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DESIDERIO & COCOLORES TOP USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY



USHJA National Hunter Derby Winners Michael Desiderio & Cocolores



Leading the competition from start to finish, Michael Desiderio and Debbie Bianco's Cocolores topped both the Classic and Handy Rounds of the USHJA National Hunter Derby this afternoon in the Stonelea Ring to take home the win with an overall score of 182.5.

Riding out of Wellington, FL, Desiderio piloted the stunning bay 2014 Warmblood gelding by Casiro I to top the 38 entry field with a first round Classic score of 91.

The top twelve were then called back for the Handy Round with Cocolores and Desiderio in the lead and last to go. Desiderio laid down a beautiful trip taking all the high options to score an 87.5, plus 4 for the high options, for a total score of 91.5 in the Handy. Coupled with their Classic Round score of 91, Desiderio and Cocolores accrued a grand total of 182.5 points to top maintain their spot at the top of the scoreboard.

"We've had Cocolores for about a year and a half, he is a very straight forward, easy going guy, as long as you're in stride he is right there with you," Desiderio said, " The first round the track was nice, the course was beautifully set, and the second round gave some great options for inside turns, the venue here in Kentucky is beautiful."

Not far behind Desidero was Meghan Looney's Holsteiner CR Cresus ES, piloted by Julie Cleveland Beam of Argyle, TX. Coming into the Handy with a Classic score of 89, Beam piloted the 2010 gelding by Casall to a Handy score of 88, plus 4 for taking all the high options, totaling 181 to end up second.

Rounding out the top three were the Rushing Dream Farms entry, Calisto, and Tim Goguen, riding out of Lexington, KY. The 2012 Selle Francis gelding by Arko and Goguen posted an 89.5 in the Classic Round, and took all the high options to add four points to their score of 86.5 for a total of 90.5 in the Handy and 180 overall to finish up third.



Mackenzie Werner & C Tenda

MACKENZIE WERNER TAKES THE WIN

Thirteen horse and rider combinations entered the Claiborne Ring Sunday morning at Kentucky Summer I to vie for the top spot in the THIS/NHS Adult Medal. After two rounds of competition, one over fences followed by a test on the flat, it was Mackenzie Werner of Belvedere Tiburon, CA who took the top spot. Riding Hayden Wheeler's C Tenda, under the guidance of Jeannie Scalise at the gate, Werner laid down a beautiful jumping trip and an equally stylish ride in the flat phase to emerge at the top of the leader board.

RESULTS

Taylor Harris Insurance Services NHS Adult Medal

1	MACKENZIE WERNER	CA
2	MIA CHIMENTI	NJ
3	KAITLYN PARKER	NJ
4	MADISON FANKHAUSER	OH
5	CAROLINE LLOYD	FL
6	SAMANTHA HILL	KY

The qualifying year for the THIS/NHS Adult Medal runs from September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023, making Kentucky Summer I one of the final shows to obtain points for the Taylor Harris Insurance Services NHS Adult Medal Finals.



The Finals will be held at the 2023 National Horse Show from October 25 - November 5, 2023, right here in Lexington, KY. For full details on qualifying information, please click [here](#) to visit the National Horse Show website for 2023 THIS/NHS Adult Medal Specifications and Guidelines.

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