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## Billie Derouet from Bromont finishes tied in 1st place in the Talent Squad Series!

**Bromont, July 20th, 2007** – International Bromont presented by CN carried out its scheduled activities today despite the rainy weather. Among the major events, the qualifying competition on the Talent Squad circuit should be mentioned. This circuit is a national program created in order to spot high-potential riders in preparation for the Grand Prix competitions. This bridge gives them the opportunity to gain exposure as future members of the Canadian Equestrian Team.

Canada's riders compete in two divisions :The Western Division and the Eastern Division, in which a real tight race is taking place between Hyde Moffat from Ontario and Billie Derouet from Bromont.

Sixteen contenders competed on the course at 1.5 meter designed by Leopoldo Palacio, a designer from Venezuela certified by the International Equestrian Federation. The weather conditions and the technical difficulties gave a hard time to the participants !None of them manage to complete a clear round even though we thought, in two occasions, that we would assist to a jump-off, a second timed round to identify the winner. Third on the course, Bromont's Billie Derouet evaded all traps. Her round was almost clear, except for a time penalty! In show jumping, the rider must complete a clear round within the allocated time which was established at 90 seconds today. Billie Derouet completed her round in 90.37 seconds. Ontario's Hyde Moffat, committed to winning this event, offered the same scenario. One time penalty for completing the course in 90.76 seconds! This explains why Billie Derouet and Hyde Moffat finished tied in 1<sup>st</sup> place.

The course was slippery because of the weather conditions. *"I decided to take my time and to negotiate the turns as widely as possible without compromising the balance of my horse. It's the second Talent Squad event that I win and I am very happy. My horse is performing very well presently"*, she told us.

Billie Derouet competes for the first time at this level and she is on her way to the first position in the ranking. She will enter another event of the Talent Squad Series in Collingwood, during the third week of August, before the Final which will be held in September. Moreover, the young rider will represent Quebec's Team during the North American Championship for Young Riders which will be held in

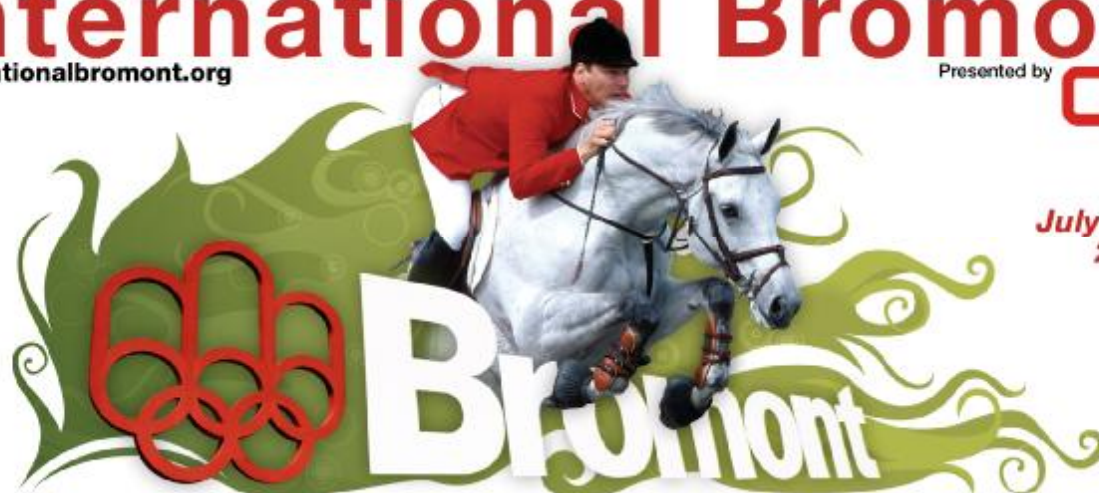


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Virginia, from July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup>. In the footsteps of Super Mario, will Billie Derouet become the region's favourite?

The public is invited to discover the panache, the prestige, the excellence and to witness the feats accomplished by the riders. Indisputably, this 32<sup>nd</sup> edition, proudly sponsored by CN, is up to its reputation : High level competitions, exciting atmosphere and always the magic that transforms this event into a real "happening". A variety of activities allow the whole family to discover the horses' world.

Along with family or friends, a large crowd of horse lovers is expected tomorrow, Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup>, for the presentation of the Canada Post Speed Derby at Bromont's Olympic Equestrian Park, Highway 10, exit 78, 450 chemin de Gaspé.

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