

HIGH HOURS SCORES HIGH-PROFILE ADOPTION AT NORTH CAROLINA FARM MONTREAL OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL HERO TAD COFFIN TAKES BRAZILIAN FAMED EQUESTRIAN RODE HIM YESTERDAY AND DECIDED TO ADOPT HORSE

Team Valor's retired Brazilian Sprint Champion **High Hours**, sent just a couple weeks ago to a North Carolina farm, to be re-homed, has landed the best gig since Annie was adopted by Daddy Warbucks. Highly decorated American equestrian Tad Coffin fell for him yesterday at the Winter Haven Farm.



Coffin won two gold medals at the Montreal Olympic Games (individual and team events), as well as the top prize at the Pan American Games and the World Championship in Lexington, Kentucky. The Long Island-raised Coffin currently operates a farm and saddlery near Charlottesville, Virginia. He has been designing saddles for competitive use since 1976.



Tad Coffin aboard HIGH HOURS

Holly Carter, who arranged for High Hours to be sent to the North Carolina rehab and re-homing farm, personally invited Coffin to visit the farm and try him out.

"They had done a terrific job re-homing our ex-French import Bermejo. They asked for another horse and Barry Irwin sent them the aged veteran sprinter High Hours, warning them that he was a gorgeous specimen and quite athletic, but that he required a top horseman to handle him because he was "all man." In Tad Coffin, it looks like Holly has made a perfect match.

Tad Coffin does not resell the horses he adopts. He retrains them for a new job, keeps them and rides them himself. Irwin said, "When I proposed that Holly take High Hours I did not minimize the challenging aspect of his strong mind, but she took it on and has

been incredibly successful. I'm happy. He deserves it!"

Tad Coffin adds: "I am a huge fan of the thoroughbred. Their athleticism and intelligence make them the ideal sport horse yet, in my lifetime, they have become second class

citizens to the warmblood. I am on a mission to change this and I looking forward to High Hours' participation in this effort."

"I have spent the past 25 years in an unprecedented effort to develop a more biomechanically advantageous saddle. Our efforts have produced many discoveries that appeal to all sport horses but particularly to the Thoroughbred. In fact, I am certain that these discoveries offer Thoroughbreds, in both their first and second careers, the possibility to realize much more of their potential. In fact, one of these developments, the Thera-tree and Thera-tree grounding girth, is currently being used by Team Valor to unlock potential in the horse First Premio."



"These discoveries are contributing significantly to the freedom of movement, relaxation, pain relief, recovery, endurance, soundness and longevity of horses of all breeds but Thoroughbreds seem to be especially grateful! To learn more, please visit my website at tadcoffinsaddles.com"