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Laura Kraut Adds \$136,300 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington, presented by Events DC for the President's Cup, To Her Resume

Laura Kraut finally added a title she has been coveting to her record at the 61st Washington International Horse Show (WIHS). Riding Fleurette, Kraut jumped to victory in the \$136,300 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington, presented by Events DC for the President's Cup, on Saturday, October 26.

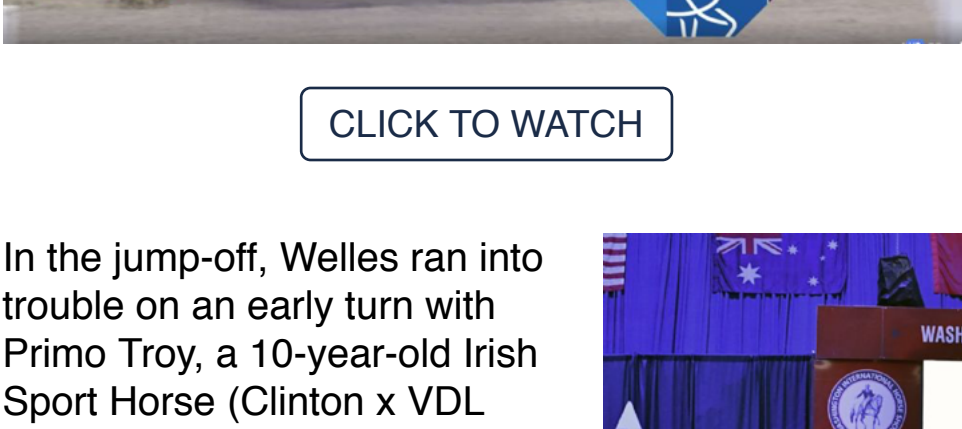
Earlier in the evening, 17-year-old Canadian rider Sam Walker claimed the prestigious Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Finals riding Waldo.



Laura Kraut and Fleurette
Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"It's been a class that I wanted to win for many, many years," said Olympic team gold medalist Kraut, who was fifth in the class in 2018 riding Confu. "I think I've been jumping in the international division [at WIHS] since the late '80s. I've had quite a few seconds and thirds and fourths, but it's just always seemed to elude me. I said at the beginning of the week, 'I think this is going to be my week.'" Kraut first competed at WIHS in 1978 in the pony hunter divisions.

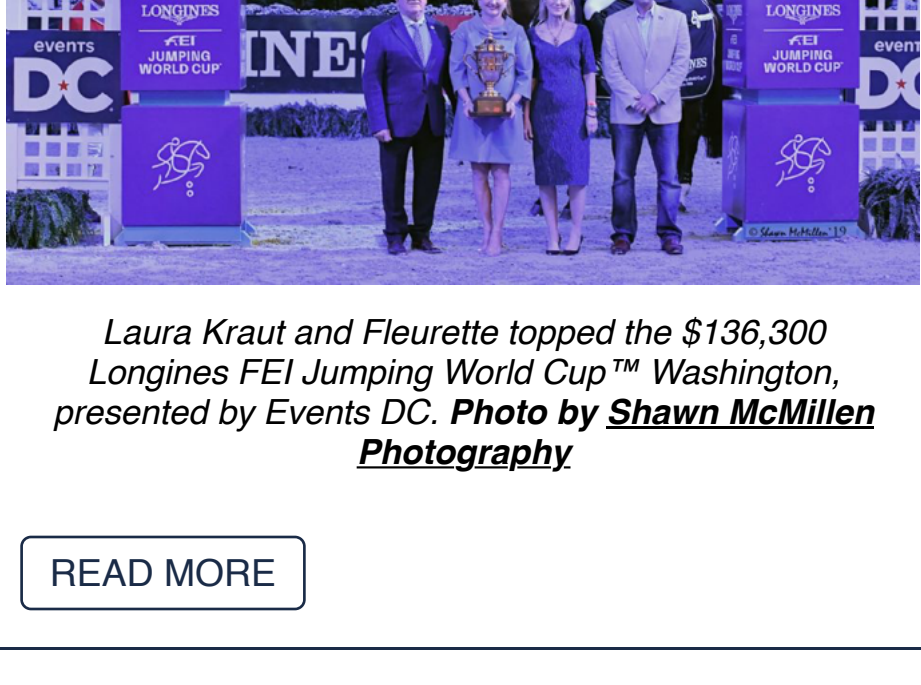
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As the seventh to go, Andrew Welles and Primo Troy were the first pair of the 30-horse field to find their way clear over Olaf Petersen Jr.'s first-round course. The packed crowd in Capital One Arena waited to see another clear round until Laura and Fleurette came into the ring as the final horse to jump, and a massive cheer went up when she made the jump-off.

