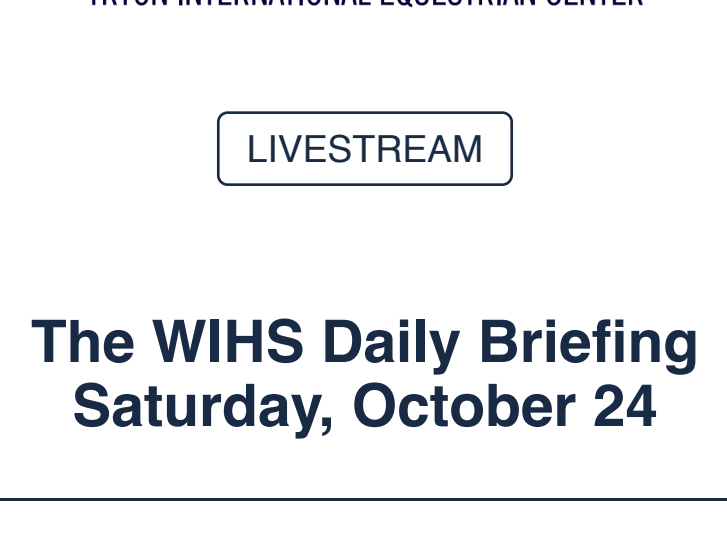




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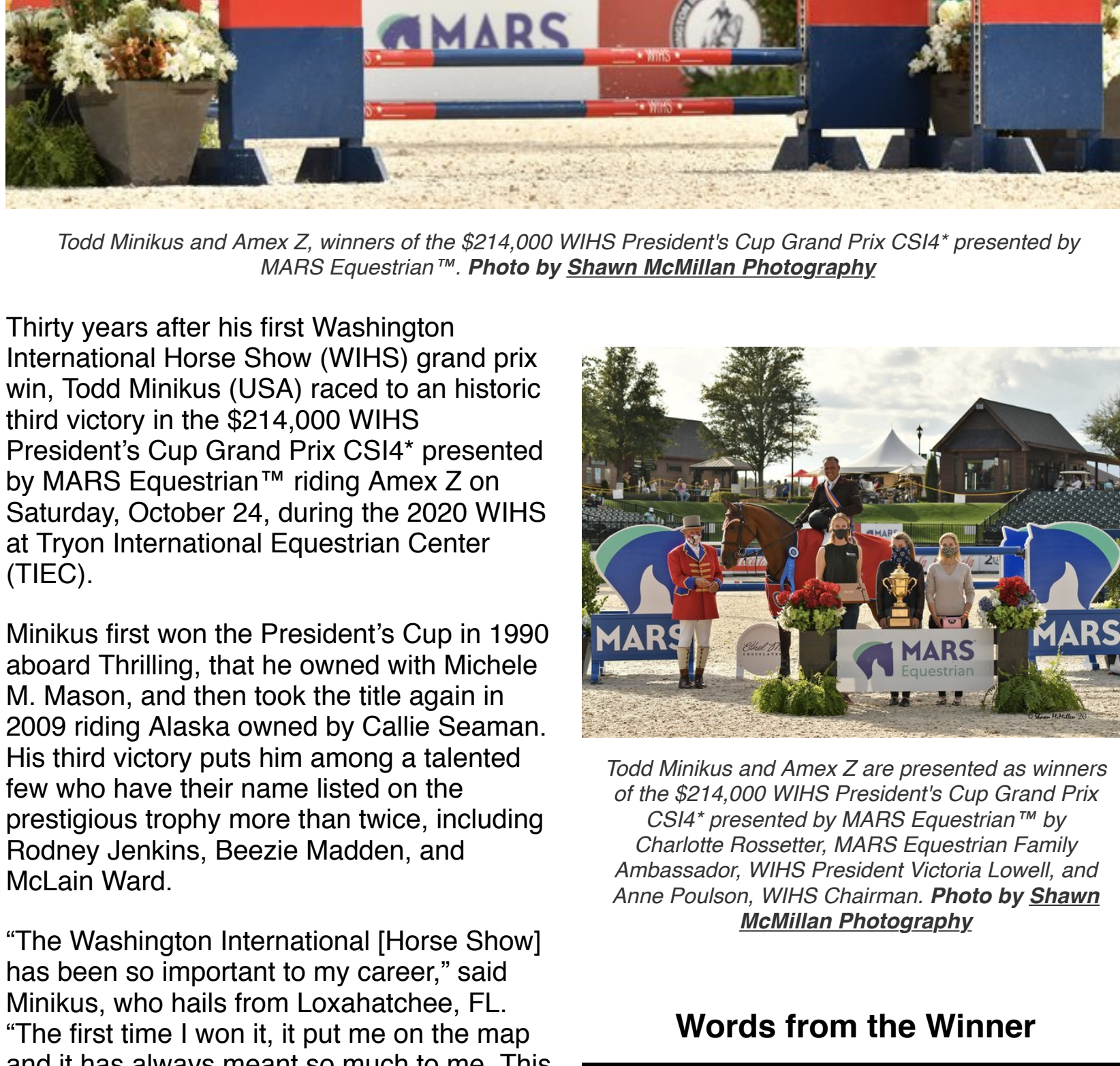
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Todd Minikus Lands a Hat Trick in \$214,000 WIHS President's Cup Grand Prix CSI4\* Presented by MARS Equestrian™



