



The Need For Speed

Laura Kraut looked a bit rueful picking up her second-placed ribbon and check in the \$215,000 American Gold Cup. This was the second consecutive year she's been second in the class.

This year, she rode Deauville S to the fastest 4-fault round of the jump-off for second. She went early in the jump-off and knew exactly where she lost some time.

"I went in to try and give them something to beat, but I just chickened out on the turn. I saw the [distance] to leave out [a stride], and I thought that it wouldn't be a very good angle for him, so I just swung out one more stride, and I just got there too dead," she said. "It was totally my fault. So then once I had that I thought, 'Well I better speed this up!' and worst case scenario then

Andretti S had a rough start to this year, but he showed he's back on track with a win in the \$85,000 Fidelity Investments Classic at the American Gold Cup.

I would be fourth. I got lucky today and ended up second."

The day before, however, there was no beating Kraut, of Wellington, Fla. She sped to the top of the \$85,000 Fidelity Investments Classic aboard Andretti S. "All the turns worked—sometimes that happens, and sometimes it doesn't," she said. "You like to think that you're orchestrating everything, but sometimes it just doesn't happen. But he turned perfectly, and it was his day.

"He's learned to be more economical, because last year he used to go over the top of the standards," she added. "I never really knew when he was going to do that. But this

**\$85,000
FIDELITY
INVESTMENTS CLASSIC
North Salem, N.Y.—Sept. 12**

HORSE/RIDER	FAULTS	TIME	PURSE
1. Andretti S/ Laura Kraut	0-0	35.22	\$28,050
2. Skara Glen's Machu Picchu/ Paul O'Shea	0-0	36.58	17,000
3. Woklahoma/ Roberto Teran	0-0	36.72	12,750
4. Global Van't Braunerthof/ Mario Deslauriers	0-0	38.34	8,500
5. Balous Day Date/Molly Ashe-Cawley	0-0	39.57	5,100
6. Constable/ Laura Kraut	0-0	39.73	3,825
7. Indigo/Margie Engle	0-4	37.30	2,550
8. Hitchcock VD Broekkant/ Alise Oken	0-4	41.20	2,125
9. Cassinja S/ Charlie Jacobs	0-8	39.16	1,700
10. Hellos/ Adrienne Sternlicht	0-8	40.23	1,700
11. HH Ciske van Overis/Maggie McAlary	0-8	40.75	850

Also competed: 12. Rubens LS La Silla/V. Mannix, 1; 13. Primo Calypso/P. O'Shea, 4; 14. Cita/C. Swail, 4; 15. Rosiere Vesquerie/L. Tisbo, 4; 16. Scout de la Cense/M. Deslauriers, 4; 17. Martha Louise/C. Swail, 4; 18. Eregast Van't Kiezelhof/S. Sweetnam, 5; 19. Free Style VH Polderhof/C. Tyree, 8; 20. Aanwinst/J. MacPherson, 8; 21. Zerly/C. McCrea, 8; 22. Corolien VH Schoefrosteel/V. Mannix, 8; 23. Lady Maria BH/A. Derbyshire, 8; 24. Cocq A Duddle/M. Ashe-Cawley, 8; 25. Bull Run's Eternal/K. Vanderveen, 8; 26. Easy Contact Humlan/S. Sweetnam, 8; 27. D Elia van het Molenhof/A. Baker, 8; 28. Caliber 9/A. Rodriguez, 9; 29. Magnus Orfeo/M. Manfredi, 12; 30. Jeter/K. Polle, 13; 31. Brugal VDL/J. McCrea, 13; 32. Broken Heart/J. Welles, 13; 33. Quidam MB/A. Sternlicht, 16; 34. Call Me Hannes/D. Beisel, 16; 35. Bull Run's Holy Smokes/K. Vanderveen, 16; 36. Bijou de Balou/K. Dinan, 17; Patriot/W. Porter, VW; Bingo/K. Coe, VW; Ramona de Flobeque/A. Thieme, VW; Brianda/A. Wolff, VW; Si Bella/A. Prudent, VW; .

year he's getting more consistency, and hopefully he'll keep going in this direction."

Last year was Kraut's first season showing Andretti S, a 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding (Corland—Tabelle S, Animo), and he progressed quickly from the 1.40-meter level to the grand prix classes. So