

TORI COLVIN CONQUERS CLASSIC HUNTER ROUND OF PLATINUM PERFORMANCE/USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP

Lexington, Ky.—August 16, 2019—The defending champion and two West Coast riders took the top three spots of the \$256,640 **Platinum Performance**/USHJA International Hunter Derby Championship after the Classic Hunter Round, which brought 76 horses out to compete in the Rolex Stadium of the Kentucky Horse Park.

Tori Colvin, of Loxahatchee, Florida, went early in the order and secured a significant lead aboard Meralex Farm's El Primero with scores of 89, 91 and 92 for an overall score of 284.



2018 Champion Tori Colvin sits in first place going into Saturday night's Handy Round aboard Meralex Farm's El Primero. Shawn McMillen Photography

"El Primero went in there and marched around," Colvin said of the 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood. "I've only been riding him since [Winter Equestrian Festival], so not too long. He kind of just marched around like a champion, like he's done it all his life. He was really good."

Colvin also sits in fourth place with last year's champion, Private Practice, owned by Brad Wolf. She will be competing not only for the championship title tomorrow evening, but also to tie the most Derby Championship wins, a record held by Liza Boyd, who won three championships, all riding Brunello.