ON THE CIRCUIT

National Horse Show wraps up stint in New Jersey

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Ian Millar takes $50,000 Grand Prix of New Jersey

Ian Millar of Ontario, Canada, the winningest grandprix rider on record, added another coup to his slate with a 34.89-second ride on Mistral to take The National Horse Show's feature, the $50,000 Budweiser Grand Prix of New Jersey. The show was held October 30-November 4 at the Brendan Byrne Arena at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, NJ.

Millar's win came two days after "Captain Canada" and Play It Again surged over the top blocks atop the six-foot, ten-inch "great wall" in the puissance (high jump) to win the fixture for the second time on the 1995 North American Indoor Circuit.

"These are two class horses who are neck and neck for Atlanta," said Millar, 48, who has two World Cup titles to his credit but has never won an Olympic medal in the six times he has represented his country at the Games.

The big-name individual wins eluded the U.S. Equestrian Team (USET), but the squad got the international team title with 127.5 points over Canada's 118.5. Chris Kappler of New Jersey was the leading national rider; and Eros, ridden by Anne Kursinski of New Jersey, was the leading international horse.

The show's leading international rider, Millar made the National's November 4 feature his 122nd confirmed grandprix victory, putting him on top in the statistics for the sport. He did it on the eight-year-old sport horse, bred by Gail Greenough, whose family still has an interest in her. Greenough sold the embryo-transplant daughter of Astragal to Millar when the gray part-Thoroughbred was five.



Ian Millar and Mistral won the $50,000 Budweiser Grand Prix of New Jersey. Photo by Karen Preston.

As Robert Ridland's course narrowed down the 27-entry field to three for the jump-off, Mistral proved her heart. After Nona Garson of New Jersey and her Pan Am Games mount, Derrek, pulled a rail in their 33.25-second elimination round, Mistral and Millar tackled the eight-fence route. Although her 34.89 trip was to claim first, she almost put herself out of contention at the third fence. Her left hind foot came down hard on her left front one, taking a gash out of it and pinning her shoe to the ground while her other three legs moved forward.

"I had only one option and that was to just ride her. She had to take care of herself," recalled Millar, who triumphed in the $50,000 President's Cup at the Washington (DC) International the prior weekend on the mare. Crediting her quality for her valiant effort, "it's what we call blood and heart. That is really when they'll show you that they fight to overcome adversity," said Millar, who won the National's fixture in 1986 and 1987 on his now-retired grandprix horse, Big Ben.

Margie Goldstein and her latest grandprix mount, Hidden Creek's Laurel, were left to try for the top money. The current leader in the American Grandprix Association's standings for the fourth time (1989, '91, '94, and '95), the Florida woman chose a conservative pace (40.13) with the seven-year-old mare for a faultless

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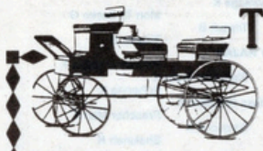
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"I'm thrilled with her. She's just starting in this level," said Goldstein, who didn't want a bad experience to sidetrack the Lucky Boy granddaughter's career.

As dainty as Mistral appeared in the ring, Play It Again physically and athletically towered over competitors in the three-horse puissance jump-off. When the 17.3-hand horse rounded the corner and faced off to the wall, "I felt serious power there. He did it better this week than he did it last" when he won the puissance at the Washington International, said Millar. He said he used the puissance as a training tool for the young horse, just as he had with Big Ben. Play It Again, who is also owned by the same group that owned Ben, had already won the class at the 1994 Royal Winter Fair in Toronto after co-winning it at the National the same year. And now "he could be on his way to Atlanta," Millar said.

Millar anchored the strong Canadian squad of Eric Lamaze (Rio Grande), John Pearce (Vagabond), and former Connecticut resident Jay Hayes (Raven) who took the Nations Cup on a 8.25-fault score for its first Cup victory since 1987. The USET, which won it in 1994, couldn't defend its title (which it won six times in the past seven years) with its sixteen-fault tally. Switzerland was third with 20 faults.

Tracey Bartko and her Paul Harvey made this National better than last year's by taking the amateur-owner jumper championship. In 1994 the Maryland woman and her former racehorse were reserve, but in 1995 the two had all blues except for a fifth in a speed class.

