



Ashe-Cawley Redeems Herself At Horse Shows By The Bay

The win that got away last year haunted her, so she made sure to take blue with Kennzo.

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It had been bothering Molly Ashe-Cawley for a year.

"Last year I sort of felt like I let [Kennzo] down. [The class] was handed to me, and I didn't pick up the gift," she reflected. "I didn't ride well in the handy; I never got going, and I was too slow. It wasn't a good ride on my part; I could have won it, and I didn't."

In the 2012 version of the \$20,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby at Horse Shows By The Bay III, Ashe-Cawley watched the win slip away to Kelley Farmer. This year in

Williamsburg, Mich., on July 19, she made sure it didn't happen again.

Going into the handy round, Ashe-Cawley and Kennzo stood second to Farmer on Mythical. Ashe-Cawley picked up a good gallop and cruised around the handy course. She made a tactical decision to skip one of the inside turns even though Farmer had done that turn on her previous mounts.

"The course said to hand-gallop from the oxer to the next jump. I didn't feel like if you did the inside turn that you were hand-galloping the next jump,"

Molly Ashe-Cawley wasn't about to let the blue ribbon slip away this year and rode Kennzo to the top of the \$20,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby at Horse Shows By The Bay III.

Ashe-Cawley said. "I did what was right for my horse."

Ashe-Cawley's bold riding impressed the judges. "From the first round to the second round, [Molly] came in the ring and galloped the first jump and didn't take a couple of cautious jumps and start to get comfortable with the course, which I think separated her in both rounds," said judge Chris Wynne. "She showed us right from the beginning that she was trying to win."

Farmer favored handy over bold and attempted the inside turn with Mythical. The decision backfired, however, when Mythical stopped at the next jump. The mistake dropped them to 12th.

Redemption tasted sweet to Ashe-Cawley. "I was mad at myself after last year, and I really wanted to shed that feeling," she said. "Now, I feel better. And then poor Kelley here, trying the inside turn on Mythical. I know how she feels. I felt bad for her, but I needed that win for me. So, that one's gone and shelved now, and I don't have to think about how I messed up the handy for another year. So I'm happy!"

Farmer certainly didn't walk away empty-handed, though. She rode Skorekeeper to second place, took third with On Q and was fifth with Taken.

Kennzo, an 11-year-old Finnish Warmblood (Coriano—Anita, Octao F), made the transition from jumper to hunter last year and has been excelling in the derby classes. He and Ashe-Cawley won the \$50,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby at the Hampton Classic (N.Y.) last year.

"The owner [Kristen Abbatiello-Neff] gets a kick out of him doing the derbies, and I have fun doing it, so we'll keep on going," she said. "He's such an easy horse, and we enjoy him. He does well, and he's done everything I've asked him to. Someone will appreciate him, and we'll sell him."

Ashe-Cawley also rode another recent jumper convert, Elisee Browchuk's Original Du Rietz, to ninth in the class.

\$20,000
USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY
Williamsburg, Mich.—July 19

Judges: Panel 1: Chris Wynne, Jimmy Lee; Panel 2: Tony Sgarlata, Hap Hansen

HORSE/RIDER	1ST ROUND		2ND ROUND		TOTAL
	PANEL 1 SCORE/ HEIGHT OPTION	PANEL 2 SCORE/ HEIGHT OPTION	PANEL 1 SCORE/BONUS/ HEIGHT OPTION	PANEL 2 SCORE/BONUS/ HEIGHT OPTION	
1. Kennzo/Molly Ashe-Cawley	88/4	88/4	80/6/4	85/7/4	370
2. Skorekeeper/Kelley Farmer	80.5/4	84/4	84/7/4	83/8/4	362.5
3. On Q/Kelley Farmer	76.5/4	80.5/4	86/8/4	84/9/4	360
4. KN Nemo/Peter Pletcher	80/4	81/4	82/7/4	82/8/4	356
5. Taken/Kelley Farmer	86/4	85/4	76/7/4	79/6/4	355
6. Charlie Brown/Peter Pletcher	85/4	84.5/4	79/4/4	78.5/5/4	352
7. Grey Street/Greg Crollick	74/4	79/4	81/5/4	81/5/4	341
8. Comprendé/Greg Crollick	75/4	76.5/4	78/4/4	80/5/4	334.5
9. Original Du Rietz/Molly Ashe-Cawley	77/4	80/4	74/6/4	72/4/4	329
10. Ferrari/Russell Frey	81/4	80.25/4	65/7/4	70/5/4	324.25
11. Laredo/Maria Rasmussen	79.5/0	79.5/0	75/3/0	76/3/0	316
12. Mythical/Kelley Farmer	91/4	89/4	40/1/4	40/2/4	279

39 horses competed.

