beezie Madden and Breitling LS won the \$50,000 Old Salem Farm Grand Prix, presented by The Kincade Group.

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