However, the title would be settled in the $5,000 final, the Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic, where the 24-year-old woman rode off against Wendy Chapot on her Newsgirl and two other hopefuls in the tiebreaker. Although both had a rail in the elimination round, Bartko's brown gelding flew in at 32.548 for the win to Chapot's homebred mare's 33.449.

Chapot, daughter of USET veterans Mary and Frank Chapot, gained more than the reserve championship from that class, which decided the 1995 Show Jumping Hall of Fame's series Eastern Conference championship. The Bedminster, NJ, woman, a full-time accountant and part-time amateur rider whose sister, Laura, took the title in 1994, had no idea until the morning of the class that she was in the running for the honor.

She and Newsgirl, a gray aged mare who is distantly related to Gem Twist (who was bred and is trained by her father), were only five points in the series standings behind another New Jerseyan, Jen Emmitt and her Freestyling. But the Bernardsville, NJ, woman and her speedy Canadian sport horse dropped two rails in the initial round of the Classic, putting them out of contention.

"When we were coming to the show this morning, Wendy had been talking about which stallion she would breed Newsgirl to next spring," recalled Mary Chapot. "But now I think those plans may be put on hold," she laughed.

Young rider overcomes adversity to take Good Hands championship

For eighteen-year-old Kate Jensen of Parker, CO, winning the Good Hands championship at the National was part of a family tradition. In 1991, her older sister Kristina rode in the competition and came in third. Kate won on a flashily marked, black seven-year-old gelding called Dark Command, who will probably now pass to Kate's younger sister, fifteen-year-old Anna. But if Anna makes it to the saddle-seat championship, it will be at Madison Square Garden, as the National returns to its former home next year.

Although she had the strong support of her parents and her trainer, Lillian Shively of DeLovely Farm in Rockport, IN, Jensen still had obstacles to overcome to take home the Good Hands perpetual trophy on November 3. Just a year before, she underwent surgery on both knees to correct a

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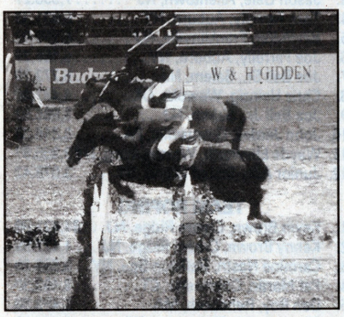
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Clockwise from top left: Kathy Von Ertfelda and Dutch give a dressage exhibition. Megan Johnstone of Orinda, CA, accepts the Rolex-ASPCA Maclay National Championship. Lise Quintero and Beat Grandjean are neck and neck in the $10,000 knock-out class. Kate Jensen, Parker, CO, and Dark Command take a victory pass after winning the Good Hands Championship. Photos by Karen Preston.

congenital problem. Shively pointed out that this is even more amazing as she considers Jensen's work without stirrups to be now her strongest point. "Her lower body is unbelievable, very tight." Sitting in the press conference afterward, Jensen's mother joked that they should send a framed picture of her to her doctor for his office wall. Shively was lavish in praise of her student, whom she says has brought a "breath of fresh air into the division because she's so bold." Asked for her reaction to the win, Jensen simply replied, "I'm speechless in New Jersey."

The other finishers in the Good Hands competition were (in order): Matthew Williams, Andrea Perry, Sarah Cronan, Kristen Petty, Elizabeth Andrus, Kimberly Wolak, and Tara Hattery.

Californian takes Maclay title

As always, the National concluded with the Rolex-Maclay National Championship for the ASPCA Horsemanship classes. This year, more than 200 competitors from all over the U.S. and Canada converged on the Meadowlands. Among the competitors were Courtney Donaldson, last year's second-place finisher; and California resident Megan Johnstone, who also competes as an amateur in grandprix classes.

The 213 competitors arrived on a cold, bright morning (many of them long before dawn) to prepare to negotiate the fourteen-obstacle course. From that first group, only 36 would go on to the next round. For many of the rest, it was a very long trip for a short moment in the spotlight, particularly for those who ran into trouble and heard the dreaded "Thank you." The vast arena was

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