

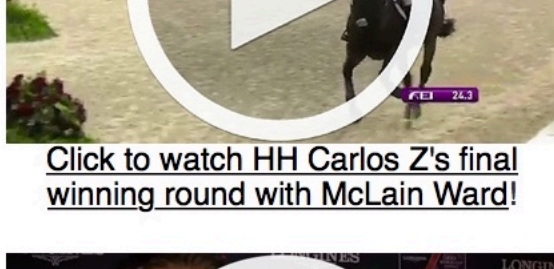
## The Daily Briefing

### HH Carlos Z Leaves the Sport with a Win at Washington International Horse Show CSI4\*-W



McLain Ward rode HH Carlos Z to one final victory on Friday night, winning the \$50,000 International Jumper Speed Final before announcing the gelding's retirement. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

October 27, 2017 - It was a bittersweet night for show jumping fans as they saw one of the sport's best in his final competition. HH Carlos Z went out on top with victory in the \$50,000 International Jumper Speed Final, presented by the Man O' War Project in partnership with Columbia University Medical Center. As HH Carlos Z and McLain Ward (USA) entered the arena for their victory gallop, it was announced that "Carlos" would retire.



Click to watch HH Carlos Z's final winning round with McLain Ward!

Riding out of the 11<sup>th</sup> spot in the order in the faults converted (Table C) format class, Ward and HH Carlos Z, a 15-year-old Zangersheide gelding by Chellano Z owned by Double H Farm, finished in 57.77 seconds.



Hear from McLain Ward following his win!

***"That's it. He's done. He's given more than he had to give. He's been an incredible horse, an incredible winner. He's won everything from five-star grand prix and jumped Nations' Cups to being a day in and day out winner."*** - McLain Ward

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### Aaron Vale Clears 6'7" to Win \$25,000 International Jumper Puissance



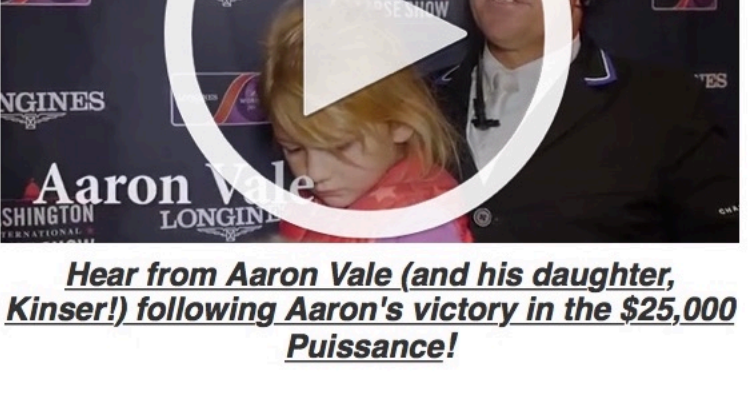
Aaron Vale (USA) and Finou cleared 6'7" to win the \$25,000 International Jumper Puissance, presented by The Boeing Company. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

Aaron Vale (USA) and Finou earned their second-consecutive WIHS Puissance victory on Friday night, this year clearing 6'7" to take the win in the \$25,000 International Jumper Puissance, presented by The Boeing Company.

"It's the horse," said Vale on the secret to trying with McLain Ward in 2016 and winning outright in 2017. "This horse actually has quite a bit of talent for this. It feels like he could actually jump a very big wall if the class played out that way. He's very comfortable at it, and it'd be exciting to try something pretty high with him if it ever happened. My personal best is 7'2 1/4". If I made higher it than that - that's pretty high to me."

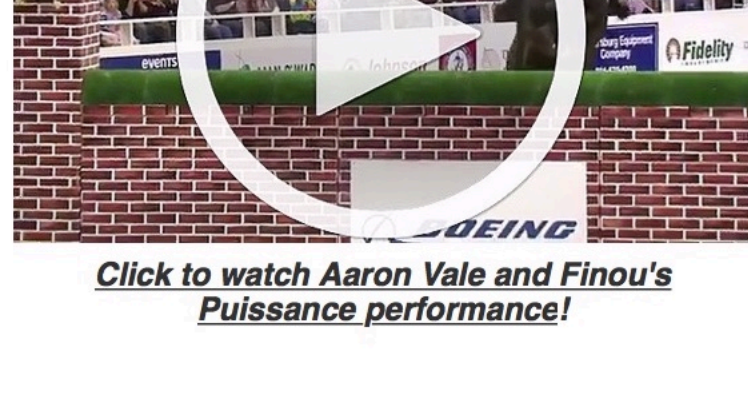
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#### Words From the Winner



Click to hear from Aaron Vale (and his daughter, Kinser!) following Aaron's victory in the \$25,000 Puissance!

#### Watch How They Won



Click to watch Aaron Vale and Finou's Puissance performance!

