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Tallahassee Florida – Red Hills International Horse Trials ran from March 8-10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and celebrated Florida’s quincentenary (1513 - 2013), by saluting the role of the horse in the state’s development.

The competition was tight with Olympians and up and comers competing side by side. One of those up and comers was Holly Jacks and her horse More Inspiration, fondly known as Morris. This was only their second time competing at the Intermediate level as a pair.

Dressage on Friday went well but saw the pair finishing tied for 16<sup>th</sup> place. Saturday brought a very tough cross country course that took many a victim. During the warm up a wrench was thrown into Holly’s plans when her horse pulled a shoe, while she waited for the farrier, Holly had a chance to hear what was happening on the course, she began to grow concerned as many riders were not finishing and a few had even gone down. Once her coach realized she was concerned he told her “to go out there and ride it like she stole it” and that is what she did. With the second fastest time of the day Holly and Morris moved up into 3<sup>rd</sup> position. With the top place in her sights Holly went into Sunday with confidence in her horse and their show jumping ability. In front of a large crowd they jumped clear and finished the competition in second place.

Holly and More Inspiration are aiming to compete for Canada in the 2015 PanAm Games being hosted by Toronto with equestrian events happening at Palgrave and Will O Wind equestrian centers. And then on to the 2016 Olympics in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

When asked how she felt Holly replied “I couldn’t have been happier, Morris went out there and proved he deserved to be here. It was a lot to ask of him being that this was only his second intermediate but he is the best jumper I have ever sat on and we have built such a great relationship. He is my everything and we have big plans for the future.”