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Tracey Gorin-Byrne Catch Rides to Victory in the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Finals

Tracey Gorin-Byrne claimed the championship title in the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Finals on Thursday, September 29, at the 2022 Capital Challenge Horse Show at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. This major finals kicks off Equitation Weekend, presented by BIGEQ.com.



Tracey Gorin-Byrne rode Checker 69 to the win in the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Championship, pictured in their winning presentation with their groom Marco Hernandez. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

A field of 35 competitors contested the Joseph Carnicom-designed course, featuring several lines where riders could choose the striding that best suited their horse. Judges Bobbi Reber and Sissy Wickes scored each round individually with the average of their scores counting as the rider's overall mark. The top 10 were then called back in reverse order for a second round judged in the same format, with the average from each round yielding the deciding two-round total. After earning the leading score of 86.5 in the first round, Gorin-Byrne was the last to return for the second round aboard Checker 69. Their stylish trip scored an 89 for a 175.5 total, making them the clear overall winner, and no further testing was needed.

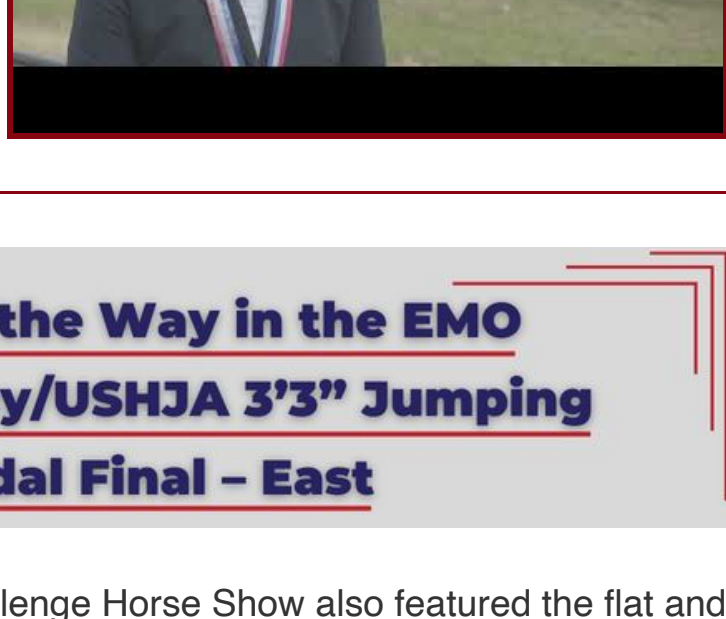
"This is my favorite horse show of the year," said Gorin-Byrne. "I've been coming here since I was a little kid, and even though I've enjoyed a lot of success and had a lot of fun, I've never actually won. Obviously, it means a lot to win anywhere, but to win here is particularly special."

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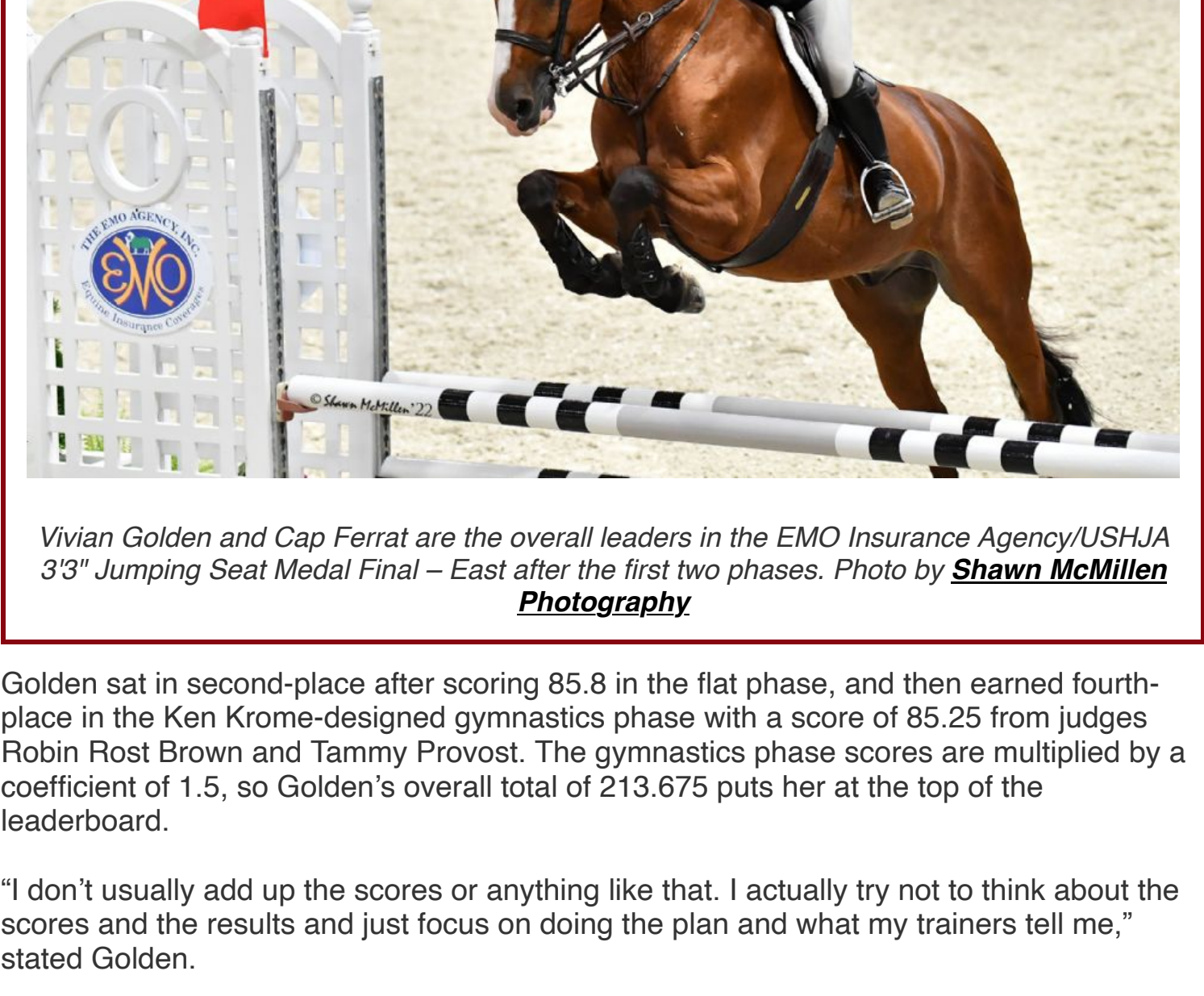
Hear from Tracey Gorin-Byrne following her win in the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Championship!