In the jump-off, Welles ran into trouble on an early turn with Primo Troy, a 10-year-old Irish Sport Horse (Clinton x VDL Arkansas) owned by the Itasca Group. The stallion stopped, and after Welles circled and finished the course, they had accumulated 12 faults in a time of 45.69 seconds. "I tried to lay down the best round I could," Welles said. "With a rider like Laura behind you, you want to take a shot. I tried to do that. Unfortunately it didn't work out, but I'm thrilled with my horse tonight."

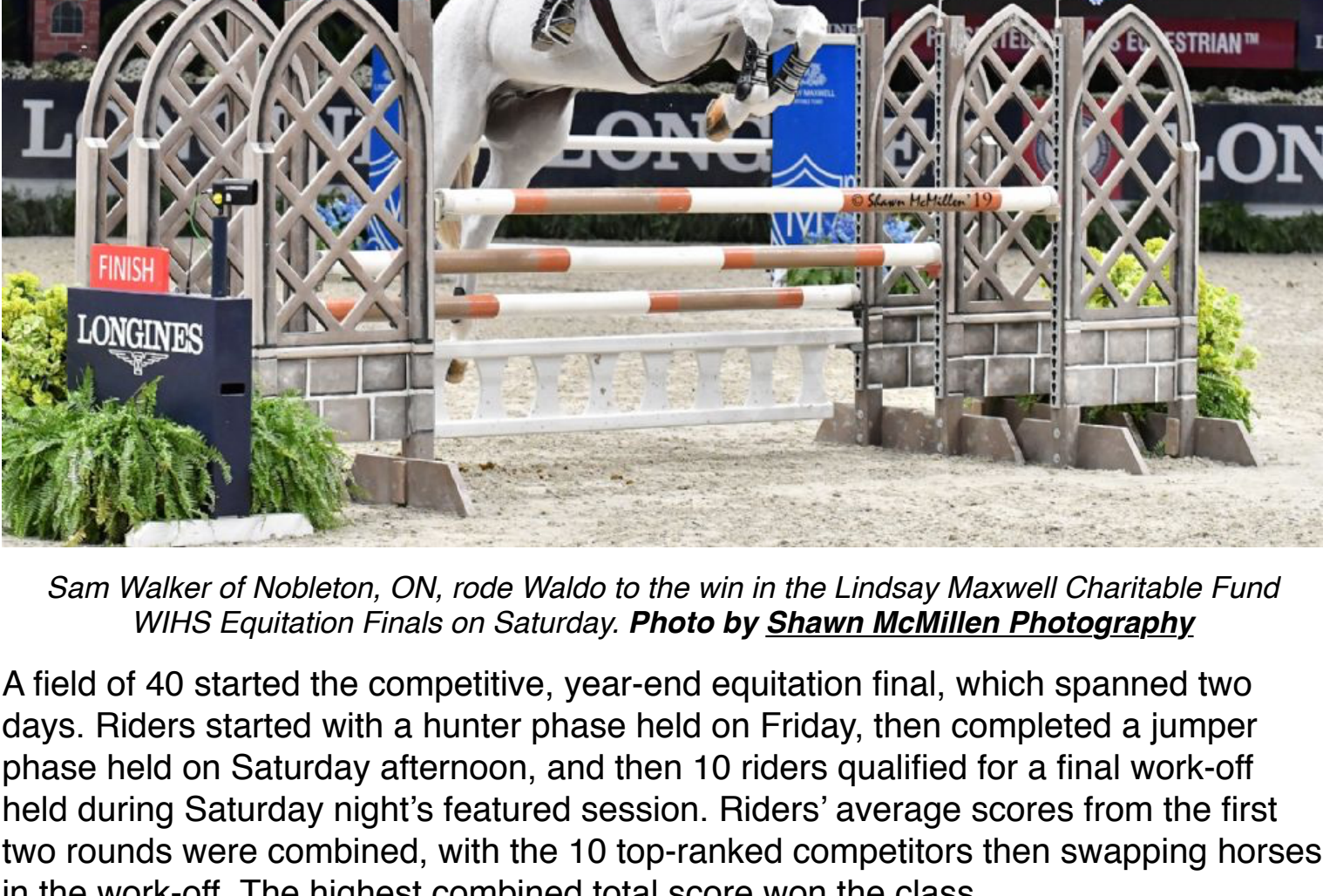


Laura Kraut and Fleurette topped the \$136,300 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington, presented by Events DC. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

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Sam Walker Walks Off With Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Finals

Sam Walker simply could not be beaten in the Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Finals on Saturday. Walker, 17, and from Nobleton, ON, led the three-phase competition from start to finish riding Waldo, becoming the first Canadian rider to win the class.



