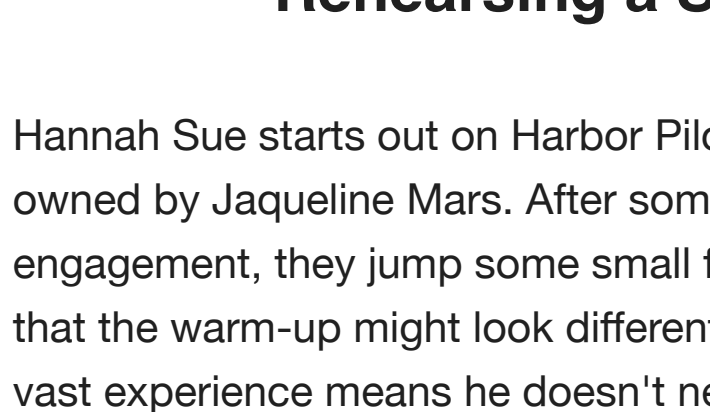


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H&C Masterclass with Hannah Sue and Matt Hollberg

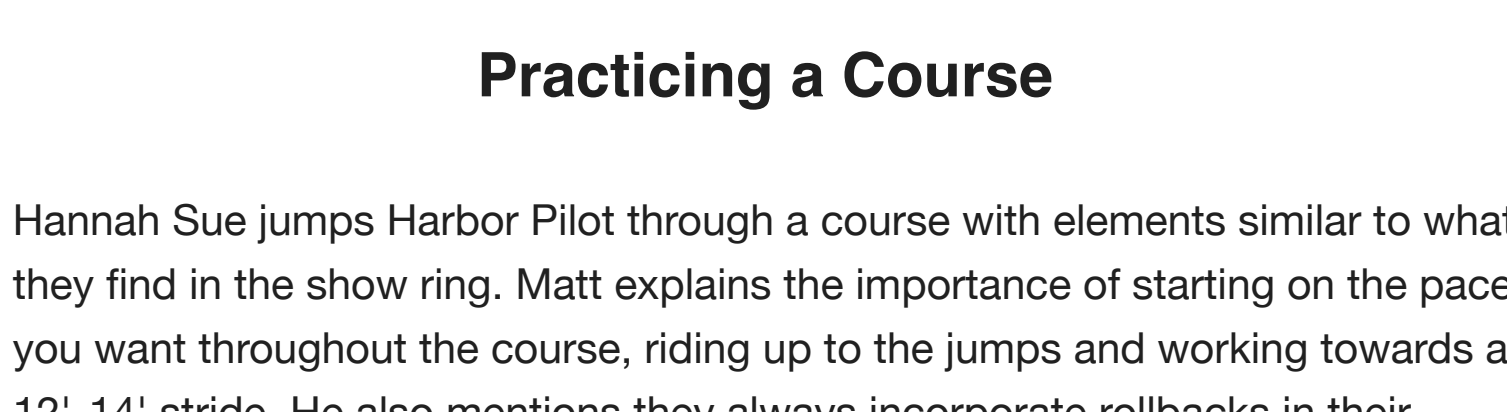
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Check out H&C's latest Masterclass episode, presented by [MARS Equestrian](#), with Pan American team gold and individual silver medalist Hannah Sue Hollberg and her husband, top trainer Matt Hollberg. They demonstrate their training techniques to consistently jump clear rounds by breaking things down step by step.