Todd Minikus and Amex Z, winners of the \$214,000 WIHS President's Cup Grand Prix CSI4\* presented by MARS Equestrian™. Photo by Shawn McMillan Photography

Thirty years after his first Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) grand prix win, Todd Minikus (USA) raced to an historic third victory in the \$214,000 WIHS President's Cup Grand Prix CSI4\* presented by MARS Equestrian™ riding Amex Z on Saturday, October 24, during the 2020 WIHS at Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC).

Minikus first won the President's Cup in 1990 aboard Thrilling, that he owned with Michele M. Mason, and then took the title again in 2009 riding Alaska owned by Callie Seaman. His third victory puts him among a talented few who have their name listed on the prestigious trophy more than twice, including Rodney Jenkins, Bezie Madden, and McLain Ward.

"The Washington International [Horse Show] has been so important to my career," said Minikus, who hails from Loxahatchee, FL. "The first time I won it, it put me on the map and it has always meant so much to me. This year has been obviously a little bit of a different situation with everything going on in the world as well as show jumping. We were shut down for quite a while and Tryon was one of the first facilities to open up and they did a fabulous job of taking on the WIHS President's Cup."

"Sometimes you kind of feel like, 'Here we go, another class,' but when they mention the President's Cup – because it has such a history and is such a prestigious event in American show jumping – it is just as meaningful as it was 30 years ago," continued Minikus.

