

Lisa Goldman and Morocco finished first in the \$30,000 LUXMAX USA Grand Prix at the Showplace Fall Classic

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[WAYNE, IL] – The cheers resounded through the LUXMAX USA Grand Prix Ring as Lisa Goldman tripped the timers to post the first double clear of the \$30,000 LUXMAX USA Grand Prix with Morocco. Three trips later she duplicated her effort with Centurion B, riding the only two clear rounds of the six-horse jump off to take the coveted victory with a 1-2 finish. “They were awesome,” the speed master Goldman said of her two mounts Morocco and Centurion B. “I knew walking the course that it was going to ride big, technical and hard. It asked questions, and I knew that there wouldn’t be too many to make it into the jump off.”



Lisa Goldman and Morocco finished first in the \$30,000 LUXMAX USA Grand Prix at the Showplace Fall Classic. Photo Credit Kendall Bierer/Phelps Media Group.



Lisa Goldman and Centurion B. Photo Credit Kendall Bierer/Phelps Media Group.

Goldman posted a speedy first round with Morocco, soaring through the 13 efforts. In hindsight, she admitted she may have gone too fast in the first round, but Morocco needed speed to give him the scope to clear the course. Going into the jump off as the second to take on the track, Goldman knew she would have to put on the pressure, especially in Chicago where “fast jump off” is an understatement. “I knew that there were enough to go after me that were fast, that I needed to lay it down,” she stated. “I knew that I needed to ride hard at the beginning to take my time through the tight in-and-out, and did the inside turn to the Horse Flight oxer and then stayed out for the C&E Horse Transportation oxer. Morocco was unbelievable.”



Charlie Jayne and Playboy. Photo Credit Kendall Bierer/Phelps Media Group.



Liz Atkins and Niro 8. Photo Credit Kendall Bierer/Phelps Media Group.

Charlie Jayne posted a time of 43.669 seconds as the first to test Hector Loyola's shortened track. His time was fast, but not without fault. Goldman's time with Morocco shattered Jayne and Playboy's pace, with the Morocco breaking the beam in 39.448 seconds. Jayne would earn the eventual sixth place, with Liz Atkins and Niro 8 finishing in fifth with four faults in 42.378 seconds. Centurion B put the pressure on with the second clean round of the jump off, falling into the second place position. It came down to the 15-year-old Giavanna Rinaldi riding GPS Brilliant Disguise and Laura Linback aboard HH Dauphin. Each of them raced for the top finish, but taking a shot proved too risky today. Rinaldi dropped the rail at the C&E oxer, while Linback had a heartbreaking fault across the final fence. Both aboard greys, it seemed almost serendipitous that they would tie for third place with the same time of 42.812 seconds.



Laura Linback and HH Dauphin. Photo Credit Kendall Bierer/Phelps Media Group.



Gia Rinaldi and GPS Brilliant Disguise. Photo Credit Kendall Bierer/Phelps Media Group.

“It was a very long jump off, and I thought there were some tests out there,” Linback said. “I shouldn’t have taken a shot, I wasn’t going to beat Lisa’s time with Morocco, I should have just poached for second, but that is the sport.” Rinaldi remarked, “It is quite hard to tie, especially in a big class like that. I have no idea how that happens. The course went well. The inside turn was little risky, but it was a good course.”

The sponsor of the grand prix, LUXMAX USA, is a manufacturer of LED video displays for broadcast, architecture and events. The innovative company produces the background screen displays for major events, blockbuster television programs and for major concert groups such as Maroon 5, Keith Urban, The Rolling Stones, Bruce Springsteen, Michael Jackson and Beyonce’s Superbowl half time show. Vice President of LUXMAX USA Robert Scarnechia was onsite with his family to present the awards to the top finishers in the grand prix.

“I really stand behind what Pat Boyle and Showplace Productions has accomplished, and what he is doing,” Scarnechia described. “I like supporting his local shows in Illinois. Sponsoring the grand prix was an easy choice for us. We are excited to be able to offer the \$30,000 Grand Prix.”

Scarnechia is a “show dad” while at the Lamplight Equestrian Center, going between the equitation, pony and jumper rings for his two daughters. “I think that the sport is so much more exciting when the participants are excited about the venue, the money and the connections we make. There is very good camaraderie here, and it makes the show even more special.”

\$30,000 Luxmax USA Grand Prix Presented by Luxmax USA

result	entry	horse / owner	rider	prize
1	918	MOROCCO	Lisa Goldman	Lisa Goldman
2	919	CENTURION B	Mary Goldman	Lisa Goldman
3	636	HH Dauphin	Woodrun	Laura Linback
3	684	G.P.S. Brilliant Disguise	Giavanna Rinaldi	Giavanna Rinaldi
5	702	Niro 8	Benchmark Stables, LLC	Liz Atkins
6	1083	Playboy	CHARLIE JAYNE	CHARLIE JAYNE
7	864	Gomez Van De Withoeve	Katherine Dewar	Roderick Kyle DEWAR
8	637	Whittaker MVNZ	Woodrun	Laura Linback
