

Halton Place

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Local Talent Wins on Opening Day at Canadian Country Classic

Halton Hills, Ontario 28-year-old Milton native, Courtney Vince, was the winner of the “Open Welcome Stake” at the Canadian Country Classic show jumping tournament today. Vince was born in Oakville, grew up in Milton, and now trains with Canadian Equestrian Team member Eric Lamaze in Schomberg, Ontario. She is one of three Vince sisters who all compete in top-level show jumping.

Vince, aboard Nalla, earned the victory in a jump-off to break the tie for first place after three entries went clean in the first round. Mike Grinyer, of Campbellville, Ontario, finished second on Garth. Both Vince and Grinyer were faultless again in the jump-off, but Vince completed the course in 49.77 seconds and Grinyer in 50.82 seconds. The third jump-off entry, Yann Candele on Victore Venhet Plotonious, had his effort thwarted when his young mount refused an obstacle, relegating him to third place. Candele is a native of Normandy, France now living in Cheltenham, Ontario.

Tomorrow’s \$20,000 grand prix is the feature event of this first week of competition at the Canadian Country Classic at Halton Place. Competition continues through Sunday and resumes August 29 through September 2.

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