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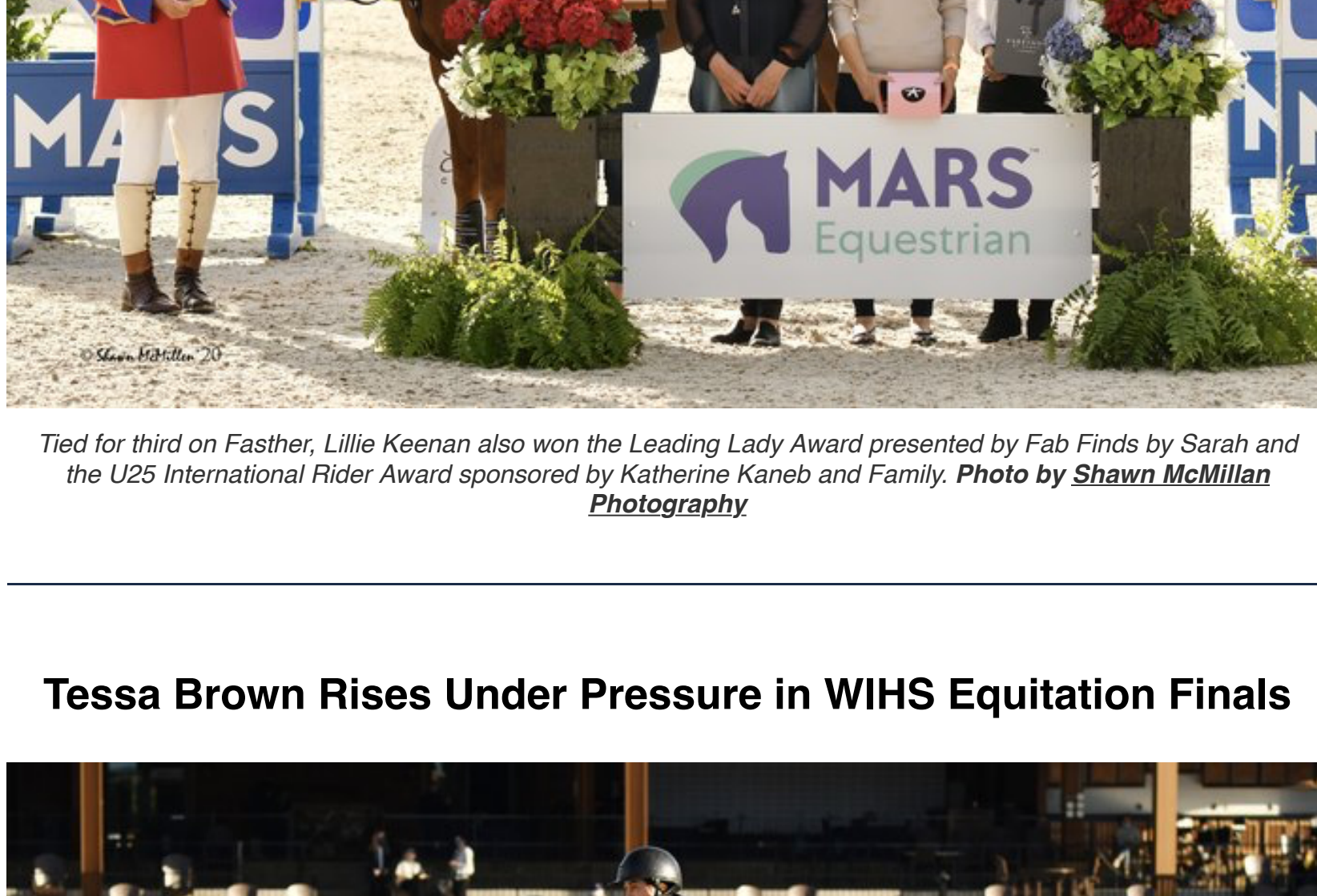
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Runner-up Karl Cook riding Callou 24. Photo by Shawn McMillan Photography