“He’d been doing the junior jumpers with Elisee and it was a bit hard for him. He’s a lazy sort, too,” Ashe-Cawley said. “We decided in Lake Placid to try him in the hunters because I thought he’d be adorable. I was the test dummy for his first derby, and he was great. He came off his lead in the hand-gallop, but he was right up there. He’s cute. Elisee is going to have fun with him doing the derbies.”

While Ashe-Cawley, of Newtown, Conn., has been making headlines in the hunter derbies, her heart lies in the jumper ring. With the mare Kroon Gravin, she won the 2001 Grand Prix of Devon (Pa.) and the 2001 and 2002 \$200,000 Budweiser American Invitational (Pa.), as well as being the top U.S. combination in the 2001 FEI World Cup Final (Sweden), but she hasn’t had a consistent grand prix mount for a while now.

“I’m looking for some prospects, but I don’t really have a big pile of money behind me at the moment. I miss it, and I want to do it,” she said. “My kids [Taylor and Connor] are 3 and 5 now, and I want to get back out there as much as I possibly can. It’s finding the right horses and being able to buy them that’s the tricky part.”

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Williamsburg, MI—July 17-21.

1ST YR. GREEN HUNTER CH: Antwerp, Artisan Farms LLC.

RES: Scripted, David Glefke.

2ND YR. GREEN HUNTER CH: On The Hour, Jessica Stitt.

RES: Graffito, Hidden Creek Farm Inc.

GREEN CONFORMATION HUNTER CH: Quotable, Kenneth Garber.

RES: Scripted, David Glefke.

HIGH PERFORMANCE HUNTER CH: KN Nemo, Alexandra Crown.

RES: Last Call, Lisa Cudahy.

REGULAR CONFORMATION HUNTER CH: Ferrari, Alexis Cohen.

RES: Tundra, Kendall Meijer.

AMATEUR-OWNER HUNTER, 36 & OVER CH: Rock Steady, KJ Robinson LLC.

RES: In Your Dreams, Krista Dietrich.

LOW AMATEUR-OWNER HUNTER, 18-35 CH: Libretto, Ally Moyer.

RES: Tundra, Kendall Meijer.

LOW AMATEUR-OWNER HUNTER, 36 & OVER CH: Q, Susan Baker.

RES: MacArthur Park, Lynn Walsh.

SMALL JR. HUNTER CH: On The Hour, Jessica Stitt.

RES: Lennon, Reid Patton.

LARGE JR. HUNTER, 15 & UNDER CH: Dream On, Nicole Loochtan.

RES: Coup De Coeur, Clare Sargent.

LARGE JR. HUNTER, 16-17 CH: Infinity, Silver Oak Farms LLC.

RES: Greyful, Jenna Selati.

GRAND JR. HUNTER CH: Infinity, Silver Oak Farms LLC.

CHILDREN’S HUNTER, 14 & UNDER CH: Ranier, CMJ Sporthorse LLC.

RES: Hollister, Peyton Purcell.

CHILDREN’S HUNTER, 15-17 CH: Casa Loma, Liz Lusk.

RES: Grey Street, Adrienne Marciano.

CHILDREN’S SMALL/MEDIUM PONY HUNTER CH: Houdini, Mary Moroun.

RES: Rollingwoods Give ‘Em L, Nadia Rosenbaum.

CHILDREN’S LARGE PONY HUNTER CH: Aurora, Kendall Ortale.

RES: Sugarbrook Blue Print, Madison Mitchell.

LARGE GREEN PONY HUNTER CH: CherryBrook Who’s Lookin, Mackenzie Reed.

RES: Someday Soon, Marika Vreeken.



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