Sam Walker of Nobleton, ON, rode Waldo to the win in the Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Finals on Saturday. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

A field of 40 started the competitive, year-end equitation final, which spanned two days. Riders started with a hunter phase held on Friday, then completed a jumper phase held on Saturday afternoon, and then 10 riders qualified for a final work-off held during Saturday night's featured session. Riders' average scores from the first two rounds were combined, with the 10 top-ranked competitors then swapping horses in the work-off. The highest combined total score won the class.

Walker joked that his preparation for this year's win began immediately after the class last year. "I was 10th place here last year and third the year before, so I was a little bit hungry to get back in the ring here," Walker said. "I just wanted to say thank you to the Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund for sponsoring this class and always making it a great event every year."

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Walker set the tone early with Waldo, a 12-year-old warmblood gelding owned by Missy Clark and North Run. The judges, Chance Arakelian, Laura Kraut, Timmy Kees, and Sue Ashe, scored him with a 93 in the hunter round, giving him the blue in that phase. In the jumper round, Walker finished second with a score of 92, but retained his lead in the overall standings with a 185 total. Ava Stearns, who won the jumper phase with a score of 93.5, was hot on his heels in the standings with a 182.5 total.

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Paige Matthies Makes Clean Count in \$15,000 Show Jumping Hall of Fame High Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic

Last year, Paige Matthies had to settle for second in the \$15,000 Show Jumping Hall of Fame High Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic with the fastest four-fault round. This year, there was no stopping her as she claimed the title, and the Ambassador's Cup Perpetual Trophy, donated by Ambassador and Mrs. Marion H. Smoak, with the only clean round in the class riding Climbus.



Paige Matthies and Climbus
Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"He has a heart of gold," Matthies said of Climbus, a 13-year-old Holsteiner by Cartani and owned by Barbara Smith. "He wants a clear round to win. He'll put his all into it if he feels like you need it, and he did that today."

Course designer Olaf Petersen, Jr., set a tough course for the class.

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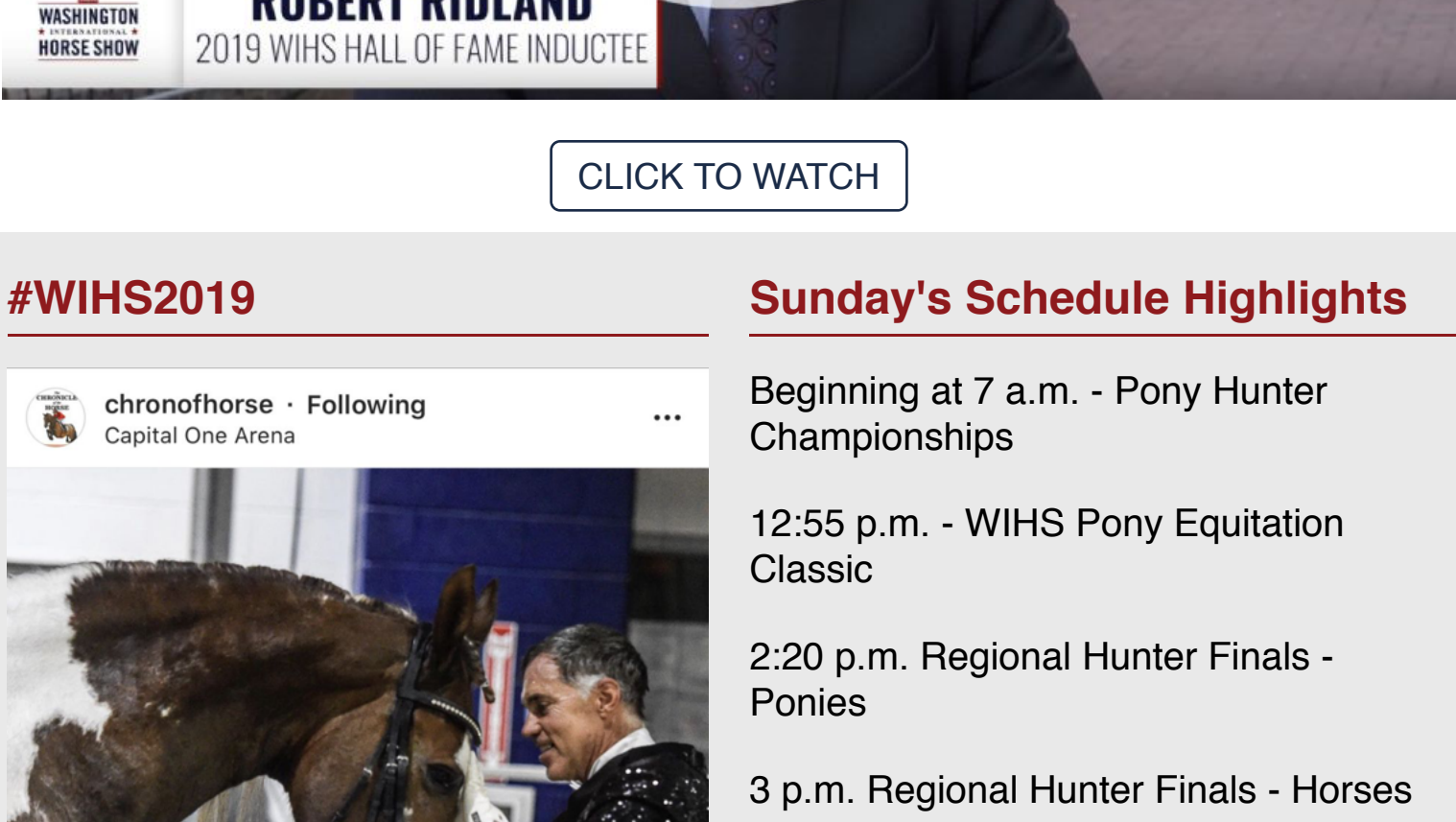
Barb Roux (left) of St. Bride's Farm and Laura Kraut hold the President's Cup Trophy won by St. Bride's Farm's Fleurette. Photo by Jump Media

