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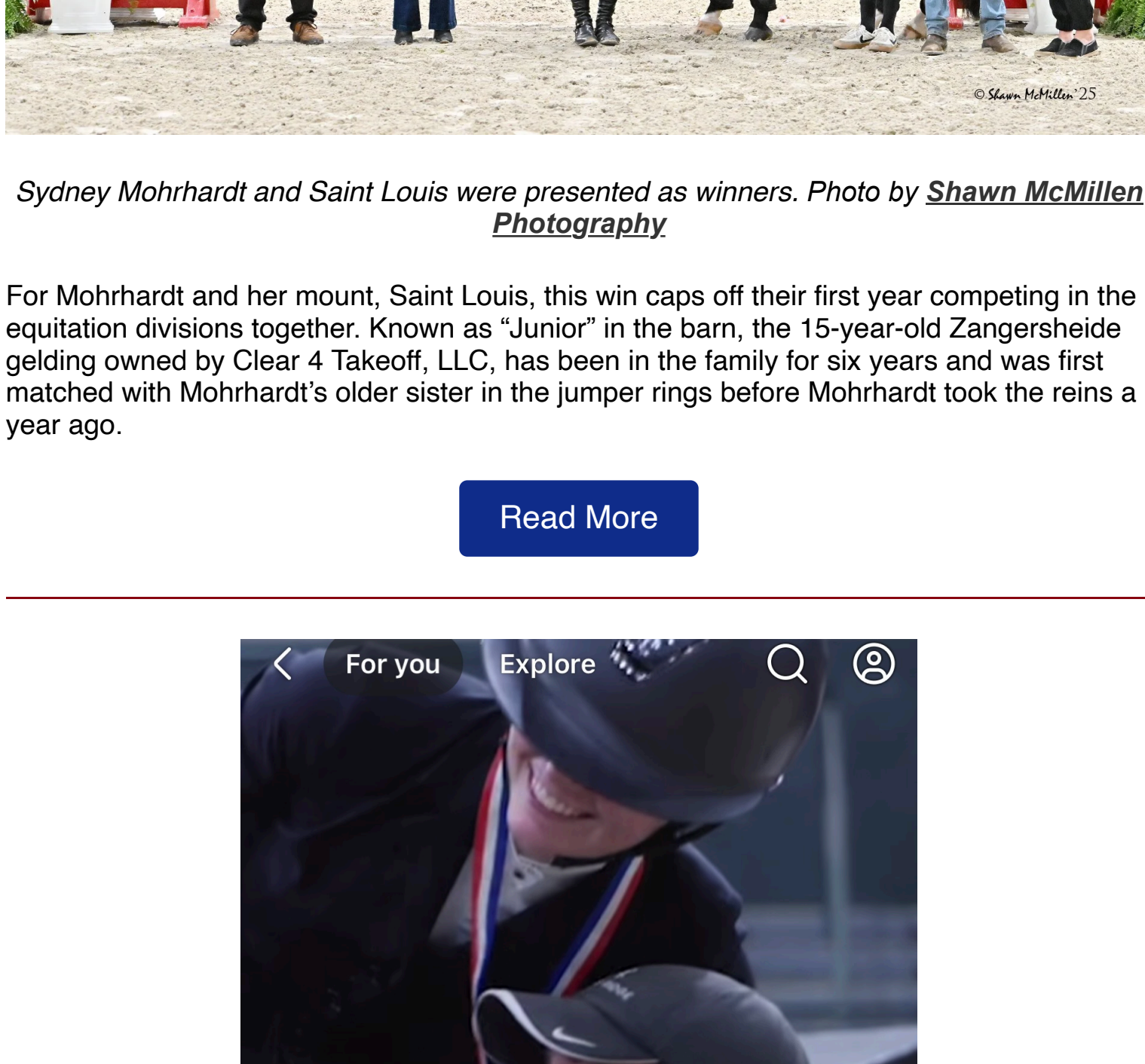


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Sydney Mohrhardt Sweeps THIS National Children's Medal Finals

September 27, 2025 – Upper Marlboro, MD – Upper Marlboro, MD - Sydney Mohrhardt, of Boca Raton, FL, was named champion of the Taylor Harris Insurance Services (THIS) National Children's Medal Finals on Saturday, September 27, during the 2025 Capital Challenge Horse Show Equitation Showcase, presented by BIGEQ.com. The Show Place Arena at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD, hosted 41 junior riders who qualified over the course of the year for the 32nd year of this prestigious finals.

