

# Off-the-Track Thoroughbred Tops Open Jumpers at Ottawa National Horse Show

Ottawa, Ontario – Camille Ostiguy Duplain of Montreal, QC, topped a competitive field to win the 1.25m Open Jumper speed competition on Thursday, July 13, at the Ottawa National Horse Show at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, ON.

Duplain earned the win aboard Run Forrest Run, a 12-year-old Thoroughbred and former racehorse that she purchased off the track five years ago. The duo was the fastest of 27 entries, taking the win with a time of 58.11 seconds. Finishing a close second was Kim Farlinger of Orangeville, ON, who crossed the timers in 58.14 seconds riding Cayman. Rounding out the top three with a time of 61.30 seconds was Sam Pegg of Cannington, ON, riding Peri Pur.

“I was trying to train him as an eventing horse before, but he didn’t really like the water and the woods and everything that goes along with eventing,” Duplain said of Run Forrest Run, better known as ‘FoFo’ around the barn. “However, he does love to jump, so four years ago we changed to jumpers.”

Since then, Run Forrest Run has stayed true to his racehorse roots and proven successful as a speed horse. Duplain plans to campaign her mount in the \$7,500 Lynn Millar Memorial Speed Derby on Saturday afternoon, July 15.

“This is our first year coming to the Ottawa National Horse Show; it’s really, really cool!” said Duplain, who trains with Nicolas Xavier Belanger. “I really love the grass ring. It’s a big ring, and it’s nice to ride in. And the All-Weather Ring, as we saw this morning after the rain, is really all-weather! The footing was perfect, and we’re looking forward to jumping on the grass this weekend.”

Another first-time visitor to the Ottawa Horse Show, Tamara Ducatel of Oka, QC, won the 1.20m Junior/Amateur speed competition. Ducatel had the fastest time of 58.57 seconds aboard Mylenium Joe, a 12-year-old bay gelding that she has owned for six years. Samantha Cowan and Woegandia finished second with a time of 60.60 seconds while Alexandre Gonzalez was third with a time of 62.14 seconds riding Let’s Go Star.

“Mylenium Joe is my best horse; I love him so much!” said Ducatel. “He gives me everything; his heart, his body, the planet! I have so much ability to remove some strides between two jumps with him, so when it’s a speed class or a jump-off, I know he knows perfectly what he has to do. It’s really easy to win a class like that. I just have to be in my place, and he’ll do the rest.”

Ducatel is looking next forward to competing with Mylenium Joe in the \$1,500 1.20m Junior/Amateur Classic, presented by South American Show Jumping, on Sunday afternoon, July 16, on Wesley Clover Parks’ expansive grass Grand Prix field.

Additional competition highlights at the Ottawa National Horse Show include Friday’s \$20,000 Wellings of Stittsville Open Welcome at 11:30 p.m. followed by the \$10,000 Canadian Hunter Derby at 4 p.m. Saturday will feature the \$2,500 Royal LePage Team Realty Canine Equine Relay beginning at 1 p.m., immediately followed by the \$7,500 Lynn Millar Memorial Speed Derby. The first week of competition culminates with the \$50,000 Brookstreet Hotel Grand Prix at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 16.

Amber Marshall will be making a special guest appearance at the Ottawa National Horse Show on Saturday, July 15, and Sunday, July 16. The star of star of CBC’s award-winning Heartland, Marshall will emcee festivities for the entertainment of spectators and competitors alike.

Admission to the Ottawa National and CSI3\* Ottawa International Horse Shows is \$5 a day at the gate, with weekly admission passes available for \$20. Children aged three and under are admitted free.

For more information on the Ottawa National and CSI3\* Ottawa International Horse Shows, visit [www.wesleycloverparks.com](http://www.wesleycloverparks.com). Be sure to keep up with all the action by following Wesley Clover Parks on Facebook here.

The Government of Ontario has generously provided funding support for the Ottawa National and CSI3\* Ottawa International Horse Shows.

**Photos:**

**Top Right:** Camille Ostiguy Duplain of Montreal, QC, won the 1.25m Open Jumper speed competition on Thursday, July 13, at the Ottawa National Horse Show at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, ON. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

**Top Left:** Tamara Ducatel of Oka, QC, riding Mylenium Joe won the 1.20m Junior/Amateur speed competition on July 13 during her Ottawa National Horse Show debut. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography



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