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## Hugh Graham Does it Again in \$132,000 Grand Prix at CSI3\* Ottawa International Horse Show

Ottawa, Ontario – Hugh Graham of Schomberg, ON, scored a major grand prix win for the second week in a row, claiming victory in the \$132,000 CSI3\* Grand Prix on Saturday, July 21, at the CSI3\* Ottawa International Horse Show, held at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, ON. With the same mount, Knock Out 3E, Graham won the \$50,000

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Hugh Graham of Schomberg, ON, scored a major grand prix win for the second week in a row at Wesley Clover Parks, claiming victory in the \$132,000 CSI3\* Grand Prix riding Knock Out 3E on Saturday, July 21, at the CSI3\* Ottawa International Horse Show in Ottawa, ON. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

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## Canada Will Host The Most Prestigious Equestrian Competition In The World



*The Longines Global Champions Tour will stop in Montreal, Quebec in 2019*

Montreal, Monday, July 23, 2018 - In September 2019, Canada will host a leg in the Longines Global Champions Tour, the world's premier equestrian sports series. The city of Montreal is thus becoming one of the twenty legs in this international series held in the world's largest cities.

"I am delighted to add Canada to our circuit and to be staging a leg of the series in Montreal, Quebec. We have fantastic destinations around the world and it is important to continue to bring

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## Ottawa Horse Show

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Brookstreet Grand Prix on Saturday, July 14, during the Ottawa National Horse Show.

"When you knock 'em dead two times in a row, you've got to be smiling!" said Graham who, at the age of

year-old grey Belgian Warmblood gelding (Ugano Sitte x Mr. Blue).

Three more would challenge Graham, with only Davis managing to leave all the rails in place with Caracho 14, a nine-year-old bay Holsteiner gelding (Dobel's Cento x Acodetto) owned by Old Oak Farm. Their time, however, of 41.80 seconds would leave the pair in fourth place. Hyde

my best horses ever. I get excited when I get up in the morning to go ride."

Bred by his long-time supporter, KingRidge Stables of King City, ON, Graham has ridden Knock Out 3E for the duration of the horse's career.

"He's a winner," said Graham of the 12-year-old bay Canadian Sport Horse gelding (Jamestown x Class Action). "He's been a winner his whole life. He won when he was a six-year-old; he won when he was a seven-year-old; he's won about 10 grand prix so far, and now he's won two here. This horse has got it all!"

Visit [www.OttawaEquestrianTournaments.com](http://www.OttawaEquestrianTournaments.com) for more information on the CSI3\* Ottawa International Horse Shows.

### \$132,000 CSI3\* Ottawa International Grand Prix – Saturday, July 21

Rider/ Hometown/ Horse/ Faults/ Time

1. Hugh Graham, Schomberg, ON, Knock Out 3E, 0:0, 38.06
2. Vanessa Mannix Calgary, AB, Hey Jude, 0:0, 39.29
3. Beth Underhill, Schomberg, ON, Count Me In, 0:0, 41.22
4. Lucy Davis, United States, Caracho 14, 0:0, 41.80
5. Hyde Moffatt, Brantford, ON, Grafton, 0:4, 38.82
6. Ian Millar, Perth, ON, Truman, 0:4, 40.33
7. Courtney Vince, Burlington, ON, Valetto JX, 0:4, 42.12
8. Jonathan McCrea, United States, Aristoteles V, 0:8, 38.62
9. Jonathon Millar, Perth, ON, Dublin, 1
10. Kean White, Rockwood, ON, Leilani, 4
11. Conor Swail, Ireland, Domino van de Valhoeve, 4
12. Jonathan McCrea, United States, Win For Life, 4



Canadian Olympian Beth Underhill of Schomberg, ON, took third in the \$132,000 CSI3\* Grand Prix riding Count Me In for owner Sandy Lupton. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

69, has already been inducted into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame. "Obviously winning back-to-back is a big deal, because there are a lot of people in this class, a lot of good horses, and a lot of good riders."

Moffatt, 39, of Brantford, ON, took a gamble by leaving out a stride with his new ride, Ariel Grange's Grafton, a 12-year-old chestnut selle francais stallion (Calvaro x Vondeen). While it



Vanessa Mannix of Calgary, AB, finished runner-up in the \$132,000 CSI3\* Grand Prix in her Ottawa International Horse Show debut riding Hey Jude. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

A veteran of Olympic, World Championship, and Pan American Games competition, Graham was one of eight riders from the original 29-horse starting field to jump clear over the first round track set by Ireland's Alan Wade, who will also be the course designer at the upcoming FEI World Equestrian Games in Tryon, NC. Graham was joined in the jump-off by seven other horse-rider combinations including 10-time Canadian Olympian Ian Millar and 2016 Olympic team silver medalist Lucy Davis of the United States.

As the fifth rider to return for the jump-off, Graham was cheered on by the crowd as he sliced and diced his way around the course. Stopping the clock in 38.06 seconds, Graham took over the lead from Ottawa International Horse Show debutant Vanessa Mannix, 29, of Calgary, AB, who had posted a time of 39.29 seconds with her new mount, Hey Jude, a nine-

paid off on the clock with a time of 38.82 seconds, a rail down left the pair in fifth place overall. When the final jump-off challenger, Courtney Vince, 38, of Burlington, ON, dropped a rail with Valetto JX, a 16-year-old grey Scottish Sport Horse gelding owned by Ashford Farm, Graham claimed the grand prix victory for the second week in a row.

"I watched a couple go, and I saw what everybody was doing," said Graham of his jump-off strategy. "I know my horse's strengths, and I capitalized on them. He's got a big stride, and he can motor. I've had lots of jumpers in my career, and all of them have had different strengths. I try to win with their strengths."

As for the secret to his longevity in the sport, Graham noted, "I ride every day and have fun. If it stops being fun, I won't do it. Of course, when you have great horses, it gets you excited, and I think this is one of



Hugh Graham, center, hoists the trophy following his win in the \$132,000 CSI3\* Ottawa International Grand Prix. Presenting on behalf of Wesley Clover Parks are Lady Ann Matthews and Chief Operating Officer, Tony Dunn. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

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