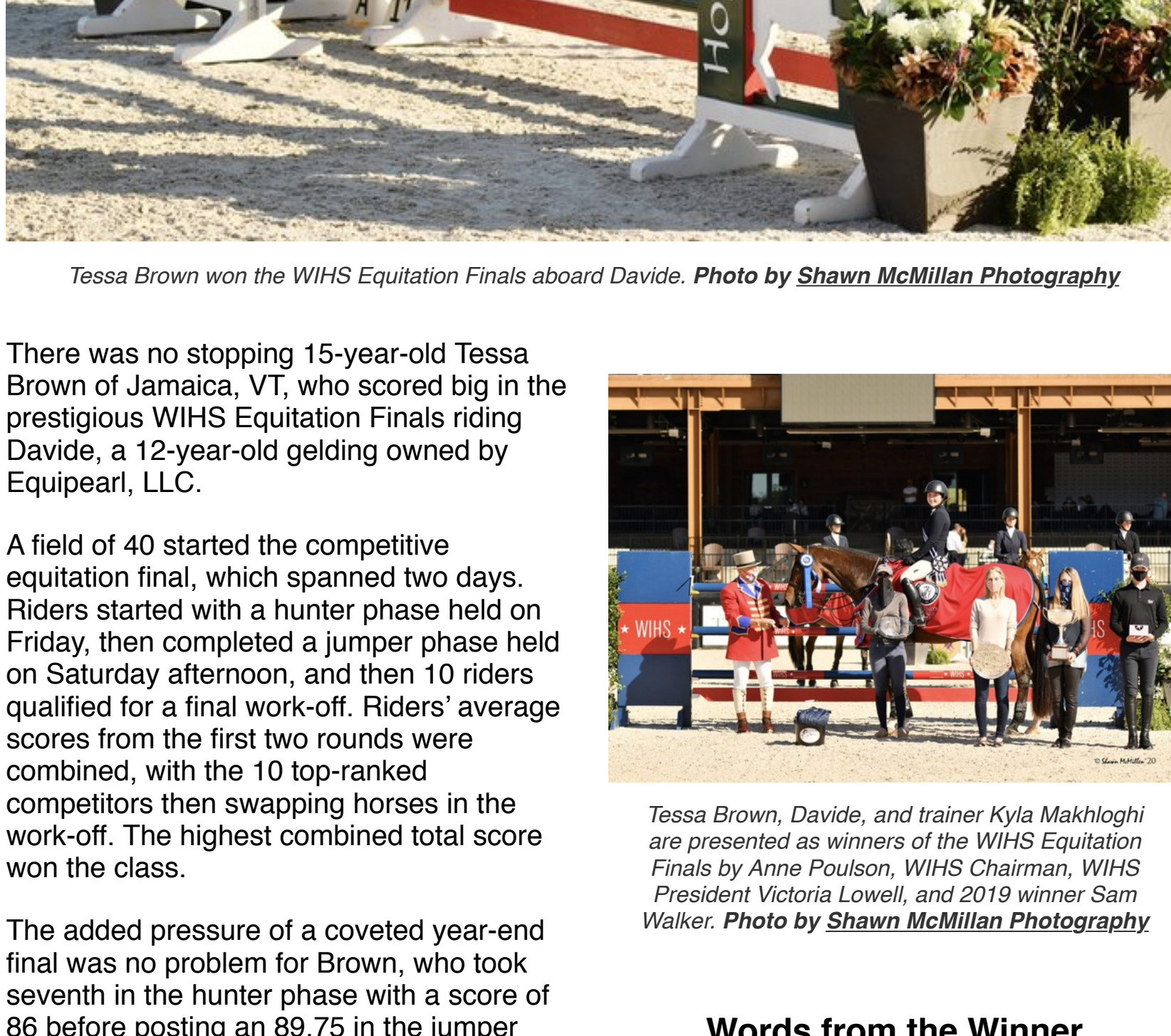


Beat Mandl finished third on Galan S. Photo by Shawn McMillan Photography



Tied for third on Fasther, Lillie Keenan also won the Leading Lady Award presented by Fab Finds by Sarah and the U25 International Rider Award sponsored by Katherine Kaneb and Family. Photo by Shawn McMillan Photography

Tessa Brown Rises Under Pressure in WIHS Equitation Finals



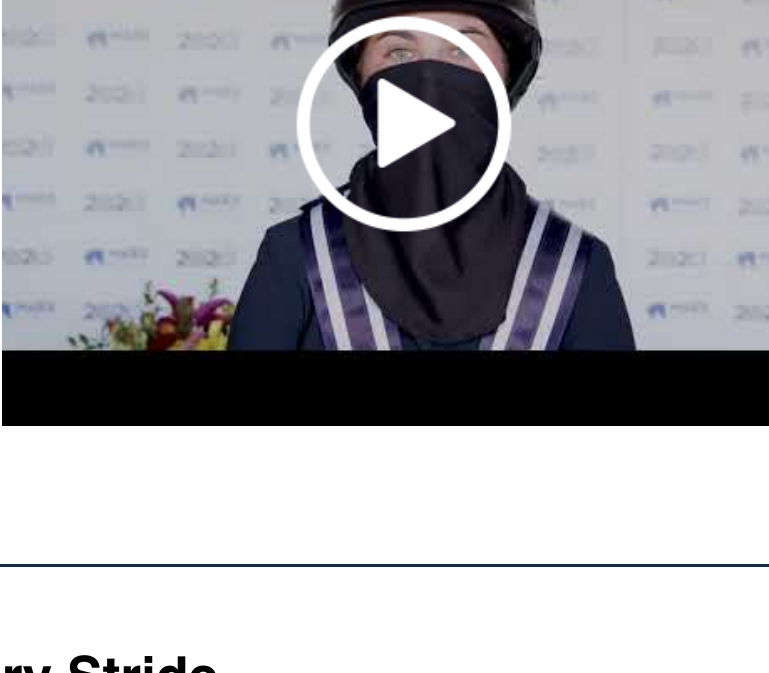
Tessa Brown won the WIHS Equitation Finals aboard Davide. Photo by Shawn McMillan Photography

