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Maverick Helmer leads the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final heading into the final phase on Saturday, September 30.

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CURRENT TOP TEN STANDINGS FOR THE USHJA 3'3" JUMPING SEAT MEDAL FINALS

Table with 4 columns: Rider, Phase 1, Phase 2, Overall. Lists top 10 riders including Maverick Helmer, Rachael Davis, and Dominika Silvestri.

Maverick Helmer Leads USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals - East

Upper Marlboro, MD – The 2017 Capital Challenge Horse Show kicked off on Friday, September 29, at the Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD, with the start of Equitation Weekend, presented by Bigeq.com.

Headlining Friday's competition were the first two phases of the inaugural United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final – East and the awarding of the Adult Amateur Equitation championship. Maverick Helmer of Roanoke, VA, currently tops the standings of the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final – East, while the Adult Amateur Equitation championship was awarded to Ashley Foster of Brookeville, MD.

After placing third in the Flat Phase of the USHJA 3'3" Jumper Seat Medal Final – East, Maverick Helmer moved up to capture the blue ribbon in the Gymnastics Phase over Alexandra Worthington and Dominika Silvestri.

Helmer, 16, guided Canterbury to a base score of 90 (with a co-efficient of 1.5) for final total of 135. When combined with his Flat Phase score of 84, Helmer leads the way with 219, ahead of Rachael Davis (213.5) and Silvestri (208.75).

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WINNING ROUND

Watch Maverick Helmer's winning round from the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals - Gymnastics Phase!

Rachael Davis Tops USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals Flat Phase

Rachael Davis, 17, impressed the judges during the Flat Phase of the inaugural USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final–East. Her position and solid performances, particularly in the lengthening of stride and counter canter, resulted in a score of 86, one point ahead of second-placed Billi Rose Brandner and two points in front of Helmer, who was third.

Davis, of Seattle, Washington, is a freshman at Baylor University in Texas, and she took a short break from her studies and competing on Baylor's National Collegiate Equestrian team to show at Capital Challenge during Equitation Weekend.



Rachael Davis, winner of the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final Flat Phase.

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"I figured since it was the first time they were holding the class, I wanted to do it," said Davis, who is also competing in the age group equitation and the Palm Beach International Academy North American Equitation Championships. "I'm riding on the Baylor team, so my coach said it would be great if I went in and competed again, and this win was great for Baylor."

Davis is partnered with Acido 7, a horse she is leasing for the fall season from Elizabeth Bailey. "This is my third or fourth show on him, and he's really nice," said Davis, who stands second to Helmer going into tomorrow's Jumping Phase.

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Ashley Foster Wins Adult Amateur Equitation Championship

Ashley Foster of Brookeville, MD, won the Adult Amateur Equitation championship, sponsored by Caraneen Smith and Bigeq.com, on Friday after winning both of the division's over fences classes. The reserve championship and the win in the Adult Amateur Equitation Flat went to Caroline Ingalls of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, riding Concerto.

Foster, 21, earned the division championship aboard Carlsberg, an eight-year-old Warmblood gelding that Foster purchased at the beginning of the year with the intent of competing him in the jumpers.

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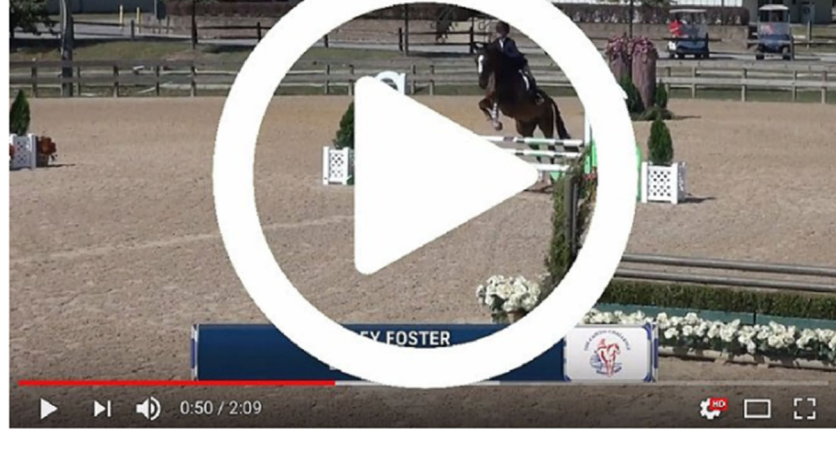


PHOTO OF THE DAY



Ashley Foster and Carlsberg were all smiles after claiming the Adult Amateur Equitation championship.

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THE DAILY UPDATE

Daily Update newsletter preview with USHJA logo and text about Rachael Davis and Ashley Foster.

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