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Karen Cudmore of Bennington, Nebraska won her share of the \$40,000 purse aboard Coneja at the National Western Stock Show's Grand Prix presented by Monarch Casino. Four horse and rider teams had clean rounds on their first go round to qualify for an exciting jump-off. The Cudmore family are fan favorites in Denver, being one of the most successful names both at Stock Show and around the country. Daughter Brooke also competed in the Grand Prix, finishing 11th on a sibling to Karen's horse that was bred and raised at their farm.

Placing second was Katharin Gualtieri of Elizabeth, CO, on her horse Castalano. Nicki Wilcox of Parker, CO qualified two horses for the jump-off. Halifax VDM, owned by Marjorie Martin of Dallas, TX came in third followed by Wilcox's own Hannibal V.

The term Grand Prix is French and translates to "big prize." It is the highest level of show jumping where jumps start at 4-feet 6 inches and increase in both height and spread and requires absolute cooperation and teamwork between horse and rider. Grand Prix level show jumping competitions include the Olympics, the World Equestrian Games, the World Cup Series and the National Western Stock Show. Final scores are determined by adding total faults (jump rails knocked down) in both rounds as well as any penalties for exceeding the time allowed. The course was designed by Tommy Brawley and judged by Irving Evans.

Other placings included: 5th Allison Kroff on T-Quick Hurricane Z, 6th Allison Kroff on Imara M, 7th Allison Kroff on Emmy Lu 3, 8th Katey Kozeny on Isolde De Wacht, 9th Nicki Wilcox on Danique Du Lys, 10th Allison Kroff on Coconella 8, 11th Brooke Cudmore on Indio, and 12th Emily McConnell on Schulman.