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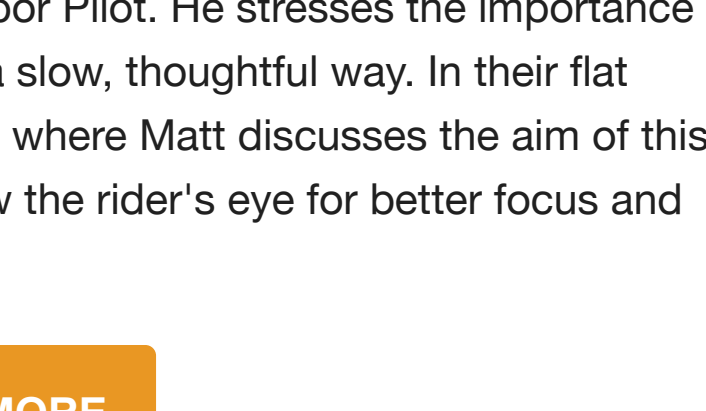
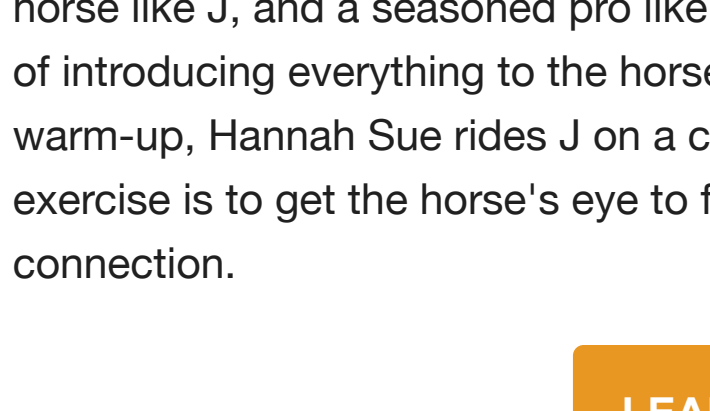
Rehearsing a Show Day Warm-Up

Hannah Sue starts out on Harbor Pilot, her Pan American partner, bred and owned by Jaqueline Mars. After some flatwork aiming for forward engagement, they jump some small fences to get warmed-up. Matt discusses that the warm-up might look different for different horses, noting Harbor Pilot's vast experience means he doesn't need much preparation to be ready to win.



Practicing a Course

Hannah Sue jumps Harbor Pilot through a course with elements similar to what they find in the show ring. Matt explains the importance of starting on the pace you want throughout the course, riding up to the jumps and working towards a 12'-14' stride. He also mentions they always incorporate rollbacks in their coursework to ensure the horses are looking ahead to the next fence along with the rider's eye.