### Emma Kurtz Rides Dedication to Grand Junior Hunter Championship

The 2017 WIHS Grand Junior Hunter Championship and the Ides of March Perpetual Trophy, donated by Linda Lee and Lee Reynolds and given to the grand championship winner, were presented to Emma Kurtz of Hudson, OH, and Dedication, owned by Dr. Betsee Parker.

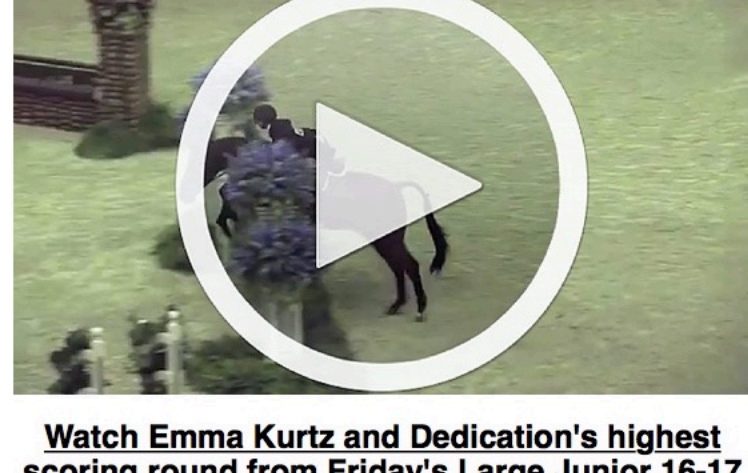


Emma Kurtz and Dedication, the 2017 Grand Junior Hunter Champion. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

On their way to winning the grand championship, Kurtz and Dedication, a 12-year-old bay Holsteiner gelding (by Casado), earned two firsts and a third over fences to take the Large Junior 16-17 Hunter Championship and the Chance Step Perpetual Trophy, presented by Chansonette Farms and donated by Brooke Carmichael- McMurray-Fowler and Pam Carmichael Keenan. The division reserve championship went to MTM Hands Down, ridden by Annabel Revers of Weston, MA, and owned by Beechwood Stables LLC.

At the 2016 WIHS, Kurtz rode Wisdom, owned by Rivers Edge, to the Small Junior 15 & Under Hunter championship, but this year marked her first time claiming the WIHS Grand Junior Hunter Championship.

***"It's amazing [to win here]. For [Dedication] to come in here and be bombproof is awesome."*** - Emma Kurtz



Watch Emma Kurtz and Dedication's highest scoring round from Friday's Large Junior 16-17 Hunters!

Kurtz, 16, acquired the ride on Dedication in mid-2016 and has made winning on the gelding look easy ever since, but the 17-hand gelding has his quirks.

"He's a little funny about his leads. We never practice lead changes at home, so that he doesn't get nervous for them," Kurtz explained "He's also particular about the way you hold your body over the jump. You have to give him enough time off the ground, but bend over enough for he doesn't hit it behind. It's a formula for sure.

"But he jumps amazing. He's beautiful, he's a good mover; he's the whole package," said Kurtz. "We love him."



Hear from Emma Kurtz following her championship victory!

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### Photo of the Day



Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment performed as a part of Friday's Military Night at the Washington International Horse Show. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

#### Saturday's Highlights

- \$130,000 Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping Washington, presented by Events DC
- Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Finals

#### Outside the Ring

**President's Cup Party**  
Saturday, October 28, at 7 p.m.

Wear your best equestrian chic and join D.C.'s business, diplomatic and community leaders to benefit the USET Foundation.

[Find more information and purchase tickets here.](#)



Friday night's \$50,000 International Jumper Speed Final was generously sponsored by the Man O'War Project in partnership with Columbia University Medical Center. [Click to learn more about the Man O'War Project!](#)

#### Special Awards

- **Small Junior 15 & Under Hunter Champion**, sponsored by the **Wasserman Foundation**: Boss, ridden by Stella Wasserman and owned by Laura Wasserman
- **Large Junior 15 & Under Hunter Champion**: Small Affair, ridden by Augusta Iwasaki and owned by Lyn Pedersen
- **Small Junior 16-17 Hunter Champion**, sponsored by the **Wasserman Foundation**: Kingpin, ridden by Annabel Revers and owned by Beechwood Stables LLC
- **Large Junior 16-17 Hunter Champion**, sponsored by **ALTEC/Stysinger Foundation**: Dedication, ridden by Emma Kurtz and owned by Dr. Betsee Parker
- **Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Hunter Phase Winner**: Ava Stearns
- **Best Child Rider on a Horse**: Augusta Iwasaki
- **\$2,500 Low Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper Winner**, sponsored by **Britton and Sheila Sanderford**: Sophie Gochman and Carola Bh
- **\$5,000 High Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper Winner**, sponsored by **Kadley Farm**: Alexandra Piolet and Helene Ve

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