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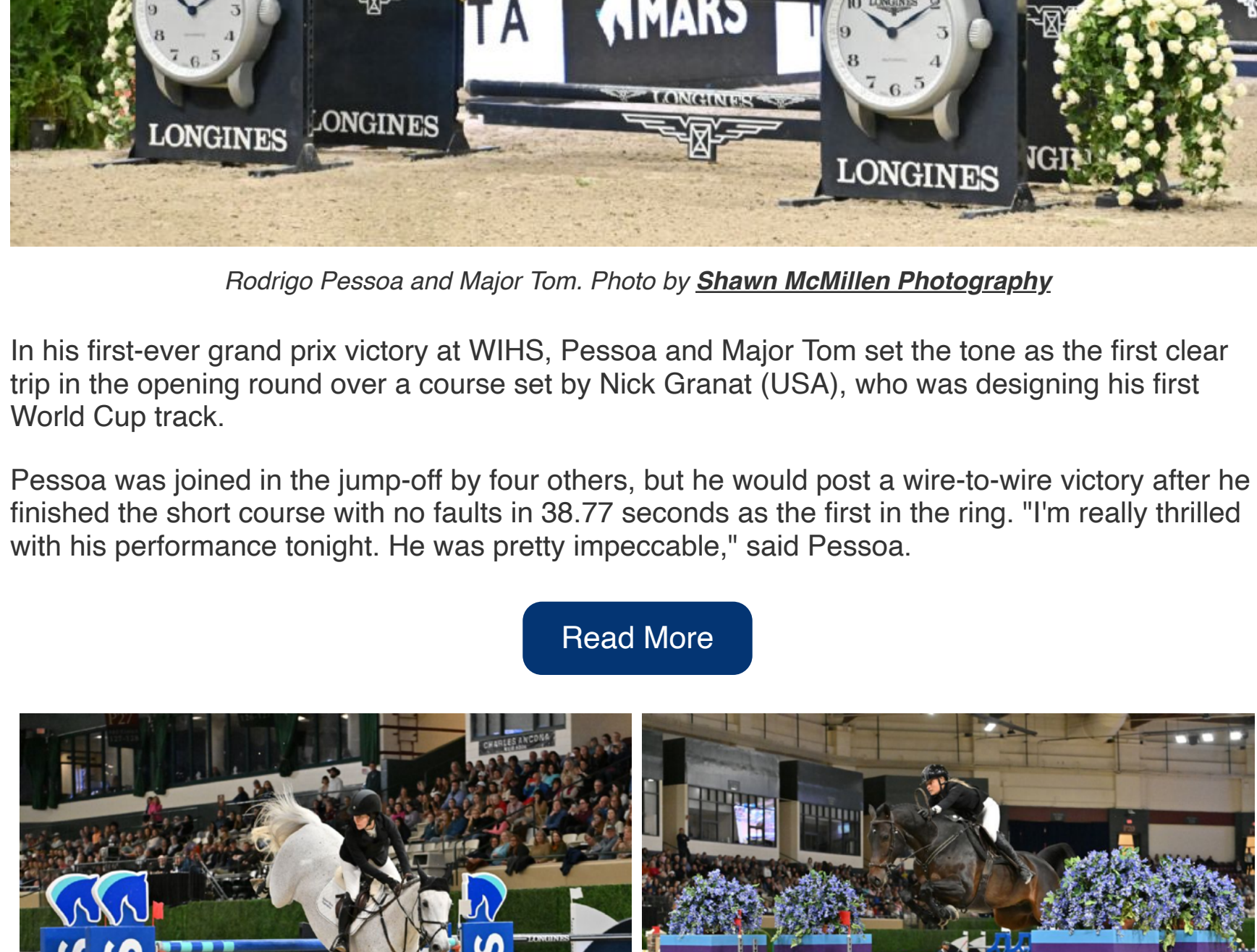
Saturday, October 26

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## RODRIGO PESSOA AND MAJOR TOM ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD IN WIHS GRAND PRIX VICTORY

The pinnacle event of the 2024 Washington International Horse Show (WIHS), presented by MARS Equestrian™ was held on Saturday, October 26. Olympic gold medalist Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA) piloted Major Tom, owned by Artemis Equestrian Farm LLC, to victory in the \$340,000 FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington, presented by Experience Prince George's for the President's Cup.



Rodrigo Pessoa and Major Tom. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

In his first-ever grand prix victory at WIHS, Pessoa and Major Tom set the tone as the first clear trip in the opening round over a course set by Nick Granat (USA), who was designing his first World Cup track.

Pessoa was joined in the jump-off by four others, but he would post a wire-to-wire victory after he finished the short course with no faults in 38.77 seconds as the first in the ring. "I'm really thrilled with his performance tonight. He was pretty impeccable," said Pessoa.

