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SUCCESS FOR TRINIDADIAN RIDER AT WINTER EQUESTRIAN FESTIVAL IN FLORIDA

Over the month of March, sixteen year old Amber Thompson was successful at the Winter Equestrian Festival held at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Centre in Wellington, Florida. The Winter Equestrian Festival events cumulate the partnership of horse and rider during the thrills and elegance of show jumping and dressage.

Mounted on Vertigo, an Argentine thoroughbred who is the same age as Ms. Thompson (16 years), and training with Millar Brooke Farm, the pair was awarded ribbons almost every time an entrance was made in the arena, jumping courses with obstacles up to 1.2m in height.

In the speed class, held on Saturday 7th March 2015, Amber & Vertigo earned 8th place. The next day, however the duo placed 4th in the Classic Show Jumping Class, having jumped two clear rounds, but beaten by time in the jump off. In the "Clear Round gets a Ribbon" leg of the competition, held on Thursday 12th March, Ms. Thompson rode two clear rounds and was awarded the celebrated blue ribbons.

On Saturday 14th March, in another Classic Show Jumping Class, Ms. Thompson and Vertigo got 4 faults in the jump off, but did ride a clear first round. The following day, in the Children's Modified Jumper Class, both rider and horse had two excellent clear rounds. The time in the jump off was 38.307 seconds placing the pair third in a class of 40 entrants. The winner's time was 37.674 seconds.

In the last week of the Winter Equestrian Festival, Ms. Thompson received yet another blue ribbon for riding a clear round on Thursday 26th March. She and Vertigo went on further to place second in yet another Classic Show Jumping Class, on this occasion with clear rounds in the first and jump off rounds and in a very good time. They were beaten by half a second by one of the last riders. On the last day of the competition, Sunday 29th March, the twosome placed fifth in the final Classic Show Jumping Class. Once again the first round was a clear round, but Ms. Thompson had a rail down in the jump off

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which amounted to four faults. Canadian equestrian and eight-time Olympiad, Mr. Ian Millar, congratulated Ms. Thompson on being awarded ribbons in the Classic Show Jumping Class.

Ms. Thompson has temporarily returned to Trinidad and Tobago as she and fourteen year old Jordanne Brown will represent the twin islands at the Caribbean Equestrian Associations Junior Jumping Competition to be held in the Cayman Islands on the 18th and 19th April 2015. Earlier in February, whereby part of the competition was held in Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago emerged in first place and was represented then by Ms. Hadley Rahael and Ms. Jordanne Brown. After competing in the Cayman Islands, Ms. Thompson will return to the Millar Brooke Farm in Canada where she will continue to ride and compete.

For further information, please visit http://www.ttequestrian.org or https://www.facebook.com/TTEquestrianAssoc

NOTE:
PHOTO 1: Ms. Amber Thompson pictured with Vertigo and the ribbons she won at the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, Florida

PHOTO 2 : Ms. Amber Thompson and Vertigo compete at the Winter Equestrian Festival held in Wellington, Florida

Yours sincerely,

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