There was no stopping 15-year-old Tessa Brown of Jamaica, VT, who scored big in the prestigious WIHS Equitation Finals riding Davide, a 12-year-old gelding owned by Equipearl, LLC.

A field of 40 started the competitive 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. 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.

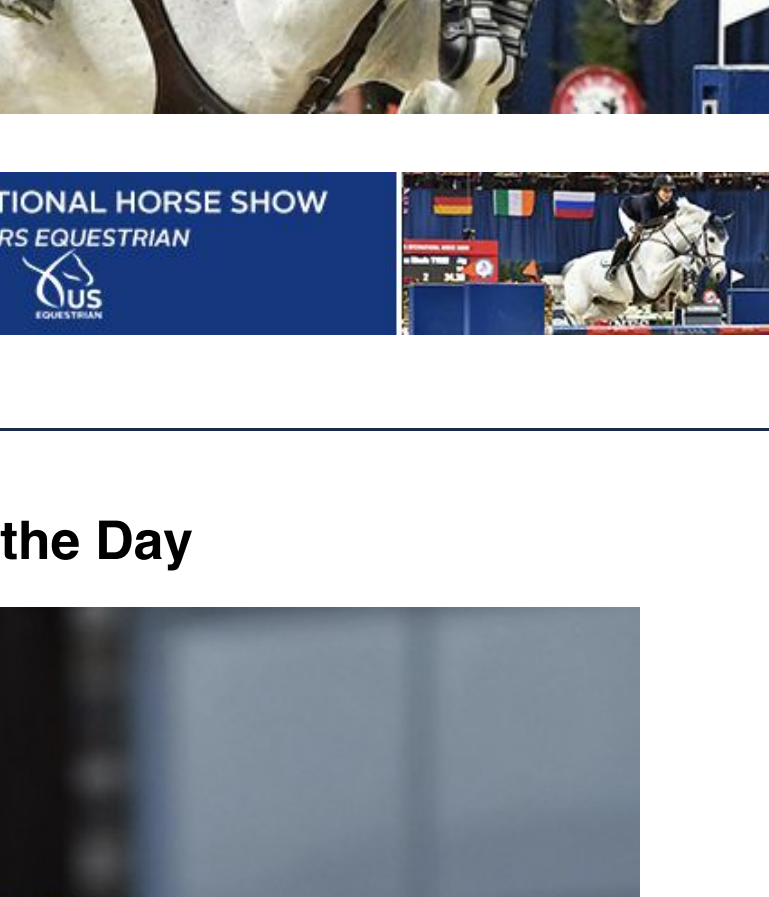
The added pressure of a coveted year-end final was no problem for Brown, who took seventh in the hunter phase with a score of 86 before posting an 89.75 in the jumper phase. She again impressed the judges, Erynn Ballard, Robin Rost-Brown, Nicole Shahinian-Simpson, and Jimmy Torano, with a score of 91.5 in the work-off. Finishing in second was Sophie Steckbeck of Clarksburg, NJ.

