

# The Royal<sup>®</sup> HORSE SHOW

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## **Kilby Brunner Deforest Crowned MarBill Hill Farm Royal Pony Jumper Final Winner**

Toronto, Ontario – Kilby Brunner Deforest of Hillsburgh, ON, claimed a victory in the \$5,000 MarBill Hill Farm Royal Pony Jumper Final to take the division championship riding Beaverwood's Halo on Sunday, November 3, at the 96th Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, ON.

The top spots were decided in a two-horse jump-off duel between 14-year-old Brunner Deforest and Tatum Horan of Oakville, ON. Horan, riding Royal, led off and was clear over the course, designed by Ireland's Alan Wade, to post the time to beat at 29.50 seconds. Brunner Deforest returned second and handily took over the lead by nearly two seconds with a time of 27.88 seconds.



*Kilby Brunner Deforest of Hillsburgh, ON, rode Beaverwood's Halo to the win in the \$5,000 Royal Pony Jumper Final, presented by MarBill Hill Farm, on Sunday, November 4.*

***Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography***

Grace Stevenson of Lakeside, NB, piloted Ever So Clever, owned by Foshay South Eventing, to third by posting the fastest four-fault round over the original course, while Eva Marquis of Caledon, ON, settled for fourth riding Red On A Roll for owner Mark Marquis. Maya Chahine of Oakville, ON, rounded out the top five with I Love Lucy, owned by Julie Taddeo.

After also winning the stake class earlier in the day, Brunner Deforest was presented with Royal All-Canadian Pony Jumper Championship title, presented by MarBill Hill Farm.

“This is my fifth time competing in the pony jumpers at The Royal, and it’s exciting to be here!” said Brunner Deforst, who was reserve champion in pony jumper competition at The Royal in both 2016 and 2017. “This is a new pony for me; I got her one year ago and have been competing on her all summer.

“She is very fast and really good in the turns,” continued Brunner Deforest of her 14-year-old mare owned by Kristen Brunner. “She’s very confident and handled the noise and the [Coca-Cola Coliseum] very well. I love coming here and competing over a few days in front of a big crowd.”



*Alexa Clark (left) and Marion Cunningham (right) presented Kilby Brunner Deforest of Hillsburgh, ON, and Beaverwood’s Halo with the 2018 Royal All-Canadian Pony Jumper Championship title, presented by MarBill Hill Farm. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography*

While Brunner Deforest and Beaverwood’s Halo put all the pieces together for a win at the Royal Horse Show, their connection took some effort.

“She is a complicated, and in the beginning of the season we were trying other bits and a lot of different things,” said Brunner Deforest. “But, we realized I just needed to learn to ride her. We went to a plain, simple snaffle, and I got to know her not try to train her. Other than me telling her to “whoa”, she does it all.”

Also claiming a championship on Sunday afternoon was Jordan Macpherson of Toronto, ON, aboard Fiestamunde, owned by Sved Stables Ltd.

Macpherson and the eight-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare finished third in Sunday morning's \$2,500 Junior/Amateur Jumper Speed Competition before returning later in the day to win the \$10,000 Dominion Regalia Limited Junior/Amateur Jumper Royal Stake and ultimately the Royal All Canadian Junior/Amateur Jumper Championship, presented by Dominion Regalia Limited.

"The Royal is always such a great event in front of the home crowd," said Macpherson. "It's great to win, but it's even better when you win at The Royal!"



*Jordan Macpherson of Toronto, ON, won the \$10,000 Junior/Amateur Jumper Royal Stake and the Royal All-Canadian Junior/Amateur Jumper Championship, presented by Dominion Regalia Limited, riding Fiestamunde.  
Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography*

Macpherson and Fiestamunde were one of four entries to advance to the jump-off in Sunday afternoon's stake class, and over the short course, they stopped the clock clear in a time of 39.38 seconds. Finishing in second with the only additional double-clear effort was Sara Tindale of Campbellville, ON, riding Djibab van de Linthorst, owned by Tindale Farms. Rounding out the top three was Hubert Lamontagne of Montréal, QC, riding his own Dalton to four faults in a time of 38.64 seconds. Fourth place with 13 faults in the jump-off went to Veronica Bot of Burlington, ON, aboard Quidam's Caprice M, owned by AEI Corp.

## **Isabelle Lapierre and Carrera S Claim \$15,000 Braeburn Farms Hunter Derby Victory**

Isabelle Lapierre of Lévis, QC, rode away with the win in the \$15,000 Braeburn Farms Hunter Derby, presented by Rosemary Phelan – Braeburn Farms, at the Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON.

When Lapierre and Carrera S, an eight-year-old Holsteiner gelding owned by Johannie Légaré, entered the Coca-Cola Coliseum as the final of 20 entries to contest the Rob Carey designed track, Erynn Ballard and Enchanted held the lead with an overall score of 100, including handy and high option bonus points. Lapierre and Carrera S not only bested Ballard's score, they did so by a sizeable margin, earning a base score of 95 and a grand total score of 113.

“It’s always a surprise when you get your score,” said Lapierre, a longtime Royal Horse Show competitor in both the hunter and jumper divisions. “I’m always the one, when I come out, I don’t really show so much emotion, because you never know what to expect. Then when they said 113, I was like ‘oh my God!’ I knew he was good, but not that good! It just all happens so fast.

