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Luke Rinehart Rides Cavalli to NAL Children's Hunter Final Win at Capital Challenge

Wilmington, OH – Luke Rinehart of Westfield, IN, rode Cavalli to the win in the North American League (NAL) Children's Hunter Final, on Monday, September 28, at the Capital Challenge Horse Show, held at the World Equestrian Center in Wilmington, OH.

Rinehart was one of 29 young riders to contest the class after qualifying for the year-end final by accumulating points in NAL Children's Hunter competition throughout the year. The 13-year-old led the class from beginning to end after earning a score of 86.50 in the first round and an 86.00 in the second round, for a 172.50 total.

Second place, with scores of 80.00 and 82.50 for a 162.50 total went to Ava Tzioufas of Inverness, IL, riding Expecto Patronum. Olivia Galley of Barrington, IL, finished in third with scores of 80.50, 81.50, and a 162.00 total.



Luke Rinehart and Cavalli led the victory gallop for the NAL Children's Hunter Final. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"I did not think coming in that I would be first!" said Rinehart, who trains with his parents, Richard and Catherine of Rinehart Farm. "I thought I'd get more like the top 12 – maybe sixth or seventh – so I was very excited how it turned out. It feels fantastic.

"I thought my first round was probably the better of the two rounds," continued Luke Rinehart of his performances over the courses designed by Ken Krome. "It was a good, solid round, and I was a lot more nervous coming into the second round."

Rinehart earned his victory aboard Cavalli, a 15-year-old Hanoverian gelding owned by Taylor Johnson.

"Cavalli's a great horse," said Rinehart of the horse that he's leased from Johnson for the past few years. "I started him out in the 2'6". He's a great horse. He has a lot of professional training and experience, and I'm so lucky to have him."



Luke Rinehart was joined for the presentation by (from left to right) his mother, Catherine Rinehart; Annette Longenecker representing the NAL; Kendall Meijer of Copper Fox LLC; and his father, Richard Rinehart. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

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Jumper Welcome Winners



Leigh Nanda of Wilmette, IL, and El Casper in the NAL Children's Jumper Welcome.



Grace Debney of Hampden, MA, and Darc Kiss Z in the Medium Junior/Amateur/Amateur-Owner Jumper Welcome.



Phoenix Hill of Eastlake, OH, and Skys Burnin Blue in the NAL Adult Jumper Welcome.



Ellie Bruder of Argyle, TX, and Avisee du Moulinet in the NAL Low Junior/Amateur/Amateur-Owner Jumper Welcome.

Words From the Winner

Hear from Luke Rinehart following his win in the NAL Children's Hunter Final!

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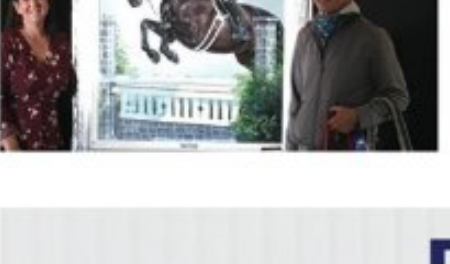
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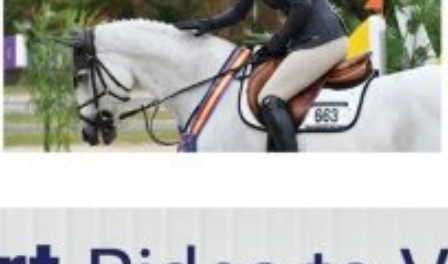


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Rinehart Rides to Victory

Luke Rinehart gave his father and trainer Richard Rinehart a high five on his way out of the ring after nailing his second round and winning the North American League (NAL) Children's Hunter Finals. "I did not think coming in that I would be first!" said Rinehart, who trains with his parents, Richard and Catherine of Rinehart Farm. "I thought I'd get more like the top 12 – maybe sixth or seventh – so I was very excited how it turned out. It feels fantastic."

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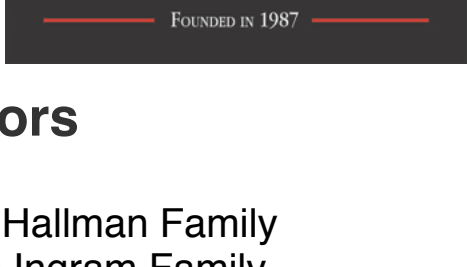
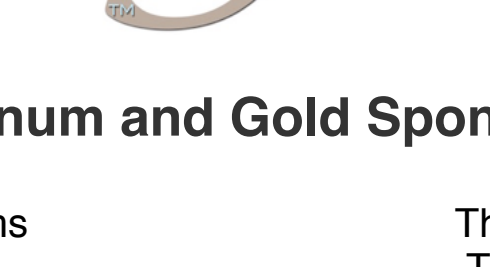
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This year marked the middle school student's first appearance at the Capital Challenge Horse Show, but Rinehart hopes not his last. "It's a perfect show," said Rinehart. "I spent a lot of my time riding at home practicing for OCHS. I was pretty nervous too, but I was very excited when I came here. I got here, and it turned out great!"

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