

Lizzie Stickney and Classico Are Victorious in the 2011 \$1,000 IHJA Hunter Derby During the First Week of the Circle City Equestrian Horse Show

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Indianapolis, Indiana – July 16, 2011 – It was a night of friendship and rivalry as riders from all over Indiana competed against each other in the Pepsi Coliseum during the 2011 \$1,000 IHJA Hunter Derby. With a great turn out for the event, it was an exciting class for both exhibitor and spectator alike.

Lizzie Stickney from Carmel, Indiana came out the victor in Saturday night's class. Riding her own mount Classico, an eleven-year-old Warmblood gelding, the winning pair took the lead early in the night and never let go.

"The jumps had lots of brush and were very derby," said Stickney of the course. "There were a few turns that were tricky, but overall it was very inviting." All participants in Saturday night's derby seemed to have only good things to say about the course, and were thrilled to have such a fun class to enter.

Stickney, who had two entries in the class, wasn't worried at all about stepping into the ring on Classico. "I've had him for 4 years and he has come so far," beamed Stickney. "He is just really easy for me now because we know each other so well. I'm lucky to have him."

Next week Stickney will try her hand in the \$15,000 USHJA Hunter Derby with the Wendy Hofmeister entry Contemporary. "I don't have as much experience on him," smiled Stickney. "We will see how it goes."

In the fall Stickney will begin her freshman year of college at Butler University. However, she will continue showing through the fall when she plans on going to indoors out east to compete with her two horses.

Stay tuned next week for results from the Circle City Equestrian Horse Show's many highlight classes including the \$15,000 USHJA Hunter Derby and the \$40,000 Grand Prix, among other exciting classes.

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