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## Caroline Signorino Seals the Deal in North American Adult Amateur Equitation Finals

Caroline Signorino opened the 2024 Capital Challenge Horse Show (CCHS) Equitation Showcase, presented by BIGEQ.com, at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD, with a win in the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Finals on Thursday, September 26.

The 19-year-old hails from Basking Ridge, NJ, and is in her first year as an adult after a successful junior career. From a field of 37, Signorino led both rounds by pocketing an 89 and 90 aboard her own Gerardus to finish on top after two jumping phases and a flat. Judges Tony Sgarlata and Andrea Wells rewarded Signorino's tidy turns, flowing rhythm, and poise over fences.



Caroline Signorino and Gerardus. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

"I've been competing here since I was on small ponies, and it's been very special every time," said Signorino, who trains with Geoffery Hesslink and Brendan Williams. "I was definitely nervous coming into the second round, and I wanted to have a smooth first jump so the rest could flow."

Signorino returned last over Joe Carnicom's course with her first adult equitation title on the line. "[Aging out of the juniors] has definitely been a big transition," she said. "I wasn't sure what I was in store for when I aged out last November. Once I got the hang of it and wasn't all practice 24-7, it was nice to relax and enjoy taking time with the horses."

"This win means a lot to me overall," she continued. "I wasn't planning on competing in this class because we have shifted our focus to the jumpers and hunters during the summer. But this horse can do whatever you ask him, so we gave it a try."

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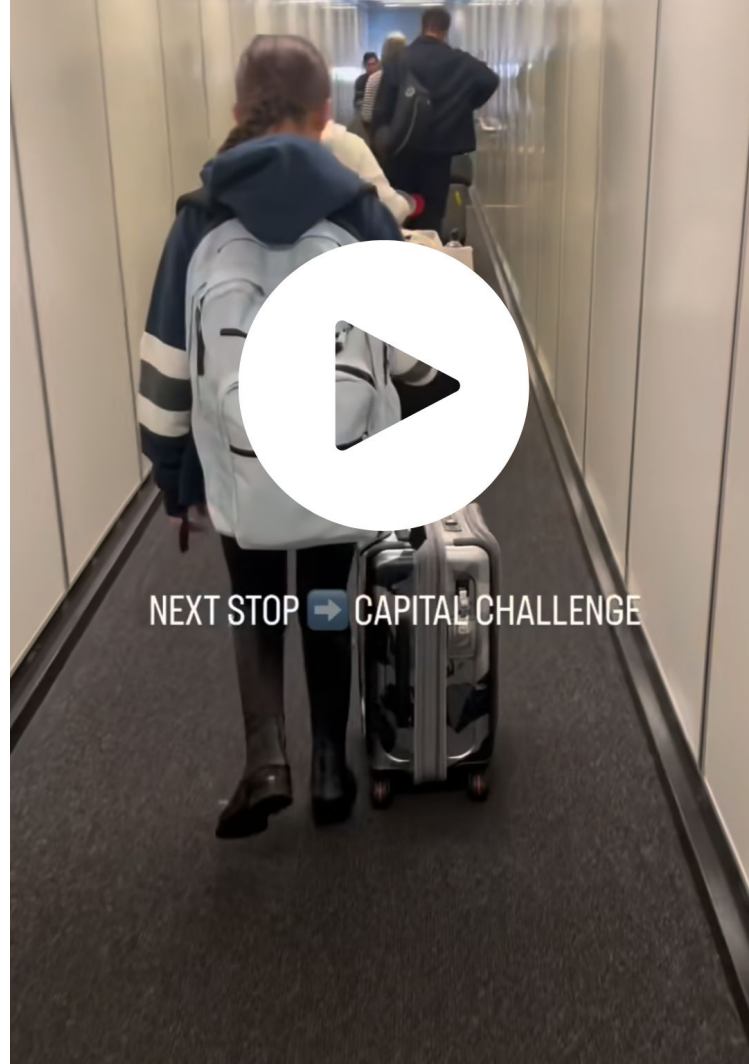


Caroline Signorino and groom Chino celebrate with Gerardus.



Caroline Signorino after winning the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Finals.

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