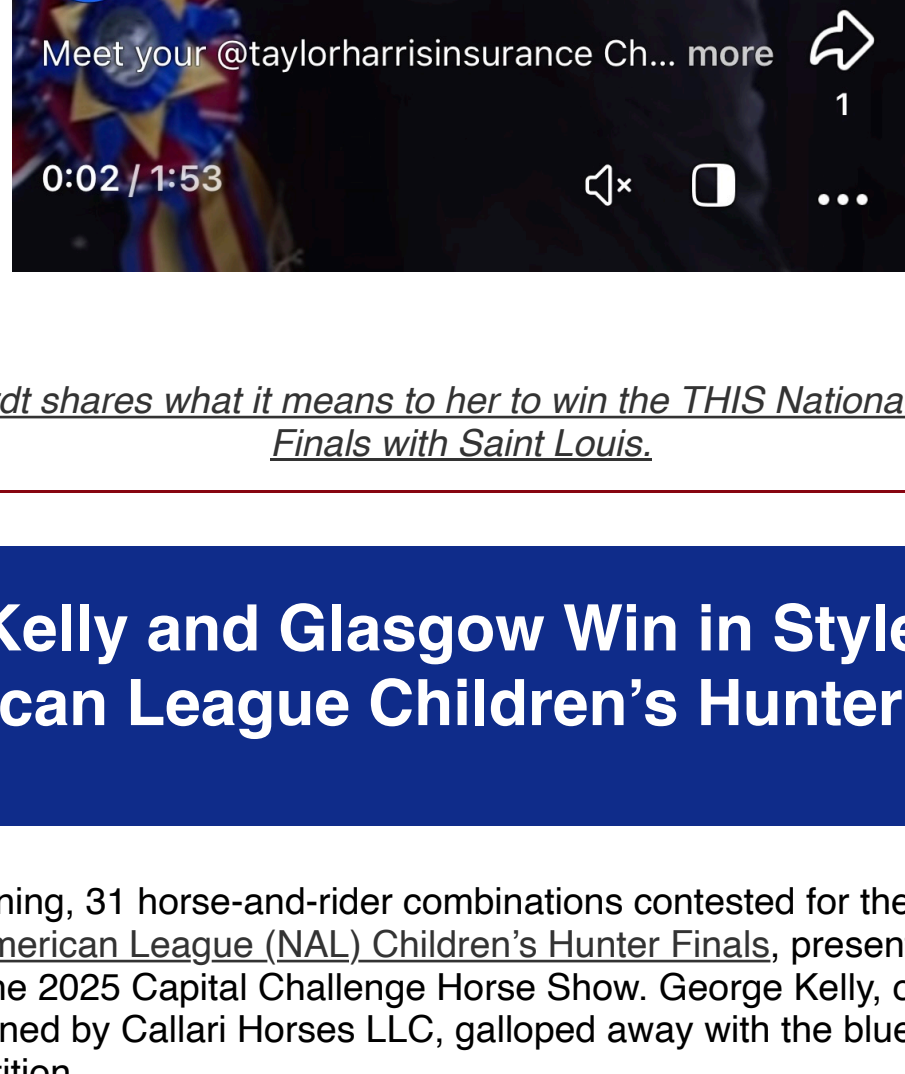
"When I found out I won, I couldn't believe it. It was just amazing. All of the hard work I did with my horse and my trainers paid off, and I'm so grateful to them that they were able to get me here," shared Mohrhardt, who trains with Jacob Pope and Nick Pongracz of Hickory Ridge LLC.



Sydney Mohrhardt and Saint Louis were presented as winners. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

For Mohrhardt and her mount, Saint Louis, this win caps off their first year competing in the equitation divisions together. Known as "Junior" in the barn, the 15-year-old Zangersheide gelding owned by Clear 4 Takeoff, LLC, has been in the family for six years and was first matched with Mohrhardt's older sister in the jumper rings before Mohrhardt took the reins a year ago.

