

June 2019 - Temecula Valley National Horse Show



Sophomore season of new h/j competition off to a great start.

Saturday May 18 at the Temecula Valley National Horse Show I, run by Nilforushan Equisport Events, captured the crowd and some of show jumping's most talented competitors for the \$40,000 Jet Pets National Grand Prix held in the Audi Grand Prix Arena, presented by Evergate Stables, at Galway Downs in Riverside County's Temecula.



With only six horse-and-rider combinations earning a slot over the short course, the times were tight among the best-performing pairs. Kaitlin Campbell and Sweet Oak Farm's Belize D'Ive Z pulled away from the pack thanks to the mare's quick footspeed and Campbell's precise riding to capture the lead spot in the victory gallop.



Estelle Navet & Amiracle. Photo: Ryley Ingram/Phelps Sports

The only pilot with more than one mount in the jump-off, Campbell also earned fifth place with SWS Training's Interline H, and Sloan Elmassian proved to be the best young athlete of the field to clinch the U25 Jumper Classic title with Centurion.

Hunter competition at the Temecula Valley National Horse Show continued Saturday at Galway Downs, highlighting the \$5,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby in the evening. A field of 24 competitors entered the ring to try their hand at the first-round track and earn a place in the group of 12 asked to return for the shortened handy round.



Following a competitive round-one that saw plenty of high scores, it was ultimately local trainer Nick Hanness who came out on top with Reese's. Hanness proved to be the one to beat, as he also took second place overall with Chamberlain. The youngest rider of the group, Shiloh Roseboom, took the third place ribbon aboard Venice.

Jumper action continued Sunday morning with the Junior/Amateur-Owner classics that took place in the Audi Grand Prix Arena, presented by Evergate Stables. First, it was the \$2,500 Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper 1.25m Classic that saw a competitive field brave the rain over the course and immediate jump-off designed by Alan Wade (IRL).



Estelle Navet, no stranger to the winner's circle, took the top two spots and the greatest share of the prize money aboard Amiracle and Sirko, respectively. In the \$5,000 Ogilvy Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper 1.35m Classic, Jenny Calandra and Shantonagh claimed the championship title thanks to their quick trip as the only double clean pair.

The final day of the Temecula Valley National Horse Show I capped a week of equestrian competition at Galway Downs, with the steady rain not dimming the performances of hunter contestants in the Adult Amateur divisions and the \$500 Adult Amateur 3' Hunter Classic. Riding her own Lionheart to a clean sweep of five classes, Kathleen Bassett dominated the Adult Amateur 3' Hunter 18 - 35 division to claim the championship, and added to her success with her jumper-turned-hunter mount as the leading scorer in the \$500 Adult Amateur 3' Hunter Classic.



In the Adult Amateur Hunters 3' 36 and Over, Bernadette Mulliken piloted Earl Grey, owned by Leslie Shein, to the tricolor following two class wins over fences Sunday.

The Temecula Valley National Horse Show was set to continue for another two weeks of back-to-back competition, ending Sunday June 2.

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