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Grady Lyman Wins Palm Beach International Academy North American Junior Equitation Championships

Upper Marlboro, Maryland – The Capital Challenge Horse Show named two new equitation championship winners on Sunday, September 30, to conclude the show's Equitation Weekend, presented by BigEq.com, at the Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD. The 25th anniversary edition of the horse show continues with hunter, jumper, and equitation competition through Sunday, October 7.

Sunday's victors were Grady Lyman of San Diego, CA, who won the Palm Beach International Academy (PBIA) North American Junior Equitation Championships, and Avery Glynn of Petaluma, CA, who topped the Taylor Harris Insurance Services (THIS) National Children's Medal Finals.



Grady Lyman and Efendi. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

From a field of 138 entries, Lyman was one of the top 20 to return to the ring for a second jumping round in the North American Junior Equitation Championships. When she returned, she executed the highest scoring round of the weekend – earning a 96 from one of the three panels of judges and an average score for the round of 94.66.

Palm Beach International Academy North American Junior Equitation Championships SCORE SHEET			
	Round 1	Round 2	Total
1. Grady Lyman	90.33	94.66	184.99
2. Madison Goetzmann	91	91.25	182.25
3. Kaitlyn Lovingfoss	89.33	90.08	179.41
4. Coco Fath	89.66	88.91	178.57
5. Paige Matthies	86.16	91.66	177.82
6. Maverick Helmer	87.23	89.58	176.81
7. Jennifer Staniloff	89.30	87.16	176.46
8. Caroline Bald	86.33	89.16	175.49
9. Mimi Gochman	84.66	89.66	174.32
10. Rachel McMullen	86.16	88.16	174.32

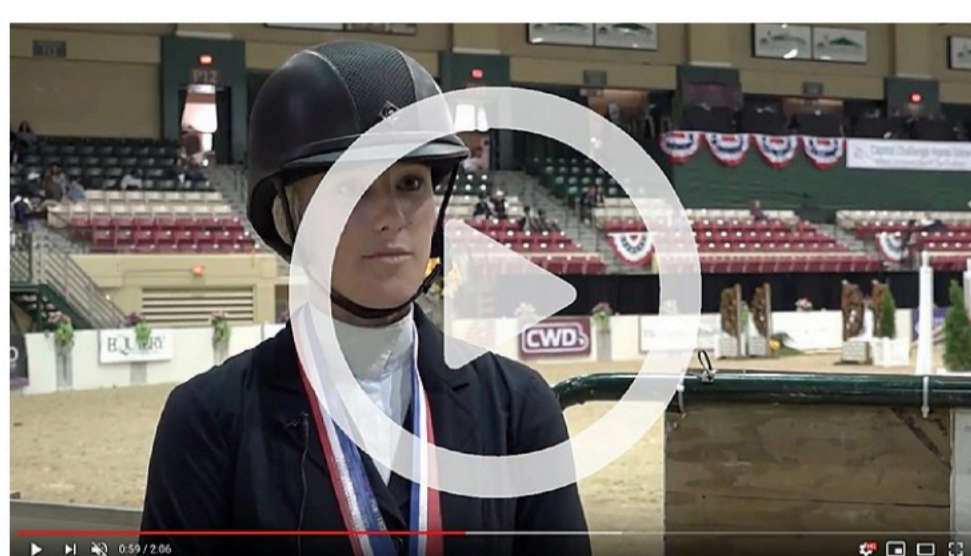
"I've only scored about a 93 before, so to get a little bit higher than that was really, really nice," said Lyman, who trains with Ken and Emily Smith of Ashland Farms. "It was really good for my confidence too."

That score shot her from second place to well into the lead with an overall score of 184.99. With more than two points separating her and eventual second place finisher, Madison Goetzmann of Skaneateles, NY, who earned an overall score of 182.25, no additional testing was deemed necessary, and the win was presented to Lyman.

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[Watch Grady Lyman's winning Palm Beach International Academy North American Junior Equitation Championships round here!](#)



WORDS FROM THE WINNER

[Hear from Grady Lyman following her Palm Beach International Academy North American Junior Equitation Championships win!](#)

Avery Glynn Gets THIS National Children's Medal Finals Win

The win in Sunday's Taylor Harris Insurance Services (THIS) National Children's Medal Finals went to Avery Glynn of Petaluma, CA.

The top 40 THIS National Children's Medal competitors from across the country qualified to compete in the final at Capital Challenge, and the top 10 from Sunday's first round then qualified to come back for the second round.

At the conclusion of the first round Glynn sat in second place with a score of 87.75 behind Katalina Rickard of Sherman Oaks, CA, who carried a score of 88.00. Sitting in third going into the second round was Amber Ayyad of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, on a score of 86.53.



The 2018 THIS National Children's Medal Finals win was presented to Avery Glynn of Petaluma, CA. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

"I was really nervous because I knew I wasn't on top, but I was in a good place," said Glynn, 12. "A lot of my friends were in that class, and I'd seen a lot of people be good at the beginning. There were a few inside turns, and I decided to take a few of them. It was a hard decision whether we wanted to or not, but I did what was right for me and my horse and was happy with my decision."

Glynn had good reason to be happy with how her round played out, as an average score for the round shot her to the top of the leaderboard. When Rickard found a bad distance to the second to last fence on course, the top two came down to Glynn on a score of 175.75 and Ayyad on a score of 174.86. With less than two points separating the top riders, the judges called for additional testing.

Glynn and Ayyad both executed the test well, which incorporated a hand-gallop out of the line-up to an oxer, a trot fence, a halt, and a counter canter to vertical before picking up the sitting trot back into the line-up. While Ayyad earned the slightly higher test score, an 86.33 average, it was not enough to move her ahead of Glynn who scored an 86 on the test to secure the victory.

"It feels amazing to have just won the THIS National Children's Medal Finals!" said Glynn, who took the win aboard Cocon 4, a nine-year-old Oldenburg mare owned by Glynn's father, Ned Glynn. "I was so happy with my horse. This is her first time at Indoors ever. We imported her as a jumper. She's just starting her eq career, and I was just so proud of her. She acted amazing tonight. I was just so excited, and it was amazing."

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WINNING ROUND

[Watch Avery Glynn's winning round from the Taylor Harris Insurance Services National Children's Medal Finals!](#)



Taylor Harris Insurance Services National Children's Medal Finals SCORE SHEET				
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Total
1. Avery Glynn	87.75	88	86	261.75
2. Amber Ayyad	86.53	88.33	86.33	261.19
3. Grace Debney	84.41	87.66		172.07
4. Dominic Gibbs	84.86	87.33		172.19
5. Maggie Hill	85.00	83.50		168.50
6. Dylan Bentley	84.66	83.00		167.66
7. Gabrielle Sokolow	84.33	83.00		167.33
8. Stella Wasserman	84.33	79.66		163.99
9. Bella Zachary	84.50	78.66		163.16
10. Katalina Rickard	88.00	68.33		156.33

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