



Gregory Watheliet & Hugo Gasmery in La Baule, France.

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contested \$25,000 Del Mar National Horse Show Equitation Championship. Hansan, who missed the top twelve in phase one, came from behind to gather in a third place finish in the second phase of the three phase competition and then held steady to finish third in the overall championship. Nicole Simpson and Jenny Karazsis finished first and second.

At Del Mar National, junior rider Bliss Heers topped a field of seventeen competitors to share the victory in the Hunter Phase of the Washington International Horse Show Equitation Class and finished seventh in the USEF Show Jumping Talent Search. Heers

also took home five ribbons in the Large Junior Hunter section aboard her mount, *Centra*, owned by Bridgeside Farm, LLC. This week at Ranch and Coast, Heers was fifth in the Washington and seventh in the CPHA Hunt Seat Medal. *★*

JustWorld International Ambassador Gregory Watheliet Wins at CSIO La Baule

May 13, 2005: For the second year in a row, a JustWorld Rider Representative claimed victory in the 45,000 Speed Derby held at CSIO La Baule, France, from May 4-8, 2005.

One year after Herve Godignon of France claimed top honours, Gregory Watheliet of Belgium took his turn in the winner's circle, piloting *Hugo Gasmery*, a 10-year-old Selle Francais stallion, to the win. His time of 141.15 seconds over a challenging track that includes open water and natural obstacles was more than three seconds faster than his nearest competitor, Michel Hercart of France, who finished second for the second year in a row riding the aptly named, *That's Life*. The defending champions, Godignon and his long-time partner, the Selle Francais stallion *Calypso d'Herbiers*, were forced to settle for sixth this year.

Watheliet is one of Belgium's fastest rising stars. Since winning the Belgian Young Riders' Championship in 2001, he has gone on to enjoy great success riding horses for Yves Lauwers' Haras des Hayettes, including his Derby partner, *Hugo Gasmery*, a 10-year-old Selle Francais stallion by *Rosire*. In 2004, the pair placed third in the Series Final held at the World Breeding Championship in Lanaken, Belgium.

JustWorld International Rider Representatives include Angela Covert of Canada, Kevin Babbington of Ireland, Christophe Barbeau of Switzerland, Federico Fernandez of Mexico, Marcus Fuchs of Switzerland, Herve Godignon of France, Inke Hofschroer of Germany, Eric Lamaze of Canada, Rutherford Latham of Spain, Olivier Guillon of France, Candice King of the United States, Titi Mills of Honduras, Eric Navet of France, Ludo Philippaerts of Belgium, Ray

Texel of the United States, Marilyn Vorpe of Switzerland and Gregory Watheliet of Belgium. Through various initiatives, including donating a portion of their prize money or giving clinics to benefit JustWorld International, riders are able to support the organization's projects and programs. *★*

California Win For Young BC Rider

May 2, 2005: In their first outing of the 2005 show jumping season Christopher Lowe of Burnaby, BC won the Showpark Spring Festival Open Jumper Classic in Del Mar, CA aboard *Jackpot*, the 10-year-Oldenburg gelding he has partnered with for five years. They put in the fastest of only two clear rounds over a very technical challenging track set by international course designer Leopoldo Palacios of Venezuela.

"It's really exciting to start the season so positively," said Lowe. "It means we are on track, and it can only get better from here."

Lowe, a full time business student at Vancouver, BC's Simon Fraser University, is unable to compete at the southern U.S. shows during the winter months where many riders get a start on the show jumping season. "This is a real boost of confidence," said Lowe, who piloted *Jackpot* around the 14-obstacle course that he described as "scopey, with tricky lines."

One of Canada's most talented up and coming show jumping riders, Lowe has been steadily climbing through the ranks of show jumping in Canada with considerable success along the way. In 1999 he was named the World Champion Hunter rider. He rode on the B.C. North American Young Riders, Team in 2000 and 2004, and last year received the Molson Three Star Award for Leading Canadian Rider at Spruce Meadows in Calgary. In April he was awarded British Columbia's 2004 Premier's Athletic Award for Male Equestrian Athlete of the Year.

Following three weeks of competition in California Lowe will be travelling to Alberta for the Edmonton Northlands Horse Show where he will compete in the Kubota Cup Grand Prix, and then on to Spruce Meadows for four

B.C. Health Minister Shirley Bond presents Christopher Lowe with 2004 Premier's Athletic Award.



weeks of competition at the world's number one ranked show jumping facility. *★*

EVENTING REPORT

Pippa Funnell Clinches Third Badminton Title

May 8, 2005: British eventing's golden girl Pippa Funnell dominated the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horses Trials from start to finish aboard her Olympic mount *Primmore's Pride*. The pair started with a fantastic dressage score, had time penalties but jumped clear cross country, and then produced another clear round in the final show jumping phase under the utmost pressure this afternoon. Pippa showed her expertise and kept her cool throughout, jumping clear and within the time over the colored poles, clinching her third Badminton title within four years. Not to mention the \$50,000 first prize money.

This is was the first Badminton win for the 12 year-old *Primmore's Pride*. The Olympic bronze winning horse is no stranger to the

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