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Tessa Brown, Davide, and trainer Kyla Makhloghi are presented as winners of the WIHS Equitation Finals by Anne Poulson, WIHS Chairman, WIHS President Victoria Lowell, and 2019 winner Sam Walker. Photo by Shawn McMillan Photography

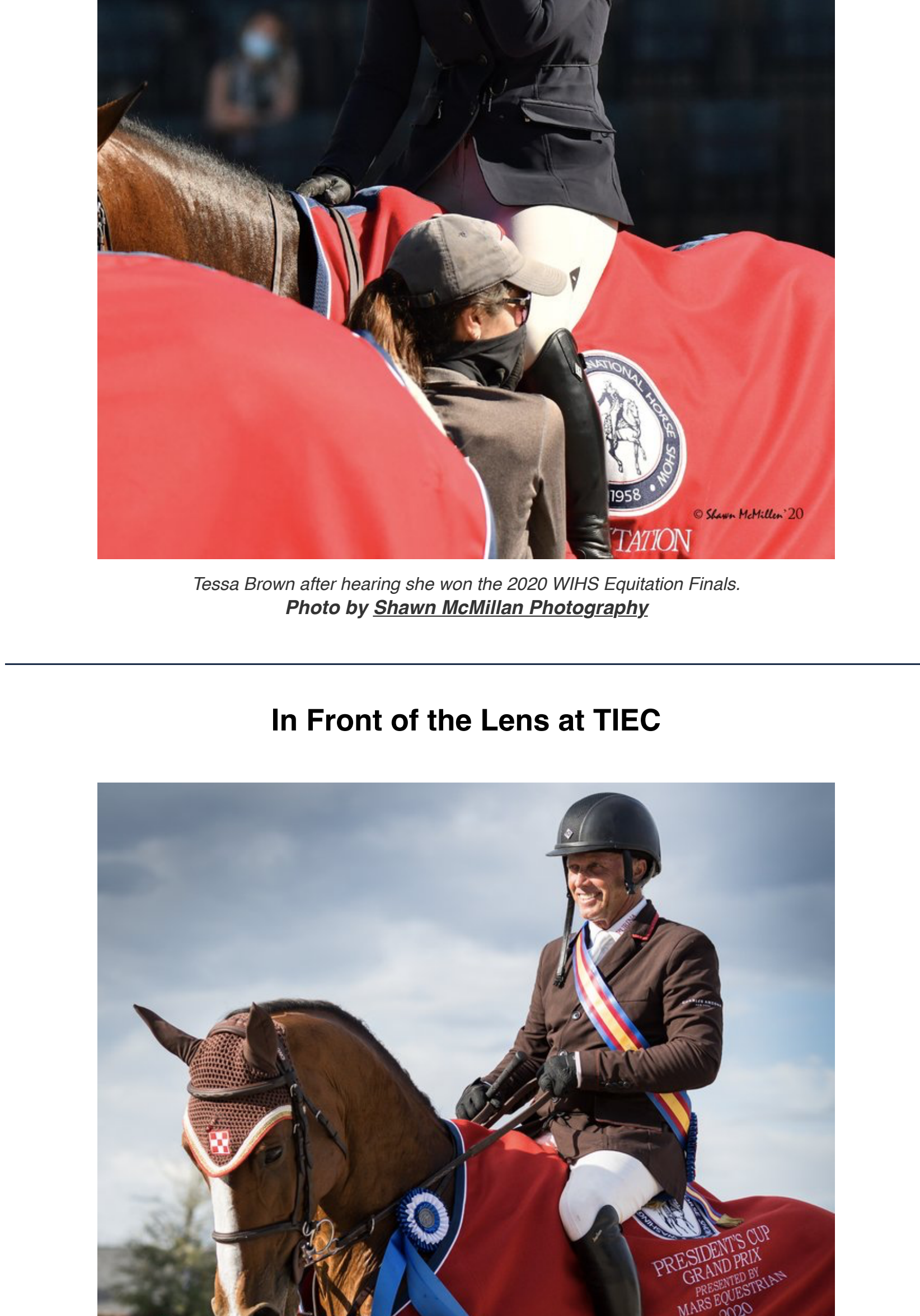
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Photo of the Day



Tessa Brown after showing she won the 2020 WIHS Equitation Finals. Photo by Shawn McMillan Photography

In Front of the Lens at TIEC



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