In Front of The Lens At Capital One Arena



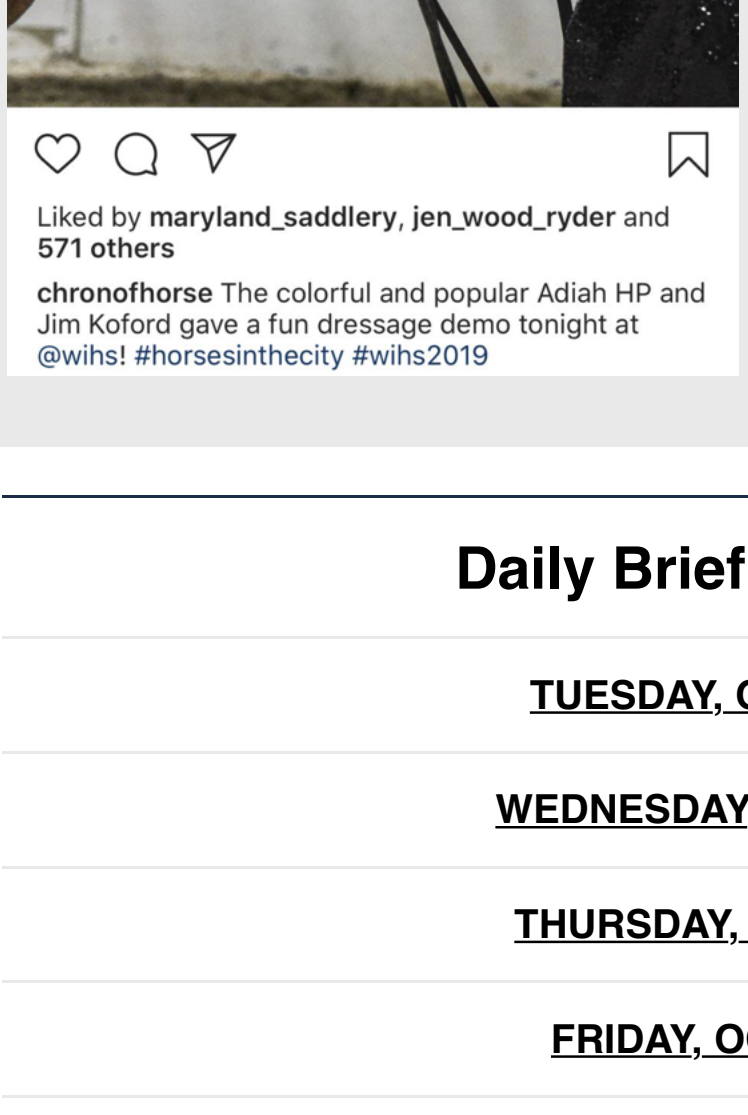
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Robert Ridland Inducted Into WIHS Hall of Fame



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Sunday's Schedule Highlights

- Beginning at 7 a.m. - Pony Hunter Championships
- 12:55 p.m. - WIHS Pony Equitation Classic
- 2:20 p.m. Regional Hunter Finals - Ponies
- 3 p.m. Regional Hunter Finals - Horses

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