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Katie Dinan and Out Of The Blue SCF. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

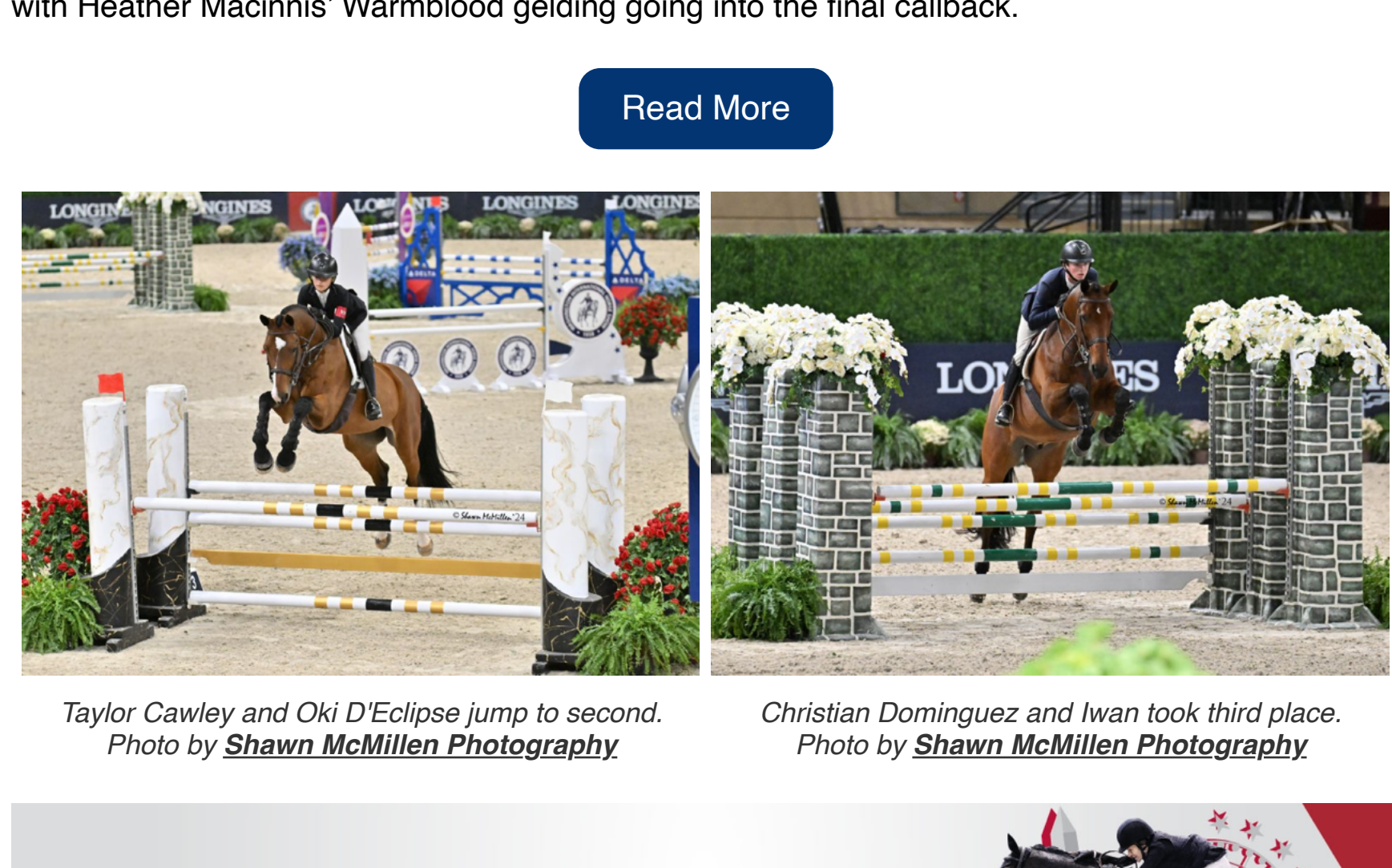


Kristen Vanderveen and Bull Run's Jireh. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography



The winning presentation for Rodrigo Pessoa and Major Tom. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

## FORTE FLOURISHES IN WIHS EQUITATION FINALS



Adriana Forte and Candescant. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

