



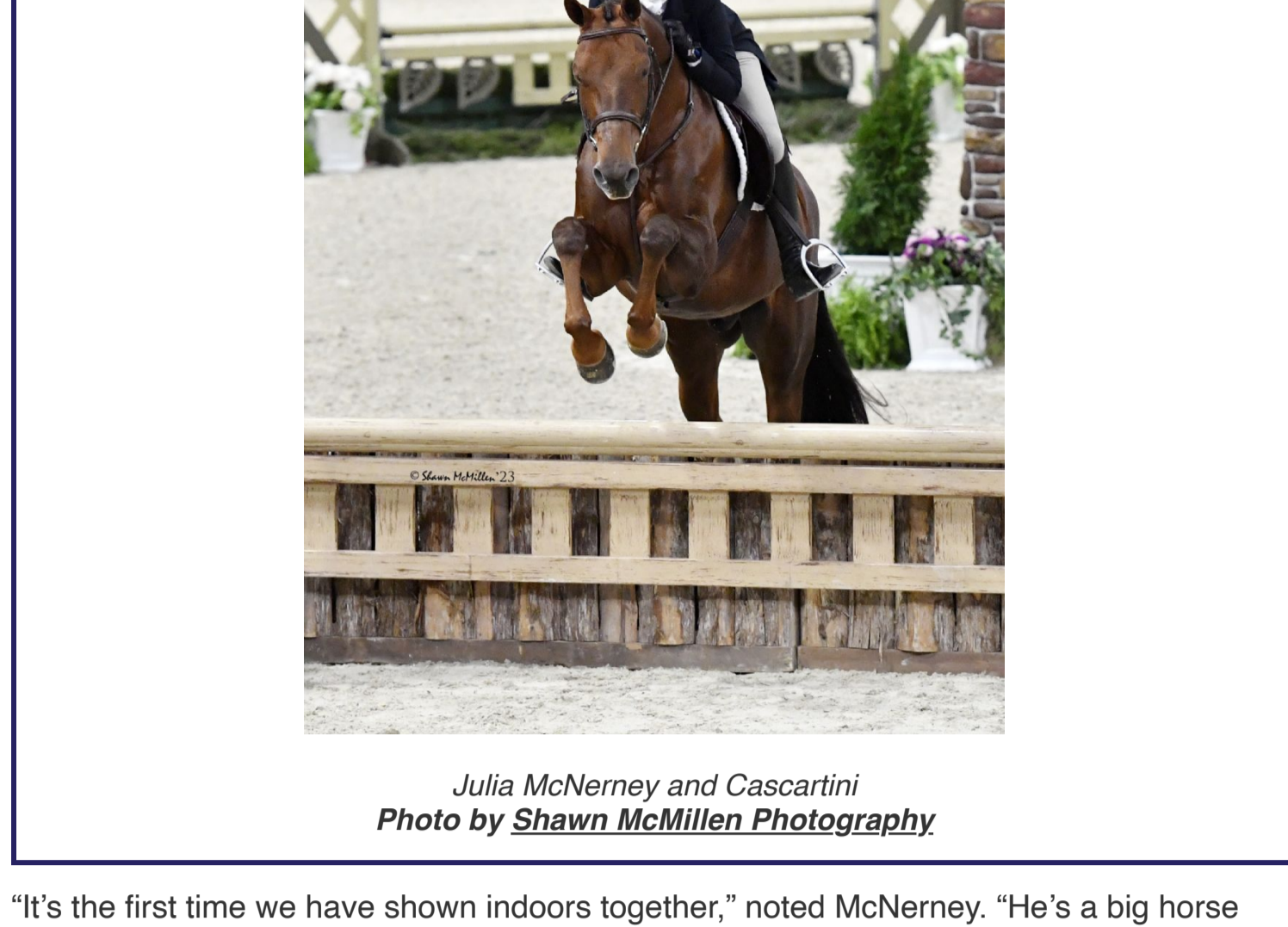
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Julia McNerney and Cascartini Are Dreamy in the \$10,000 North American League Adult Hunter Finals

Julia McNerney closed out the competition in The Show Place Arena on Sunday, October 1, during the 30th anniversary of the Capital Challenge Horse Show at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD, with a win in the \$10,000 North American League (NAL) Adult Hunter Finals, presented by LAURACEA, after two rounds aboard her own Cascartini.

Riders qualified for this year-end final by accumulating points in the NAL Adult Hunter competitions throughout the year. Of the 27 horse-and-rider combinations, McNerney sat in second after the first round with a score of 86.50 from judges Mary Eufemia and Sissy Wickes.



Julia McNerney and Cascartini
Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"It's the first time we have shown indoors together," noted McNerney. "He's a big horse and I'm really tall, so the two of us contracting can be hard. I was really happy with the way the distances came up and his balance through all the turns."

The top 12 returned for round two, where McNerney and "Marty" were the penultimate duo. Their consistency paid off with a score of 83.87 for a total of 170.37.



Julia McNerney was joined in her winning presentation of the \$10,000 NAL Adult Hunter Finals by Tamara Makris of LAURACEA, NAL representative Annette Longenecker, Havens Schatt, Frederic Commissaire, Jorge Perez, and Jennifer Hinman.
Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"In the second round I really tried to go for it with the single jumps," explained McNerney. "I was trying to carry pace and have a nice mini hand gallop to be able to show off Marty's jump, because he's a spectacular jumper. I wanted to make sure to highlight that at all the single fences."

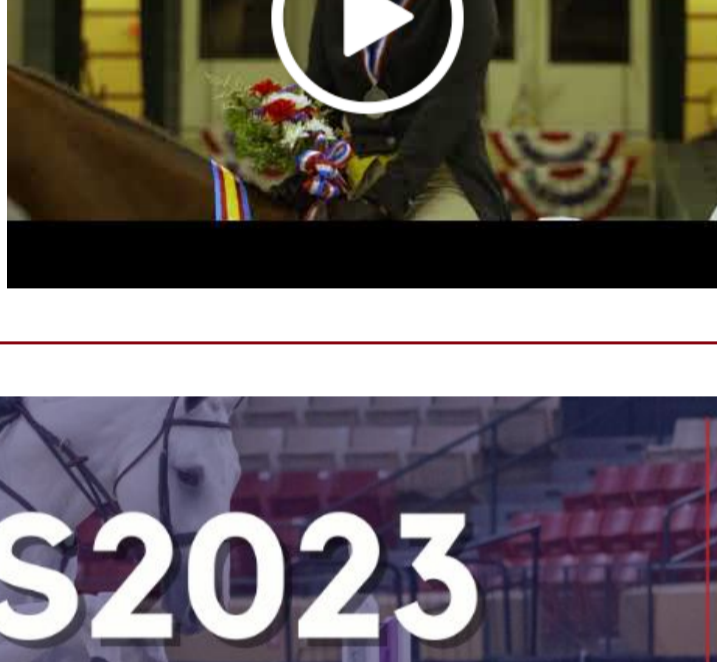
McNerney, who lives nearby in Washington D.C. and works for a cancer screening diagnostic company in the city, trains with Havens Schatt of Milestone Farm in Lexington, KY. Marty was previously Schatt's international derby horse, and McNerney took over the ride just recently.

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