

Canadian Jumper Development Series

Canadian Young Horse Jumper Development Series Opens 2003 Ontario Season

Ancaster, Ontario – The Canadian Young Horse Jumper Development Series opened its 2003 Ontario season on June 1 at the Fox Run Jumper Show in Ancaster, ON.

Entries were high as the ever-growing Series offered competition for horses aged four, five and six and was judged by two-time British Olympian Tim Grubb. Joe Cocker, shown for W. Charlot Farms by rider Erynn Ballard, won the **Six-Year-Old Division** by posting the only double-clear round. The grey Westphalian stallion by the thoroughbred Julio Mariner xx and out of the Westphalian mare, Paola, was imported as a two-year-old and stands at stud at W. Charlot Farm. Until recently, his German breeder, Brigitte Zilling, retained ownership. In 2000, Joe Cocker was the winner of the Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association inspection and, in 2001, was the top placed horse in the Canadian Warmblood Stallion Performance test.



Erynn Ballard aboard W. Charlot Farm's Joe Cocker, winners of the Canadian Young Horse Jumper Development Series, Six-Year-Old Division, at the Fox Run Jumper Show.

“The Series is very important to Canadian Warmblood breeders as it gives us an opportunity to bring along young Canadian-bred horses at a reasonable cost, compete against all the imported horses and demonstrate that Canadian-bred horses can indeed be competitive against the European imports,” said Augustin Walch of W. Charlot Farm. “Hopefully, horse owners and professionals will realize over the next few years that very good performance horses are being bred in Canada and are not found only in Europe.”

Taking second place was Shakira, owned and ridden by Gord Munro, while Charles Ormston's Rio Riot, an Ontario-bred Canadian Warmblood gelding by Rio Grande, was piloted to third by Ballard.

Mill Creek Stables of Cambridge, ON, claimed top honours in the **Five-Year-Old Division**. Kaiser de la Cour, ridden by Simon McCarthy, is a chestnut selle francais stallion bred in Normandy, France, by Michel Couetil. By Narcos II out of Ulane de la Cour, Kaiser de la Cour was purchased by Mill Creek Stables as a three-year-old and was shown with much success in the Four-Year-Old Division of the Canadian Young Horse Jumper Development Series in 2002.

“I plan to continue developing this horse, as well as many others, through the Young Horse Jumper Development Series,” said Phil Henning of Mill Creek Stables. “I know from experience with the horses I have had in Europe that this is the best format for bringing a horse to their full potential.”

Placing second in the Five-Year-Old Division was Rings A Melody, a Canadian Sport Horse mare by Rio Grande owned by George and Shirley Milne and breeder, Linda Smith. Natalie Smith's Spotless placed third.

In the **Four-Year-Old Division**, the win was split between KingRidge Stables' Democrat 3E and W. Charlot Farm's Rio Ricardo. Bred by Epstein Equestrian Enterprises of King City, ON, Democrat 3E is registered with the Canadian Sport Horse Association. His sire, Cruising, was ridden to international acclaim by Ireland's Trevor Coyle while his dam, Betwixt, is a former grand prix competitor who carried Hugh Graham to the Chrysler Leading Canadian Rider Award at the 1991 Spruce Meadows Masters tournament. Like his mother before him, Democrat 3E tasted victory under Graham's guidance.

The striking bay Canadian Warmblood stallion, Rio's Ricardo, is by W. Charlot Farm's own Rio Grande, arguably the most successful hunter/jumper breeding sire in Canadian history. Interestingly, Rio's Ricardo was conceived through embryo transplant and was recently purchased from Dr. Pedro Jou. His dam, W. Charlot Farm's Gambia, is a Holsteiner mare by Landgraf I. The four-year-old is enjoying his first year of showing under Ballard, a short-listed member of the 2003 Canadian Show Jumping Team.

Placing third in the Four-Year-Old Division was another entry by the KingRidge Stables, Dividend 3E. Also shown by Graham, the Canadian Sport Horse gelding is by another former grand prix mount, Money Talks, a back-to-back winner of the \$100,000 Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Spruce Meadows North American tournament.

The purpose of the Canadian Young Horse Jumper Development Series is to encourage the development of young show jumping talent and to give Canadian breeders additional incentives to breed superior show jumper prospects. Competing on a level playing field, the horses are divided according to age and jump at a level suited to their development as 4, 5 or 6 year olds. This careful development allows the young horses to gain valuable experience and advance to the higher levels of show jumping competition with confidence.

"Our first show in Ancaster was a great start to the 2003 Canadian Young Horse Jumper Development Series here in Ontario," noted Dale Hawerchuk, Chair of the Canadian Young Horse Jumper Development Committee. "Each year, there is a new influx of quality young horses and riders in our Series and our opening event proved that this year is no exception."

In the Four and Five-Year-Old Divisions, horses are judged solely on their performance and style. In the Six-Year-Old Division, the top ten horses return for a jump-off, carrying forward any faults accumulated in the first round. In order to tabulate the Series standings, points are awarded according to the World Cup system with the number of points given based on the number of horses entered in each class.

Proud sponsors of the Canadian Young Horse Jumper Development Series include Amerigo Saddles, Canadian Sport Horse Association, Canterbrooke Farms, Cavalier, Gary Cooper Chev Olds, Grande Farms, KingRidge Stables, Mill Creek Stables, Turtle Jack Grill House restaurants, and W. Charlot Farms.

Six events follow in the Ontario calendar of the Canadian Young Horse Jumper Development Series before climaxing with the National Finals held during November's Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON. The next event will take place on June 13 during the Summer Classic in Palgrave, ON.

Canadian Young Horse Jumper Development Series – Ontario Standings Following Ancaster

Six-Year-Old Division

	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.	Joe Cocker	W. Charlot Farms	Erynn Ballard	14
2.	Shakira	Gord Munro	Gord Munro	11
3.	Rio Riot	Charles Ormston	Erynn Ballard	9
4.	Leonidas	Trish Crang	Jay Hayes	7
5.	Pacilipo	Van Reenen Stables	Peter Gisborne	6

Five-Year-Old Division

	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.	Kaiser de la Cour	Mill Creek Stables	Simon McCarthy	19
2.	Rings A Melody	Milne and Smith	Linda Smith	16
3.	Spotless	Aeden Ierullo	Natalie Smith	14
4.	Rio D'Oro	Robert McIntosh	Julie O'Connell	12
5.	Kes	Judith and R. Rathborne	Scott McKay	11

Four-Year-Old Division

	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.	Democrat 3E	KingRidge Stables	Hugh Graham	17.5
1.	Rio's Ricardo	W. Charlot Farms	Erynn Ballard	17.5
3.	Dividend 3E	KingRidge Stables	Hugh Graham	14
4.	Charlie's Angel	Mill Creek Stables	Simon McCarthy	12
5.	Dakota 3E	KingRidge Stables	Hugh Graham	6.67
5.	Déjà vu 3E	KingRidge Stables	Hugh Graham	6.67
5.	Roman	Mill Creek Stables	Simon McCarthy	6.67

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“Erynn Ballard aboard W. Charlot Farm's Joe Cocker, winners of the Canadian Young Horse Jumper Development Series, Six-Year-Old Division, at the Fox Run Jumper Show. Pictured with steward Sanie Fleming, left, and Series Chair, Dale Hawerchuk, right.”

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