“I really like the derbies,” continued Lapierre. “You can make plans, but you can change it based on the way it’s going in the ring. You have to think a bit how to do it. If you win, it’s not because you only have a good horse, it’s because you have to do the course well.”



*Isabelle Lapierre of Lévis, QC, and Carrera S won the \$15,000 Braeburn Farms Hunter Derby on Sunday, November 4. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography*

With Lapierre clinching the win, Ballard of Tottenham, ON, and Enchanted, owned by Christel Weller, took second, while third place with a score of 99 went to Kristjan Good of Campbellville, ON, riding Stakkato Grande W for owner Augustin Walch.

Each of the horses in Sunday afternoon’s class qualified to compete in the event through the Canadian Hunter Derby Series, running throughout the season at horse shows across the country. Hunter Derby competition returns to the Coca-Cola Coliseum on Tuesday, November 6, with the \$25,000

Knightwood Hunter Derby beginning at 7 p.m. The overall high point horse from both the Braeburn Farms Hunter Derby and the Knightwood Hunter Derby will be presented with the Lorna Jean Guthrie Challenge Trophy.

The Royal Horse Show continues with amateur-owner and adult hunter competition on Monday, November 5, as well as the Jump Canada National Medal Finals and all-new Dressage Derby taking up the spotlight on Tuesday, November 6. The international show jumping division opens on Wednesday, November 7, featuring the \$36,000 Jolera International Welcome in the evening session as anticipation builds for the \$205,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Toronto, presented by GroupBy, on Saturday night, November 10.

More than 1,000 horses from around the globe will compete for \$980,000 in prize money during the 10-day CSI4\*-W Royal Horse Show. VIP Platinum and Gold seating, as well as group and individual tickets, are selling quickly. All Royal Horse Show tickets include general admission to the Fair. Link: <https://www.ticketmaster.ca/Royal-Winter-Fair-Horse-Show-tickets/artist/891637>

For more information on the Royal Horse Show, the marquee event of The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, please visit [www.royalfair.org/horseshow.html](http://www.royalfair.org/horseshow.html).

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### **\$5,000 MarBill Hill Farm Royal Pony Jumper Final Sunday, November 4**

#### Rider Hometown Horse Faults/Time

1. Kilby Brunner Deforest Hillsburgh, ON Beaverwood's Halo 0/0/27.88
2. Tatum Horan Oakville, ON Royal 0/0/29.50
3. Grace Stevenson Lakeside, NB Ever So Clever 4
4. Eva Marquis Caledon, ON Red On A Roll 4
5. Maya Chahine Oakville, ON I Love Lucy 4
6. Sydney Freeman Bracebridge, ON No Rhyme, No Reason 8
7. Enjoli Hue Oakville, ON Bold Ambition 8
8. Isabella Weinstein Toronto, ON Moody Blue 9
9. Erin Oswald Rigaud, QC Brookside Look At Me 10
10. Hayden Kova McCahon Severn Township, ON Silver Rush 12

### **\$10,000 Dominion Regalia Limited Junior/Amateur Jumper Royal Stake – Final Results Sunday, November 4**

#### Rider Hometown Horse Faults/Time

1. Jordan MacPherson. Toronto, ON Fiestamunde 0/0/39.38
2. Sara Tindale Campbellville, ON Djibab Van De Linthorst 0/0/44.91
3. Hubert Lamontagne St. Eustache, QC Dalton 0/4/38.64
4. Veronica Bot Burlington, ON Quidam's Caprice M 0/13/53.29
5. Sadie Leon Mississauga, ON Camilla 4
6. Jasmine Wiggins Waterloo, ON Aberdeen 33 5
7. Ashlee Steffens Harriston, ON Braveheart de Muze 5

8. Sierra Mark. Augusta, ON Heat Wave 3E 8
9. Mackenzie Wray Loretto, ON Jewel LVP 8
10. Emma Slaunwhite Sutton, ON Truly Canadian 8

**\$15,000 Braeburn Farms Hunter Derby – Final Results  
Sunday, November 4**

Rider Hometown Horse Score

1. Isabelle Lapierre Lévis, QC Carrera S 113
2. Erynn Ballard Tottenham, ON Enchanted 100
3. Kristjan Good Campbellville, ON Stakkato Grande W 99
4. Dee Walker Nobleton, ON Miracle 95
5. Anya Bereznicki Calgary, AB East 94
6. Margaret (Muffie) Guthrie Guelph, ON Damiro van ter Notelaeren 93
7. Denis Sweeney Keene, ON Diamo Blue 87
8. Kassidy Keith Caledon, ON Carivero 86.5
9. Erynn Ballard Tottenham, ON 'Round Midnight 86
10. Isabelle Lapierre Lévis, QC Excellent Balou. 85

***About The Royal***

*The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is the world's largest combined indoor agricultural and equestrian event. This year marks the 96<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair at Exhibition Place in Toronto, Canada, from November 2-11, 2018. For competition schedules, live webcasting, results, and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.royalfair.org](http://www.royalfair.org).*