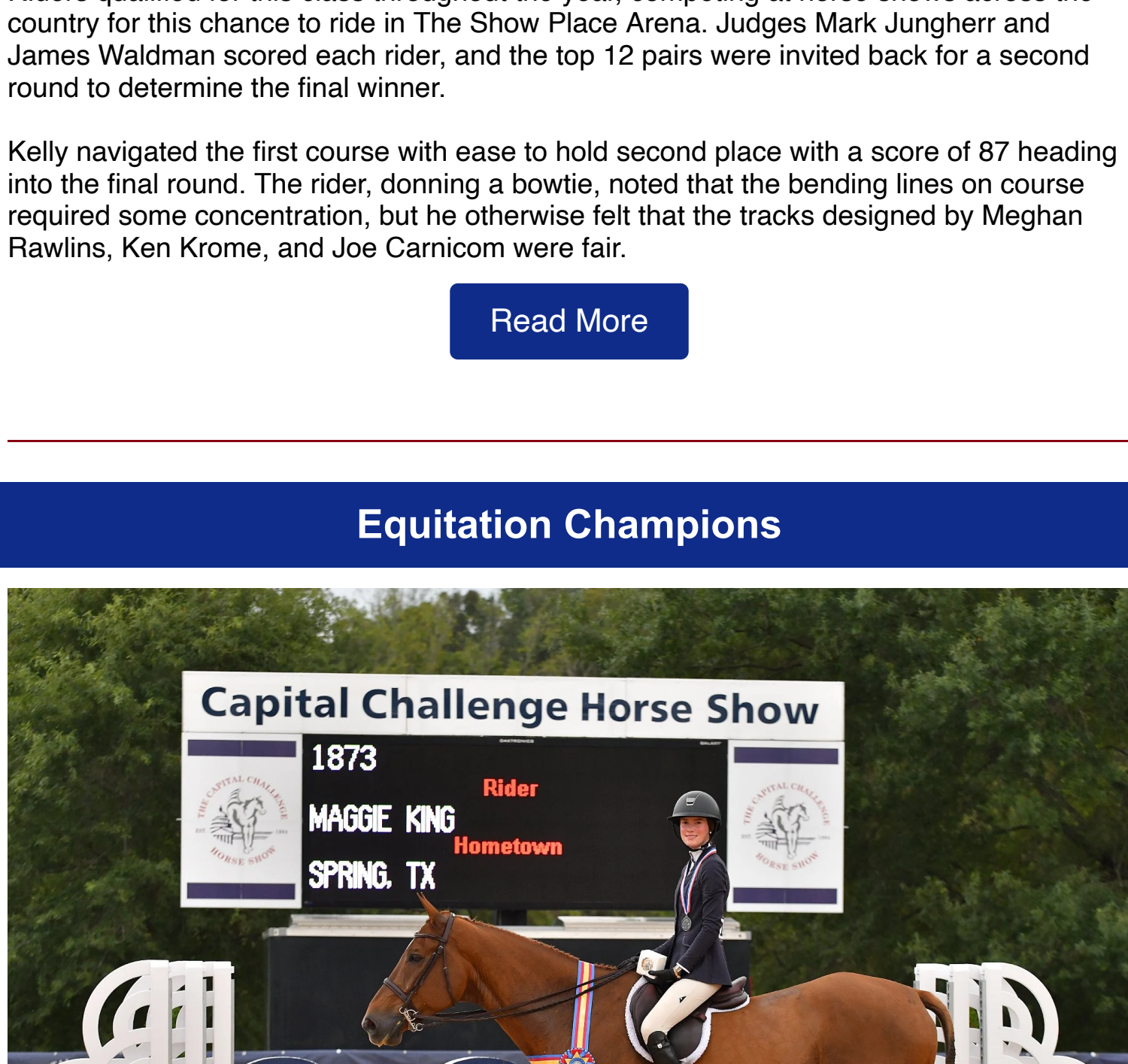
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Sydney Mohrhardt shares what it means to her to win the THIS National Children's Medal Finals with Saint Louis.

George Kelly and Glasgow Win in Style in North American League Children's Hunter Finals

On Saturday evening, 31 horse-and-rider combinations contested for the top prize in the \$10,000 North American League (NAL) Children's Hunter Finals, presented by Charles Ancona, during the 2025 Capital Challenge Horse Show. George Kelly, of Charlotte, NC, and Glasgow, owned by Callari Horses LLC, galloped away with the blue ribbon after two rounds of competition.



