

Ben Asselin Shines for Canada in Mexico

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It was a thrilling finish for Canadian show jumping fans today, at the final event of CSI 4* Coapexpan Mexico Tournament.

Past nations cup team representative and Olympic hopeful, Ben Asselin, rode the 10 year-old Holsteiner Stallion by Contender, Veyron, to victory in Sunday's CSI 4* Grand Prix of Coapexpan.

With a veteran starting field that included Eric Lamaze and many others focussed on Rio from North and Central America entered in Sunday afternoon's competition, only eleven Horse/Rider combinations were eligible to return for the second round over 2016 Olympic course designer Guilherme Jorge (BRA) course. Of the eleven returning, seven competitors were tied for 1st place having all achieved a faultless round one. Round two proved a more difficult track, as it was 22 year-old Asselin who delivered the un matched double clear performance.

"The entire facility at Coapexpan is second to none, the footing is perfect, the people are so kind and accommodating and the sport was very exciting", said Asselin after accepting his gold medal at the top of the winners' podium. "I have an incredible group of horses underneath me thanks to the team at Attaché Stables and with Veyron I feel that I have another incredible Grand Prix horse. He has answered every call I have asked of him and he just never quits. I'm so excited to the future with these incredible horses."

Asselin and his team at Attaché Stables will head back with the horses to Calgary, Alberta over the next week to get settled back at the home farm prior to the upcoming Spruce Meadows CSI 5* Summer Series, beginning in June.