



85th annual Montpelier Hunt Races



James Madison's Montpelier hosted the 85th running of the Montpelier Hunt Races Saturday, Nov. 2. More than 15,000 visitors filled the grounds and enjoyed seven horse races, Jack Russell Terrier and stick horse races, tailgating and hat competitions, fellowship, food and fun. Pictured, clockwise from top: the day's first horse race is the The Montpelier Foundation Cup on the flat track. Jack Russell Terriers delight the crowd early Saturday morning. Jack, Bethany and Ian Nowakowski, of Baltimore, enjoy a picnic on the grounds. Dana Murphy and Jess Cifizzari compete in the hat contest. Children of all ages enjoy the stick horse races before the day's horse race schedule begins. A pair of horses race to the finish in the day's third race, The Battleship. Horses and jockeys are tightly grouped after clearing a jump in the day's fourth race, The Constitution Hurdle. For more photos from Saturday's event, see page B1 and www.orangenews.com.

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