

Eric Lamaze

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Lou, all eyes turned to Canada's Mario Deslauriers and Amsterdam 27. The 1984 World Cup champion took his best shot, coming home in 38.67 seconds, just two hundredths of a second behind Lamaze and one hundredth of a second in front of Guerdat. It was all up to the final challenger, Germany's Philipp Weishaupt. Riding CHE Fantastica, Weishaupt crossed the timers in 38.78 seconds. While seemingly close to Lamaze's winning time of 38.65 seconds, it would only land him fifth in the final standings.

Some horses are more agile than others at being able to go fast, and it sure makes our lives easier. My horse deserves a lot of the credit."

Despite her winning form, Lamaze is already thinking ahead to Fine Lady 5's future.

"She's 16 this year, and she's been an incredible horse for me," said Lamaze of his Olympic individual bronze medal partner at the 2016 Rio Olympics. "It's hard to think retirement when you see her jumping like this, but I want to leave with her winning and feeling great about the sport. She deserves it."

Earlier in the week, Lamaze and Fine



Linda Southern, President and Chief Executive Officer of Spruce Meadows, and Eric Lamaze hoist the Friends of the Meadows Grand Prix trophy. Photo by Sportfot

"I have never seen an event where the riders were this close," remarked Vaillancourt, the only Canadian show jumping athlete other than Lamaze to have won an individual Olympic medal, claiming silver at the 1976 Montreal Olympics.

"It was a great jump-off; everybody in there knows how to go fast!" said Lamaze, 51. "Anyone could have won today but my horse seems to jump the lowest in the air; she just skimmed the last fence. She jumps quite flat and lands carrying the speed.

Lady 5 finished second to Farrington and Creedance in the Scotiabank Cup on Friday night, June 14. At last week's CSI5* 'National' tournament, the pair topped a 14-horse jump-off to win the PwC Cup on Thursday, June 6.

Lamaze is the all-time leading money winner at Spruce Meadows with more than \$6 million in career earnings. For more information on Eric Lamaze and his Torrey Pines Stable, visit www.ericlamaze.com.

Julia Madigan Wins \$15,000 Ottawa Welcome Grand Prix

Ottawa, Ontario – Julia Madigan of Vancouver, BC, and Farfelu du Printemps won the \$15,000 Ottawa Welcome Grand Prix on Saturday, June 22, at the Ottawa Welcome Horse Show, held June 19-23 at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, ON.

A starting field of 24 entries contested the featured class of the Ottawa Welcome with seven horse-and-rider combinations jumping clear over the Nick Granat-designed course. Madigan was the first of the seven qualifiers to return for the jump-off, but she and Farfelu du Printemps' clear time of 35.74 seconds would hold up through to the end to secure them the victory.

"I was confident in [Farfelu du Printemps], but you never know!" said Madigan, 22, of her jump-off round. "As the first rider, I hopefully put a little pressure on the other riders."

Finishing in second with a time of 37.53 seconds was 2016 Rio Olympian Amy Millar of Perth, ON, aboard Ericson, owned by Millar Brooke Farm, and Ottawa's own Christine Wiggins rounded out the top three with a time of 38.90 seconds riding her own Evalien.

The victory marks one of many for Madigan and the 14-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding (Action-Breaker x Darco), owned by John Madigan, that she has been partnered with for almost five years.

"He's always a really quick horse," said Madigan, who notably



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claimed the U25 Championship at the 2018 Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON, with Farfelu du Printemps. "He doesn't jump with much margin over the jumps. He sees how high they are, and he'll jump that high. So that makes him very fast compared to some other horses who sometimes put more effort in over the jumps."

"He's jumped a lot, so he knows his job in the ring, and usually when I pick up the canter, I just try to get him in front of me so I have a good canter going to the first jump," continued Madigan, who was quick to thank her trainer, Canadian Olympic team silver medalist Jill Henselwood, and Henselwood's team at Juniper Farms in Oxford, ON, for her suc-

cess on Saturday. "Then I just try to stick to my plan and hope that he's going to leave the jumps up with me!"

Madigan also enjoyed a sixth-place finish in the \$15,000 Ottawa Welcome Grand Prix with Dee Jee, owned by Juniper Farms. Madigan plans a return trip to Wesley Clover Parks for the remaining two weeks of the Ottawa Equestrian Tournaments, including the CSI2* Ottawa International I and the CSI3* Ottawa International 3, to be held July 10-14 and July 17-21, respectively.

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