

Riley Hogan Rises to the Top of the EMO Insurance/USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final—East

The Virginia rider takes the title by an impressive 14 points.

Riley Hogan entered the Capital Challenge Horse Show's Show Place Arena for the third and final jumping phase sitting in second place overall. As she made her entrance, a crowd of people high in the stands stood watching, some hanging over the rail and others videoing with their cell phones.

As it turned out, E. Sue Bopp, of title sponsor EMO Insurance, had talked Hogan's family and friends into joining her at the show on October 2 to watch their hometown Warrenton, Virginia, rider vie for the title.

And after Hogan, 17, and her mount, Wengen, jumped the final fence, the cheering erupted. It grew even louder as her score of 93 was announced, giving Hogan what would become an insurmountable lead in the jumping phase and the overall victory in the EMO Insurance/USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal by more than 14 points.

"I was ecstatic; I mean, it was unreal. For my final round, I had a pretty precise plan of what I wanted to do," said Hogan. "I thought that the horse just followed me the whole way through to the last part, and at the end there was an inside turn and actually I took the double inside turn that was originally maybe part of the plan, but I wasn't solid on it. And when I turned, he introduced it right to me and just followed me the whole way through, and it just ended up going exactly how I wanted it to."

Judges Scott Hofstetter and Julie Winkel were impressed, giving Hogan the highest score of the class by 3 points.

"She was wonderful," said Hofstetter. "You know what I loved? She came in second and took a risk going inside and inside—the double inside turns to the last line. Plus, she was so beautiful and had such



Riley Hogan topped the card in the EMO Insurance/USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final—East with Wengen.

a great style. We loved her and were so glad she had a solid round. She put a little pressure on the last girl, which is hard to do."

Winkel continued, "She has a beautiful position, a great feel and beautiful partnership with her horse. It was just a pleasure to watch."

The final attracted 153 riders from coast to coast to vie for the title.

"The first two phases I thought went really well," said Hogan, who scored an 85 on the flat and an 89 in the gymnastics. "The flat phase I would have maybe liked to have a little higher score, but he couldn't have been better, and it was right where I thought I needed to be going into the jumping. I didn't want to be too high going into the gymnastics because I feel like there's more pressure. I was going in top 20, which I thought was a really good place for me to be mentally. Then he was just super in the gymnastics and was second, so coming into the jumping I was able to not have the pressure of going last but still be able to go out and do my best."

Lauren Jorgensen, of Albuquerque,

New Mexico, rode Adolesco to second place overall with an 89.5 in the jumping phase, and Addison Keyworth, of Whitefield, Maine, who led the way going into the final phase, placed third aboard Liam with a solid score of 82.80.

Following the class, Hogan's mount, Wengen, was named the Best Equitation Horse by judges Hofstetter and Winkel.

"He's actually only 8 years old. We've only had him for a couple months, since right after Junior Hunter Finals this summer, actually," said Hogan of the horse owned by Don Stewart, Jr. "We've had to figure each other out, but he was second at the (ASPCA Maclay Zone 5) Regionals. It's just all starting to come together, and it's a great feeling."

Wengen didn't appear to be the relative novice Equitation horse he is on Saturday afternoon for the jumping phase, built by course designer Kenny Krome. Krome tested the riders over an 11-fence, 14-effort track, with the highlights being a triple-bar to a skinny vertical, bending lines and one impressive inside turn option to the final line.

"The jumping phase course was amazing. We loved it," said Hofstetter. "There was a lot of forward-to-back and then back-to-forward striding. I always like starting with a single jump. A lot of people galloped it, and a lot didn't; the first jump was a good tiebreaker."

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EMO Insurance/USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final—East Results

PLACE	RIDER	HORSE
1.	Riley Hogan	Wengen
2.	Lauren Jorgensen	Adolesco
3.	Addison Keyworth	Liam
4.	Eve Westfall	Bon Amour
5.	Kaitlyn Roman	Pacific Heights
6.	Isabel Rudaz	Diasandro
7.	Kate Hagerty	Spotlight
8.	Kaitlyn Kiely	Cool De Reve
9.	Lucas Mejia Fanjul	Lucky Quid
10.	Ariana Marnell	Coltino

EMO Insurance/USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final—West Results

PLACE	RIDER	HORSE
1.	Elizabeth Gray	Quentino
2.	Grace Russo	Casalino
3.	Marina Boudreau	Little Big Won
4.	Sienna Gustafson	Unique De La Chesnee
5.	Mara Mihanovic	Vulkano's Boy
6.	Claire Simic	Diaton
7.	Zoe Wolf	Catoon
8.	Della Walker	Twizzler
9.	Brooke Mostman	Goyard
10.	Mialuna Hutcheson	Starboy