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Golden Leads the Way in the EMO Insurance Agency/USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final - East

The first day of competition at the Capital Challenge Horse Show also featured the flat and gymnastics phases of the sixth-annual EMO Insurance Agency/United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final - East. Following the first two phases, Vivian Golden of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, leads the 164-rider field.



Vivian Golden and Cap Ferrat are the overall leaders in the EMO Insurance Agency/USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final - East after the first two phases. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Golden sat in second-place after scoring 85.8 in the flat phase, and then earned fourth-place in the Ken Krome-designed gymnastics phase with a score of 85.25 from judges Robin Rost Brown and Tammy Provost. The gymnastics phase scores are multiplied by a coefficient of 1.5, so Golden's overall total of 213.675 puts her at the top of the leaderboard.

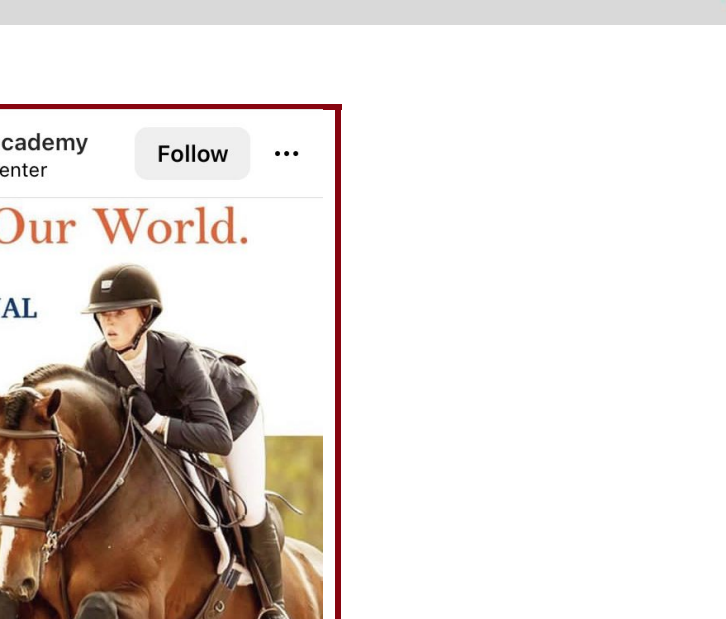
"I don't usually add up the scores or anything like that. I actually try not to think about the scores and the results and just focus on doing the plan and what my trainers tell me," stated Golden.

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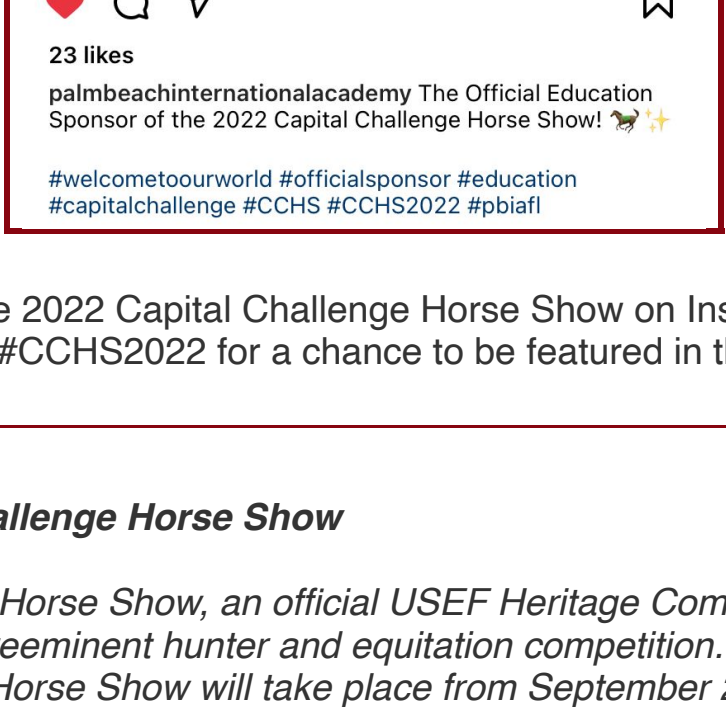
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