

Victoria Watters and Eye Remember Rio Are Triumphant in NAL Adult Hunter Final presented by Cavalor

Victoria Watters of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Eye Remember Rio were the best in both rounds of the \$10,000 NAL Adult Hunter Final, presented by Cavalor. Their two-round combined score of 172 points set them apart from the field, 7.5 points ahead of second place finishers French Kiss and Tina Furey.

Returning last in the order for round two, Watters was the favorite to win after her outstanding first round performance that saw her earn a score of 87 points. A former NAL Adult Hunter Finals winner in 2007, she landed after the final fence in round two with a smile on her face as she circled and exited the ring. That smile was awarded with a winning score of 85 points, the best of the second round.

“I knew I had it! I was so nervous coming into this and it’s stupid—why do we do this?” she said with a grin afterwards. “I’ve finished in the ribbons before and the year I won my goal was to win. Today I saw some nice alpaca coats at the shops and I told myself if I won I would take the prize money and go shopping with Ann Thornbury (who assisted her training).”

The mother of two sons, Watters held nothing back in her praise of her bay gelding Rio. “He is amazing and loves this ring. I have low vision and in this ring I feel like I can see like everyone. The rails are still blurry, but the new footing and lights help,” she added.

Second placed French Kiss and Tina Furey of Connecticut finished with a combined score of 164.5 with 82 and 82.5 scores.



Victoria Watters and Eye Remember Rio with presenters Cavalor Northeast Regional Manager Mickey Kear and NAL Marketing Director Marty Bauman ©Al Cook Photo