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Lauren Padilla Pilots So Enchanted to the Grand Pony Hunter Championship

October 9, 2021 – Upper Marlboro, MD – Out of a field of more than 100 ponies, Lauren Padilla and Highland Farm, LLC's So Enchanted received the Grand Pony Hunter Champion title on Saturday, October 9, at the Capital Challenge Horse Show, held at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD.

The Grand Champion title, sponsored by Enchantment Farms, was awarded to the Pony Hunter who accumulated the most points over all three divisions. Padilla, of Palos Verdes Estates, California, and So Enchanted earned the championship in the Small Pony Hunter division, sponsored by Ox Ridge Riding and Racquet Club. The duo won the handy stake, earned a second place in an over-fences class, and took home the blue ribbon in the under saddle.



Lauren Padilla piloted So Enchanted to win the Grand Pony Hunter Champion honors, sponsored by Enchantment Farms, in her first appearance at Capital Challenge Horse Show. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"My rides on her were great this week," said Padilla. "She was really happy being here because the rings are so spacious and open. She felt happy and loose here."

Padilla earned The Harper Taskier Wright Memorial Trophy, given in memory of Harper by her loving parents Michael and Alexandra Borisoff Wright, friends, and family whose lives she touched, for her championship in the Small Pony Hunters. The Best Pony Rider Award, sponsored by Archibald Cox and Brookway Stables was also awarded to Padilla for her Grand Pony Hunter Championship. For this honor Padilla received The Kitty Borisoff Memorial Trophy, donated by her many friends.



Lauren Padilla and So Enchanted. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

This year was Padilla's first appearance at Capital Challenge, and the rider made it one to remember.

"It means a lot to be champion here," commented the 12-year-old rider. "I was really excited to just be here and qualify, and it was even more exciting to earn grand champion! My handy round was my favorite. It felt great, and we got a 90."



Olivia Sweetnam rode On Your Mark to the Medium Pony Hunter championship. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography



Olivia Sweetnam and Goldmark were the Large Pony Hunter champions. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

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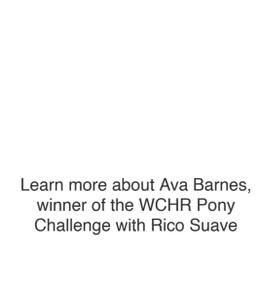
Emma Blumenkrantz and Collin W Are Clear to Win NAL Low Junior/Amateur/Amateur-Owner Jumper Finals

In her first major finals win, Emma Blumenkrantz, 16, of Colts Neck, New Jersey, took home all of the spoils after topping a field of 29 entries in the \$10,000 North American League (NAL) Low Junior/Amateur/Amateur-Owner Finals, presented by HorseFlight on her own Collin W.



Emma Blumenkrantz and Collin W in their winning presentation for the \$10,000 NAL Low Junior/Amateur/Amateur-Owner Jumper Finals, presented by HorseFlight. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Eight were clear in the first round to advance to the jump-off over a course set by Ken Krome of Westminster, MD. Blumenkrantz was fast and clear to take the win in 36.818 seconds. Gabriella Curry and Chermusic Z, owned by GA Stables LLC, finished second as the only other double clear in 37.879 seconds. Third place went to Sydney Myers riding Myers Equestrian LLC's Skara Glen's Signature. They had four faults in the jump-off in 34.989 seconds.



Emma Blumenkrantz and Collin W. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"My horse jumped incredible," said Blumenkrantz. "Going around the course it was really a great opportunity to let him go in some places, like from jumps two to three in the jump-off. I got to watch the first and second ones go. I stood at the gate and got an idea of how it rode and where you could make up time and where you have to check yourself. The hardest part was going to be the turn back to the double [combination], keeping him with me but not letting him cut off the rail, which sometimes he likes to do."

Blumenkrantz has been riding Collin W, "the barn favorite," for nearly two years.

"He's been great bringing me from the Children's Jumpers to here," said Blumenkrantz of the 14-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding by Vincenzo x Placido. "His hind end is powerful when you're going around there. He helps you out everywhere, and he is a great horse."

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Stella Propp and Zernike K Secure the Win

Capital Challenge Horse Show hosted the \$10,000 1.30-1.35m Medium Junior/Amateur/Amateur-Owner Classic on Saturday evening. Stella Propp of New York, New York, and Aquitaine Equine's Zernike K bested the field to earn the blue ribbon in the \$10,000 Medium Junior/Amateur/Amateur-Owner Classic. Propp was also awarded The Congressional Cup, as well as the Best Medium Junior Jumper Rider, sponsored by Rosemont Farm.



Stella Propp and Zernike K in their winning presentation for the \$10,000 Medium Junior/Amateur/Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Propp was the first rider in the class to successfully complete the first round fault-free. An additional three riders advanced to the jump-off to join Propp and Zernike K. Propp then led the way in the jump-off with a fast time of 37.460 seconds that could not be beat.



Stella Propp and Zernike K. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"For the first round I was honestly really nervous," commented Propp. "I was watching the Low Junior/Amateur Jumper class before, and people were having some trouble. Although I was kind of freaking out internally, my goal was to just go around and hopefully jump clear. I wanted to be consistent and have all my distances make sense so I wasn't getting my horse into any trouble."

She continued, "My plan that I discussed with my trainers for the jump-off was that I wanted to go fast and be neat around the turns but the main goal was to go clear. I tried my best to stay cool, calm, and collected, and get around those turns as fast as I could, but also focus on keeping the jumps up."

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AN ENCHANTED DAY

Lauren Padilla, 12, made her first time showing at Capital Challenge one to remember. The young rider from Palos Verdes Estates, California, rode So Enchanted and bested 117 ponies for the title of Grand Pony Hunter Champion. The pair had collected the Small Pony Championship earlier in the day and Padilla was thrilled to return for the second round's festivities. "It means a lot to be champion here," said Padilla. "I was really excited to just be here and qualify, and it was even more exciting to earn grand champion! My handy round was my favorite of the week. She said, 'It felt great and we got a 90.'"

Padilla trains with China and Mae Endicott. "I love the indoor arenas!" said Padilla. "My rides on her were really good this week. She was really happy being here because the rings are so spacious and I love it. She felt really happy and loose here."

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