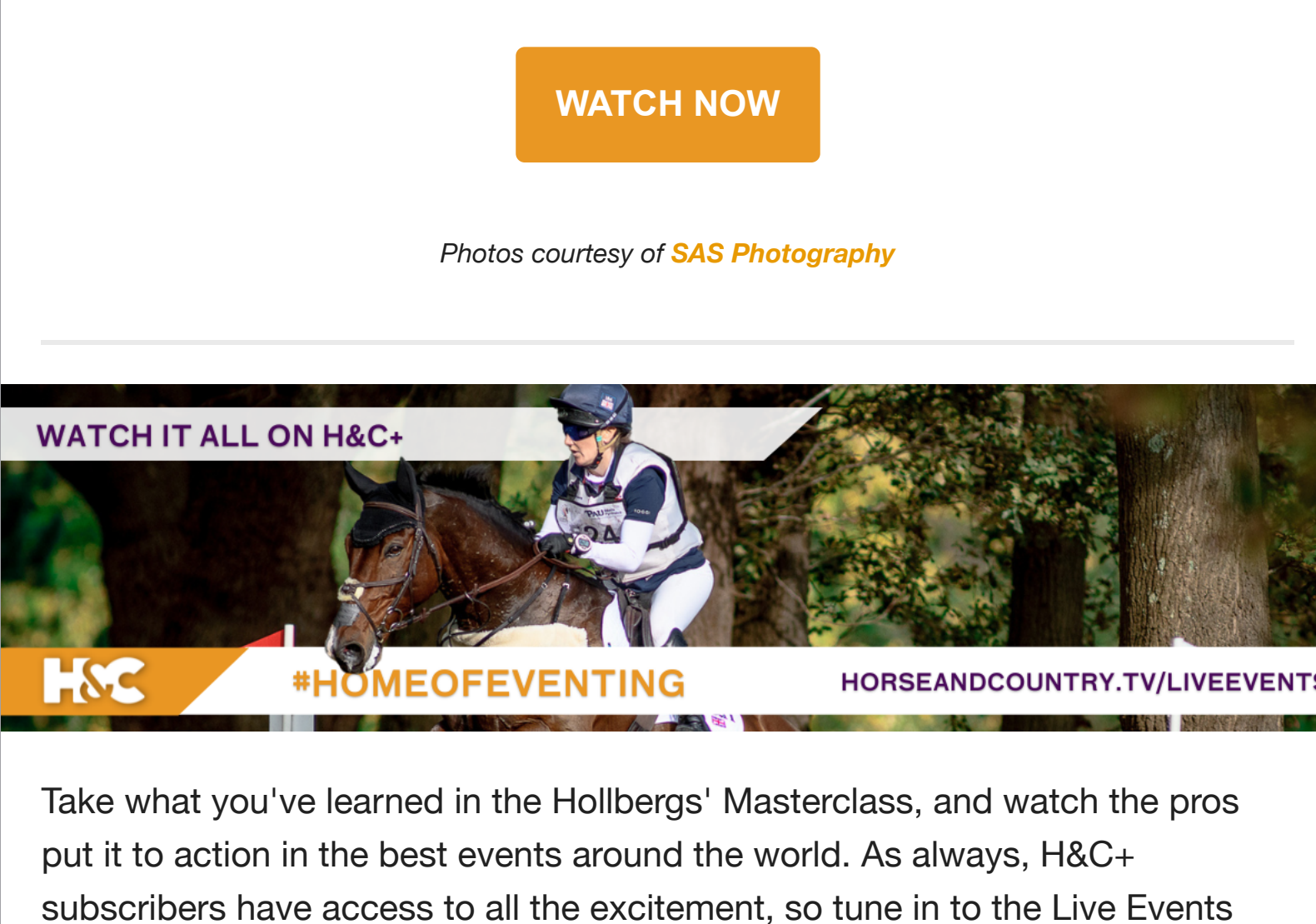
Working on a Circle

Hannah Sue switches on to J, a seven-year-old rising star, owned by Christa Schmidt. Matt talks about the difference between a younger, less experienced horse like J, and a seasoned pro like Harbor Pilot. He stresses the importance of introducing everything to the horse in a slow, thoughtful way. In their flat warm-up, Hannah Sue rides J on a circle, where Matt discusses the aim of this exercise is to get the horse's eye to follow the rider's eye for better focus and connection.

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Breaking Down the Spookier Elements

After a few smaller fences, beginning with a crossrail and progressing towards little verticals and oxers, Matt has Hannah Sue jump a shortened portion of the course with spookier elements. He expresses the importance of everything being introductory for a young horse. Then he supposes how J will likely react and details the best way for Hannah Sue to get his attention back on her, by continuing to incorporate the circles from the flatwork as well as downward transitions from the canter to the trot to maintain balance and connection.



Putting it All Together

Hannah Sue uses all of the elements they've worked on to jump through a course. Before they jump, Matt reiterates the importance of having the horse's eye follow that of the rider— that the rider's body language also needs to match their intention so the horse has a clear idea early on of what they are supposed to do.

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MARS Great Meadow International CCI4*-S