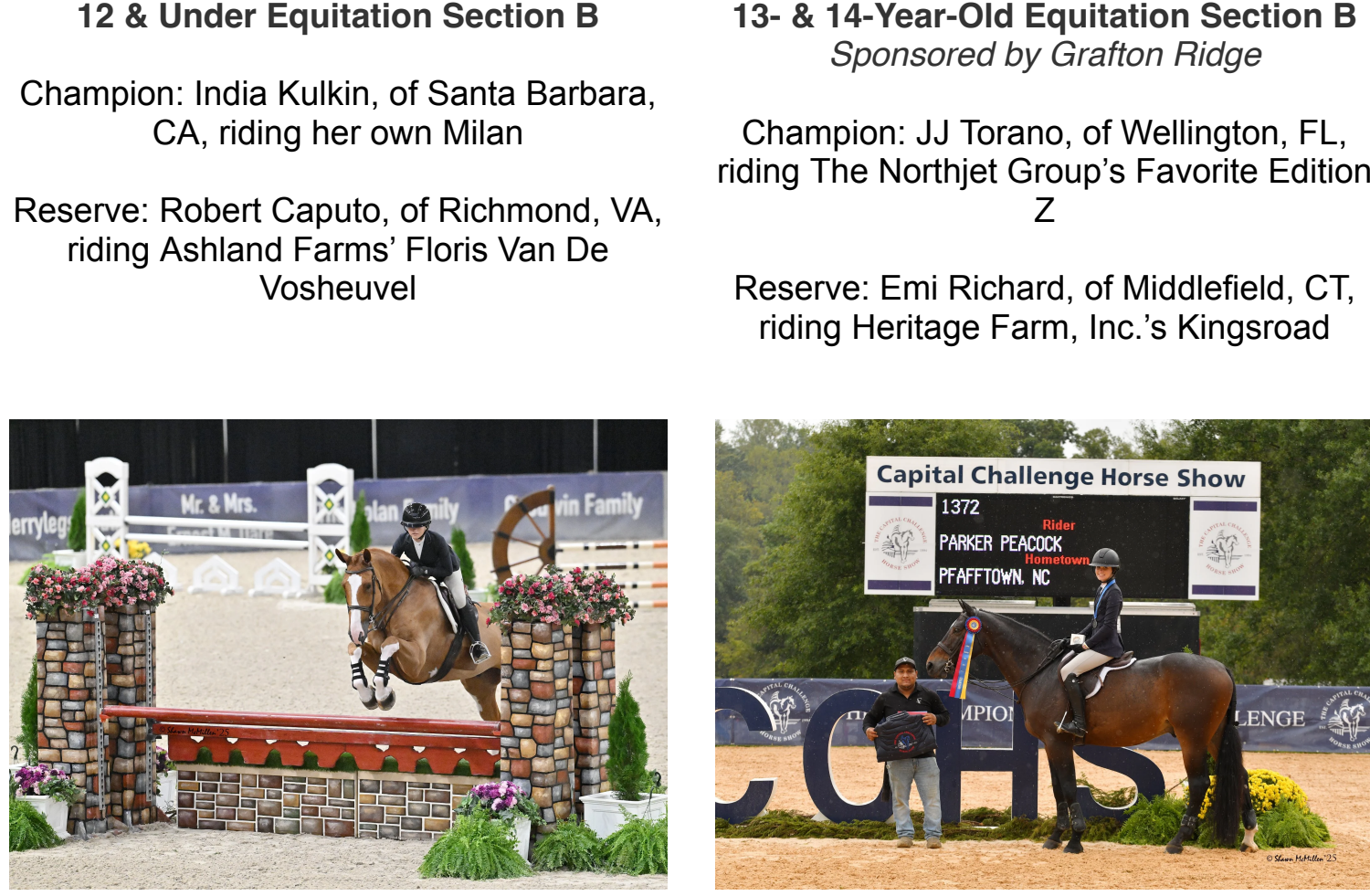
George Kelly and Glasgow laid down two stylish rounds to win. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

Riders qualified for this class throughout the year, competing at horse shows across the country for this chance to ride in The Show Place Arena. Judges Mark Jungherr and James Waldman scored each rider, and the top 12 pairs were invited back for a second round to determine the final winner.

