

Oktoberfest Day One:

On the eve of the first night of Oktoberfest, Hurricane Helene hit Aiken. When the sun rose in the morning there was no power, no running water, and most roads were impassable. Aiken was left in the path of destruction with downed trees and power lines. Stable View itself was littered with fallen trees, destroyed gazebos, and debris. However, with the hard work of many officials and volunteers, Stable View was quickly cleaned up (at least enough to be able to run competition). By Friday evening, the Cross Country Course looked as good as new thanks to the efforts of many volunteers and competitors who pitched in during the clean-up process.

As a result of the hurricane the decision was made to cancel competition on Friday. Stable View's secretary worked for hours on end to recreate the schedule in the format of a two-day show. After almost finishing she had to make amendments due to the curfew that was put in place by Aiken County. This curfew prohibited any non-essential workers from being on the roads from 7:30pm Friday night until 7:30 am Saturday morning. Due to this new schedule the FEI Divisions as well as the Advanced, Intermediate, and Preliminary divisions ran as one-days today with Modified riders completing their dressage.

In the Four-Star Lucienne Bellissimo held the lead from start to finish. She started with a 26.3 in dressage before jumping double clear over Chris Barnard's Show Jump Track. On Cross Country she managed to only add four time penalties to finish on a 30.3. Initially placed in second, Phillip Dutton and Possante finished in fourth after taking his time around Helen West's Cross Country Course. Lucienne was in third place following dressage and show jumping. After also adding some time she finished in fifth with Tremanton. Canadian Lindsay Traisnel and Bacyrouge ultimately finished in second after

being the fastest cross country ride of the day coming in eight seconds over optimum time. Aiken-based Emily Hamel and Corvett rounded out the top three on their score of 40.8.

In the Three-Star Division Cole Horn and MBF Cooley Permission To Land made their way up the leaderboard after initially being eleventh. After double clear show jumping and cross country rounds they finished in first on a 34.7. After making the long haul from California, Tamie Smith added a second and third place finish to her resume. Pierre's Farceur du Bochart finished second and Sumas Tina Turner finished third.

Madison Temkin and Fernhill Bertus won the Two-Star Division on their dressage score of 30.5. Phillip Dutton and Cooley Starship finished second adding only 2.8 time penalties on Helen West's course on a 33.8. Cole Horn had a good day in the office. After winning the three-star he finished in third place in the two-star on The Wellerman with a score of 34.1.

Horse and Country live streamed all show jumping today. These videos are also available to watch back anytime on-demand. To view, subscribe to be a Horse and Country member. Use the discount code STABLEVIEW24 for 15% off an H&C+ membership.

In light of everything Stable View extends their thoughts to everyone who has been affected by Hurricane Helene. Stable View hopes that this show gives some feeling of normalcy for riders, grooms, and their families. We hope this can be used as a light at what will be a long period of clean-up. Wishing everyone a safe and restful evening before the final day of competition tomorrow.