The Plains, Virginia — August 26-28

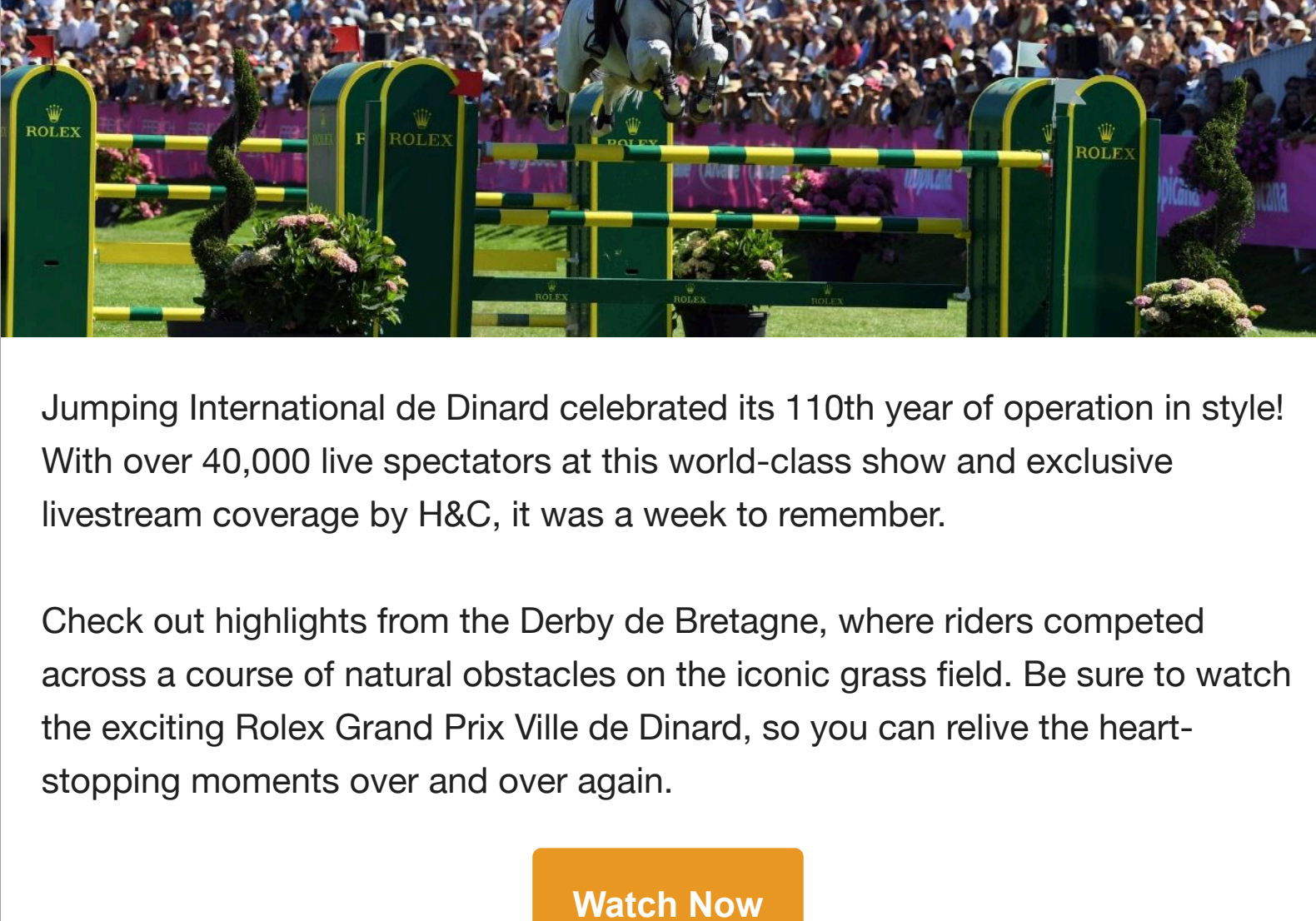
First started in 2014 by U.S. Olympian David O'Connor, the Great Meadow International (GMI) has consistently been a preparation event for major games, hosting the nation's best riders in addition to international talent. GMI has also featured Nations Cup competitions, always showcasing high-level sport. This year, the action-packed competition will serve as the last observation event for the U.S. athletes before the World Championships in Pratoni, Rome, Italy in September.

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NAF Five Star Hartpury International Horse Trials

Gloucestershire, United Kingdom — August 10-14

Since 2003, the NAF Five Star Hartpury International Horse Trials are a must-see event on the show calendar. Consistently featuring the sport's top international athletes, spectators are sure to witness excellence from start to finish. Course designer, Eric Winter returns for this year's show and promises another substantial yet educational challenge.

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Magic Millions Festival of British Eventing

Gatcombe Park — Gloucestershire, United Kingdom — August 6-7

After a two-year hiatus due to complications from COVID-19, The Magic Millions Festival of British Eventing is back! H&C will be delivering live-streaming from the cross-country course of all five divisions at the historic HRH The Princess Royal's Gatcombe Park, which has hosted eventing competitions since 1983. See some of the top ranked athletes, Olympians, and budding stars contest for the top of the podium.

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Check out highlights from the Derby de Bretagne, where riders competed across a course of natural obstacles on the iconic grass field. Be sure to watch the exciting Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard, so you can relive the heart-stopping moments over and over again.

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