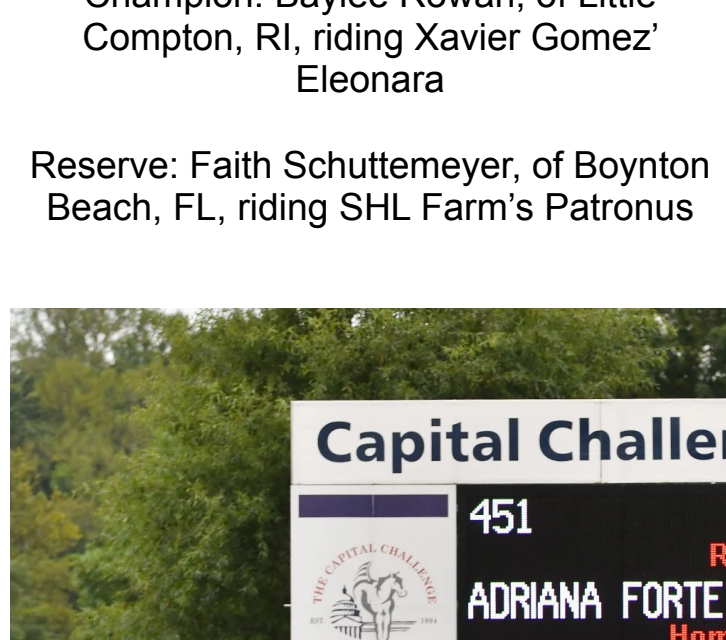
Kelly navigated the first course with ease to hold second place with a score of 87 heading into the final round. The rider, donning a bowtie, noted that the bending lines on course required some concentration, but he otherwise felt that the tracks designed by Meghan Rawlins, Ken Krome, and Joe Carnicom were fair.

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Equitation Champions

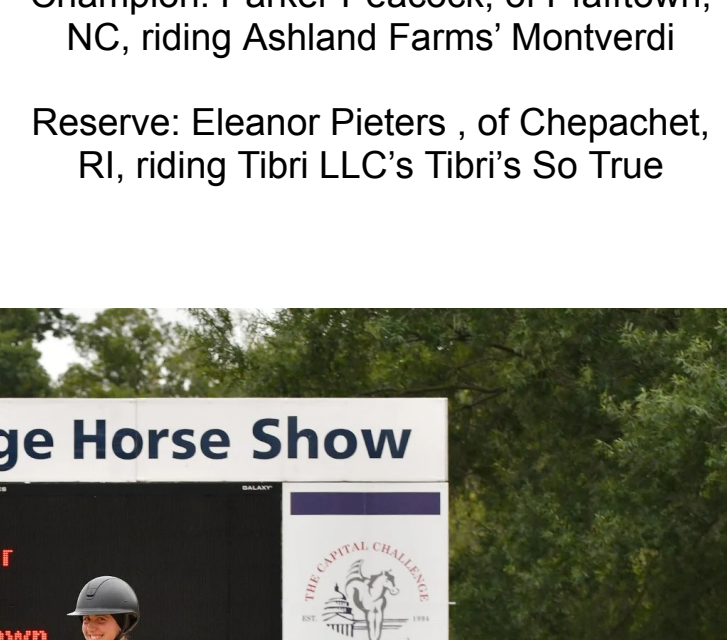


North American Junior Flat Equitation Championships
Maggie King riding Kentucky, owned by Oakland Ventures LLC



12 & Under Equitation Section B
Champion: India Kulkin, of Santa Barbara, CA, riding her own Milan

