



The Virginia Festival of Champions

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Jesse Smith is on a Roll!

Not a bad week at the office so far for Jesse Smith of Wellington, Florida! After winning yesterday's \$500 Open Jumper Classic 1.30 m with her own *Chamberly 5*, she went on to win the \$2,500 [Nutrena](#) Welcome Stake 1.35 m with her own *Nadav*, besting a field of 16 horse and rider teams.

With a first round time allowed set at 81 seconds, twelve advanced to a second round opportunity.

Smith was the first to advance to a second round with her own *Chamberly 5*, earning four jump faults in time of 29.182 seconds. Brooke Kemper of Keswick, Virginia and Elizabeth Maloney's *Chlotille* followed with a clear second round in a time of 33.135 seconds, setting the time to beat.



Kate Johnson of Poolesville, Maryland aboard her own *Loose N Capable* also advanced to a second round. Four jump faults in a time of 33.256 seconds would see the pair finish in tenth overall.

Samantha Tuerk of Charlottesville, Virginia and her own *Camryn* followed in the order with a clear second round in a time of 32.335 seconds. Joe Fargis of Middleburg, Virginia in the irons of Tracey Weinberg's *Honolulu 111* followed Tuerk with double clear rounds, but their second round time of 33.605 seconds would see them finish in seventh overall.

David Matisz of Wellington, Florida aboard Emma Pell's *Catano 29* turned in double clear rounds and their second round time of 32.793 seconds earned them a fifth place finish.

Kemper returned to the Dee Dee arena, this time in the irons of Caroline Blum's *MTM Kappa Kappa Gamma*. Four jump faults in a time of 30.317 seconds would see them finish in ninth overall.

Amy Lee of Aldie, Virginia and her own *Hirette KR* were up next. The pair flew through the second round with no jump faults and finished in a time of 29.881 seconds which moved them into the lead.

The lead was short lived when Smith and *Nadav* entered the ring as the last horse and rider team to tackle the course. The pair turned in a fault free round in a time of 28.728 seconds, securing the win and moving Lee and *Hirette KR* into second place.. "I thought the course was designed really nicely. It was technical in a beneficial way so we're all learning and improving the horses, but nothing that's scary and that's terrific. I really liked the course. And, yesterday was great too. This is a great show," commented Smith. "And this new ring is amazing! This new footing is incredible!" she added.

"We got this horse 4 years ago as a 4 year old. He was a hunter," said Smith. "He was really difficult to ride as a hunter. His way of going was not conducive to a hunter so after almost a year of trying to make him a hunter, we decided we're just going to make him a jumper," she said.

"So this show, three years ago, was his first actual horse show. We didn't have really high hopes. He hadn't seen striped rails or fillers and we were just keeping our expectations kind of low. We came here and rode him in the .95 Training and then we did this other division that I think Hyperion Stud started and we really didn't expect much. But he ended up jumping all three rounds clear and was champion in that division. And then that same year he jumped thirteen clear rounds with me and he's just been a competitive freak since then," Smith laughed. "He had a funny run when he first got started, but he's found his niche. And he has the best personality ever. He's amazing," she added.

Kemper and *Chlotille* earned a third place finish and Tuerk and *Camryn* placed fourth. For more information, please visit horseshowsonline.com.

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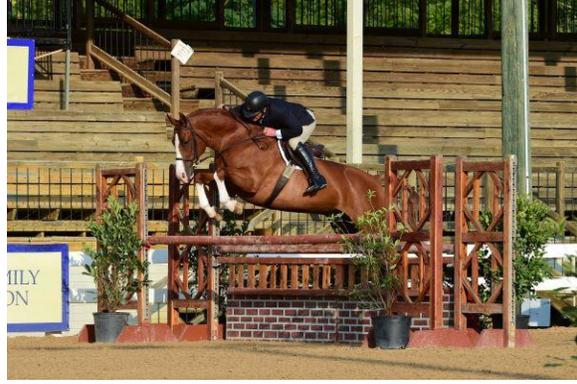
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La Vida Loca, owned by Emily Cyrway and ridden
by Brooke Kemper



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Jan Bitzberger's *Maximo* ridden by Chris Wynne

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