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Tori Colvin Takes Her First WCHR Pro Finals Title at Capital Challenge Horse Show

Upper Marlboro, MD - Tori Colvin added another line to her resume as professional hunter competition at the Capital Challenge Horse Show concluded on Friday, October 4, with the highlight \$10,000 World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Professional Finals.

Seven of the top professional hunter riders in the country went head to head at the Prince George's Equestrian Center, with Colvin, of Wellington, FL, claiming the title for the first time.

"This class has meant a lot to me," Colvin, 22, said. "I've been watching it since I was riding in the juniors, and I've seen Scott Stewart win it a lot, so to be able to be someone who won it is amazing."



Tori Colvin claimed the win in the \$10,000 WCHR Professional Finals on October 4 at the Capital Challenge Horse Show. Photo by <u>Shawn McMillen Photography</u>

This was Colvin's third appearance in the class, and she joined Liza Boyd, John French, Jeff Gogul, Cassandra Kahle, Amanda Steege, and Stewart in the line-up.

Colvin qualified for the WCHR Professional Finals by placing second in the WCHR National Professional year-end standings by virtue of points earned at WCHRdesignated shows throughout the year. "I wouldn't have been able to do it without the horses that got me here," she said. Many of Colvin's mounts in the professional divisions are horses owned by the Ingram family of Nashville, TN.

WCHR Pro Finals Playoff Round & Final Four Scorecard						
I VICTORIA COLVIN	Playoffs Round 1			86.36		
	Playoffs Round 2					
		Playoffs Total				
Final Four	87.33					
2 JEFF GOGUL Playoffs Round				85.61		
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		Playoffs Total			173.27	
Final Four	90.66	89.83	90.66	90.66	<u>361.81</u>	
3 JOHN FRENCH Playoffs Round I				87.66		
		Р	layoffs R	ound 2	87.83	
		Р	layoffs To	otal	175.49	
Final Four	90.00	89.33	85.66	90.83	<u>355.82</u>	
4 AMANDA STEEGE	Playoffs Round 1			90.33		
Playoffs Round 2 87.00						
		Playoffs Total 177.3				
Final Four	86.16	88.66	83.66	87.66	<u>346.14</u>	

The seven riders started the Pro Finals on Friday night with a handy hunter round on the horse of their choosing. Only the top four scorers from that round would advance to the Final Four, where they took turns riding four unfamiliar horses.

Colvin chose to ride Lindsay Maxwell's High Society in the handy round even though she had never shown the horse before.

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Hear from Tori Colvin following her win in the \$10,000 WCHR **Professional Finals!**



Yowan Flies in to Win **Ariat National Adult Medal Finals**

Vivian Yowan only spent 48 hours at Capital Challenge, but she made those two days count by winning multiple titles. She concluded her visit by leading the victory gallop in the Ariat National Adult Medal Finals on Friday, October 4.

Yowan, from Lexington, KY, and Condor were unbeatable in the class, earning scores of 91 in round one and 92 in round two for a total of 183, finishing 10 points ahead of the field.

Yowan added the Ariat Finals title to her list of wins after topping the WCHR Adult Amateur Hunter Challenge and tying for the Adult Amateur Hunter Grand Championship with the catchride Calou. She was champion and reserve in the Adult Amateur Hunter, 18-35 division with Calou and Condor, respectively.

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8 BRENDA TANANBAUM					
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9 LAURA OWENS					
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10 EVELYN SMITH					
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Vivian Yowan rode Condor to the win in the Ariat National Adult Medal Finals. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"This has always been such a big horse show for me," said Yowan, 22, who claimed the Grand Junior Hunter Championship at Capital Challenge in 2015. "I don't think I expected this to happen, especially because I've been at school. I flew in for 48 hours, so this is definitely beyond my expectations. Winning the Ariat and the Challenge class has given me some motivation to keep going and get back into it."

A senior at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Texas, Yowan is studying business and rides on the SMU National Collegiate Equestrian Association team. She showed multiple horses as a junior but has taken a bit of a step back from showing now that she is in college. She started showing in the Ariat National Adult Medal classes on Rebecca Morris' Condor over the summer and then decided to aim for the Finals.

"I've gotten to know him pretty well, so going into this I had a pretty good partnership with him. The whole summer, this is what I've been working toward," she said. "It's a lot of fun. To me, it's something you can aim for. There are a lot of people like me, who go to college and don't ride as much as they did as a junior. This is a good way to get yourself back into the game."

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