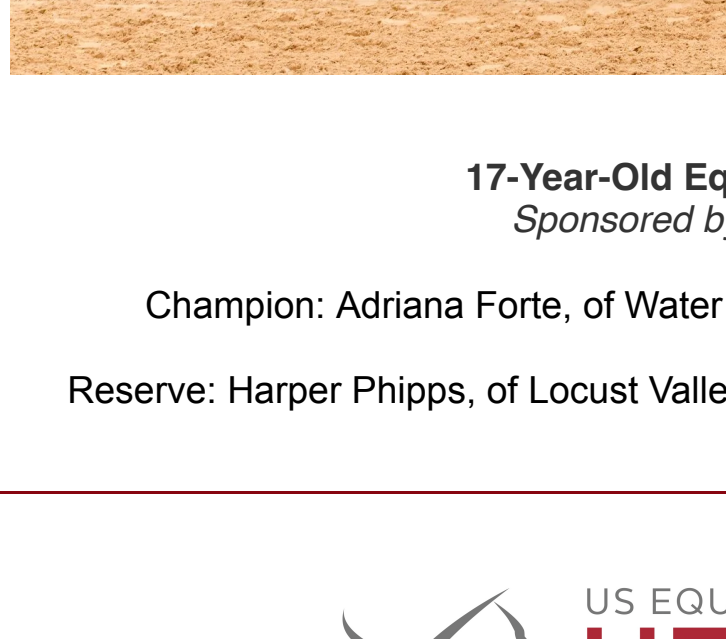
Reserve: Robert Caputo, of Richmond, VA, riding Ashland Farms' Floris Van De Vosheuvel



13- & 14-Year-Old Equitation Section B
Sponsored by Grafton Ridge

Champion: JJ Torano, of Wellington, FL, riding The Northjet Group's Favorite Edition Z

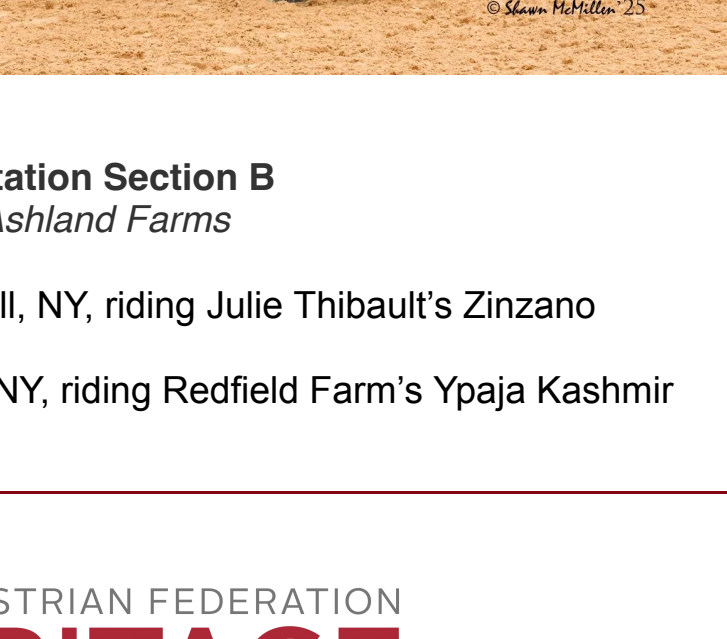
Reserve: Emi Richard, of Middlefield, CT, riding Heritage Farm, Inc.'s Kingsroad



15-Year-Old Equitation Section B
Sponsored by Two Goals Farm LLC

Champion: Baylee Rowan, of Little Compton, RI, riding Xavier Gomez' Eleonara

Reserve: Faith Schuttemeyer, of Boynton Beach, FL, riding SHL Farm's Patronus



16-Year-Old Equitation Section B
Sponsored by Kent Farrington, LLC

Champion: Parker Peacock, of Pfafftown, NC, riding Ashland Farms' Montverdi

Reserve: Eleanor Pieters, of Chepachet, RI, riding Tibri LLC's Tibri's So True



17-Year-Old Equitation Section B
Sponsored by Ashland Farms

Champion: Adriana Forte, of Water Mill, NY, riding Julie Thibault's Zinzano

Reserve: Harper Phipps, of Locust Valley, NY, riding Redfield Farm's Ypaja Kashmir



About the Capital Challenge Horse Show

The Capital Challenge Horse Show, an official USEF Heritage Competition, has a distinct and unique focus on preeminent hunter and equitation competition. The 2025 edition of the Capital Challenge Horse Show will take place from September 24-October 5. The 12 days of competition include prestigious equitation events, jumper divisions, the World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Finals, the Green Hunter North American Championships, and more, with many of the country's best horses and riders competing in junior, amateur, and professional divisions.

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