



## The Virginia Festival of Champions

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### Horsepower! *Goliath* and Addison Reed Win the \$10,000 Nutrena Welcome at the Lexington Spring Premiere

Junior Rider, Addison Reed of Mechanicsville, Virginia sat in the enviable last to go position today in the \$10,000 [Nutrena](#) Welcome Open Jumper Classic in the irons of Reed Training & Sales, LLC's *Goliath*.

As the 13th horse and rider to go, Reed proved that 13 was indeed her lucky number.

"I never thought of 13 as an unlucky number, it's always been lucky for me," said Reed.



With a first-round course time allowed set at 84 seconds, five advanced to a second-round opportunity and Mary Lisa Leffler of Brookeville, Maryland aboard Rolling Acres' *Zaza Z*, held the lead with a clear second round in a time of 35.111 seconds.

That is until Reed and *Goliath* entered the Dee Dee Arena.

"My plan was that I had a good enough step as anyone. I knew that I could leave some strides out in the first couple of lines, and I needed to make sure he knew where he was going and needed to get his eye on the liverpool," said Reed. "I wanted to see how many steps I could leave out to the last jump," she added.

With a clear first round, the pair advanced to a second-round opportunity. The powerful pair turned in a clear second round with a time of 34.734 seconds and took the lead and the win.

"I thought it was a good course today. It wasn't overly easy, but I didn't think it was overly difficult either. It was a good class for a Welcome," said Reed.

"He [*Goliath*] is difficult to ride but is easiest in the ring. He is a powerful force. I think this is our 4th year being together. My mom rode him and showed him one time here and I think I sold my horse and they let me ride him. It took us a while to get him figured out, but he's been a great horse for me. He's really sweet and is like a dog in the barn. He does tricks and even knows how to smile," she added.

Second place was awarded to Leffler and *Zaza Z* and Reed picked up a third place with Gail Thompson's *Doirin Clover Boy* for their clear second round in a time of 36.765 seconds.

Grace Long of Middleburg, Virginia rode Vaziri Sport Horses, LLC's *Harold* to a fourth-place finish for their clear second round in a time of 37.247 seconds and Thaisa Erwin of Middleburg, Virginia placed fifth and sixth with Michael Smith's *Vanturo* and her own *Jack*, respectively.

Tiffany Cambria of Upperville, Virginia earned a seventh place with Sabrina Hellman's *Independence* and Samantha Tuerk of Wellington, Florida rode Stony Ridge Management's *Camryn* to an eighth-place finish. Jackson Schurtz of Afton, Virginia and Jeanne McCusker's *Imago Z* wrapped up the class with a ninth place.

Reed is the daughter of professionals Sulu Rose-Reed and Derek Reed. "Working with my parents is a lot smoother than you'd think. We get along really well," Reed said. "We're a team," she added.

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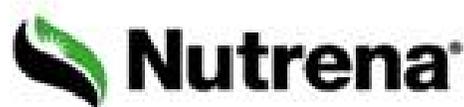
Jessica Lohman of Nutrena greets Addison Reed and Goliath in the winner's circle.



*Goliath shows off his smiling skills.*

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# Basalt Crowned 3'6" High Performance Hunter Division Champion

*Basalt*, owned by Heather Bamford and ridden by Ashley Foster of Brookeville, Maryland was awarded top honors today when they were crowned the 3'6" High Performance Hunter Division Championship.

"He's [*Basalt*] so perfect. He really doesn't put a wrong foot forward most days and he just has a wonderful canter," said Foster.

Foster and *Basalt* [also known as *Dave*] won the hack today and the over fences and were second in both over fences yesterday.

"We bought him about a year and a half ago from Daniel Geitner and his owner Heather Bamford rides him in the 3'6" AOs. Marylisa [Leffler] rode him mostly last year but had a lot going on over the winter so I got to ride him a lot. I really just did the 3' and 3'3" practice classes for Heather since she was doing a lot of the 3'6" AOs. But I will be riding him next week in the Derby," she added.

"We love showing here in Lexington," continued Foster. "I think WCHR week and the quality horses here make the competition really good. The show is great, and the Virginia Horse Center is a beautiful facility," she said. Foster has been showing at the Virginia Horse Center since she rode small and medium ponies. "I remember riding ponies in the coliseum as a kid," she said.

Ashley is the daughter of well-known horsewoman Patty Foster. "I love working with my mom. Working with family is kind of the best. Having Marylisa help me from the ring and my mom helping me from the ground perspective is great. We get along really well and they have so much wisdom to share. I really like it," she added.



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## Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday Pam Baker!



Happy Birthday Susan Lyman!

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## About the Virginia Festival of Champions

The 2022 Virginia Festival of Champions is underway. The Lexington Spring Premiere and the Lexington Spring Encore are events owned by the Virginia Horse Center Foundation and are benefit events for the Foundation. The Lexington National Horse Show concludes the 2022 Festival of Champions August 10th-14th.

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- \$25,000 Grand Prix each week
- [USHJA](#) Green Incentives
- Jumper 4 Star

Weekly schedules can viewed here for [Week I](#) and [Week II](#).

The third installment of the Virginia Festival of Champions takes place August 10-14. If you would like to sign up for the emailed version of the August prize list, [let us know](#)!

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