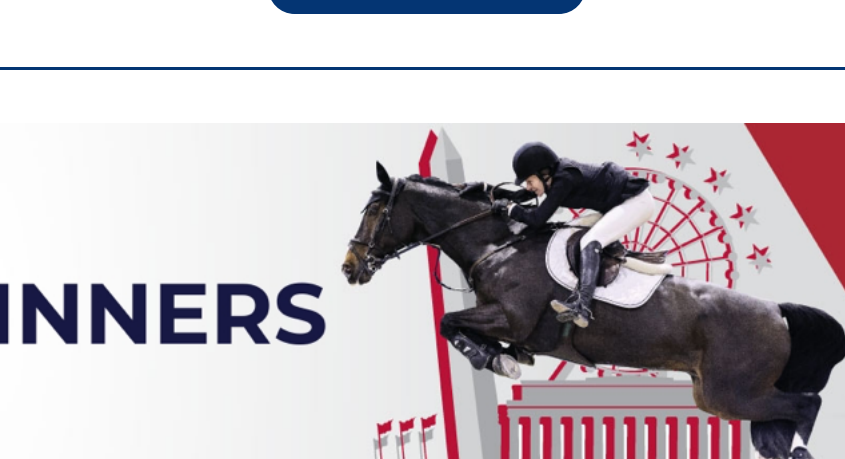
Precluding the highlight event of Saturday at WIHS, the top 10 highest-ranked riders in the WIHS Equitation Finals returned in reverse order of rank on mounts that they swapped onto for the final "work-off." While the standings saw a shake up, upcoming rider Adriana Forte's brilliant performances across the three phases held strong and secured her the winning title with Candescant.

In her first time competing at WIHS, Forte dominated from the start after taking the early lead in the hunter phase on Friday with a dominating score of 92. Putting in another positive performance in Friday's opening round, the jumper phase, Forte earned eighth place but still sat in the lead with Heather Macinnis' Warmblood gelding going into the final callback.

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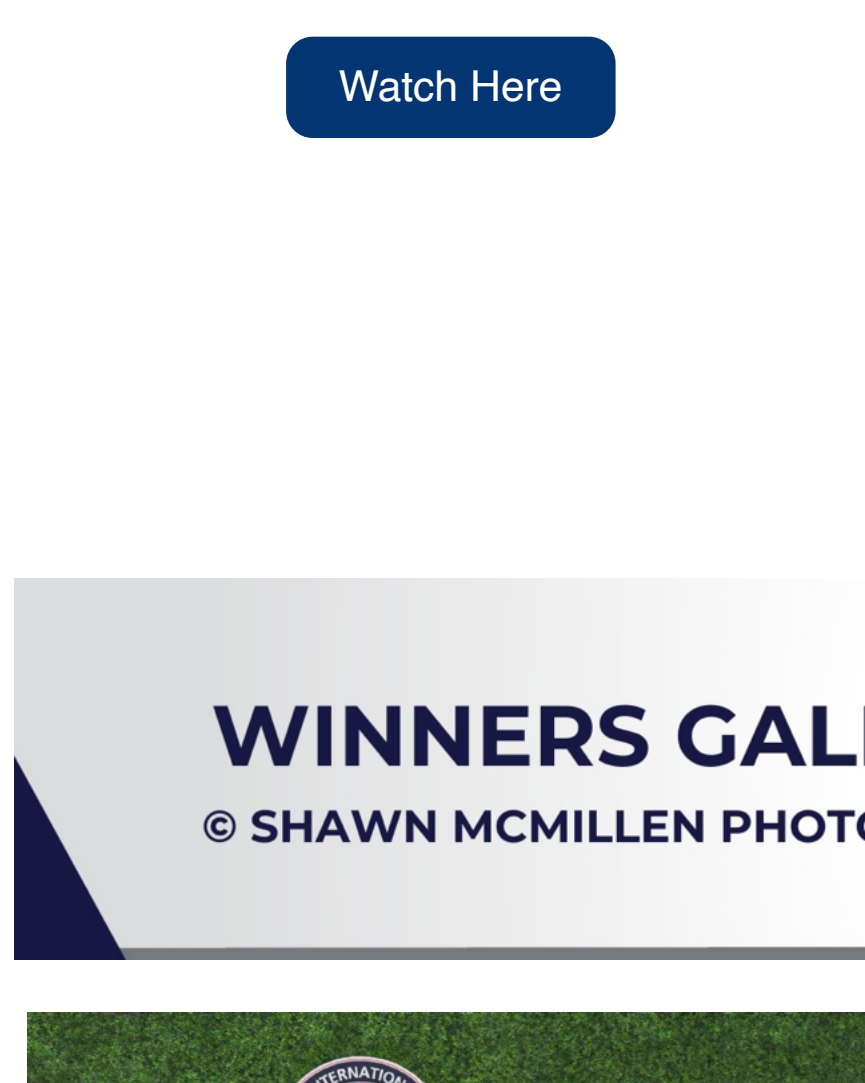


Taylor Cawley and Oki D'Eclipse jump to second. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography



Christian Dominguez and Iwan took third place. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

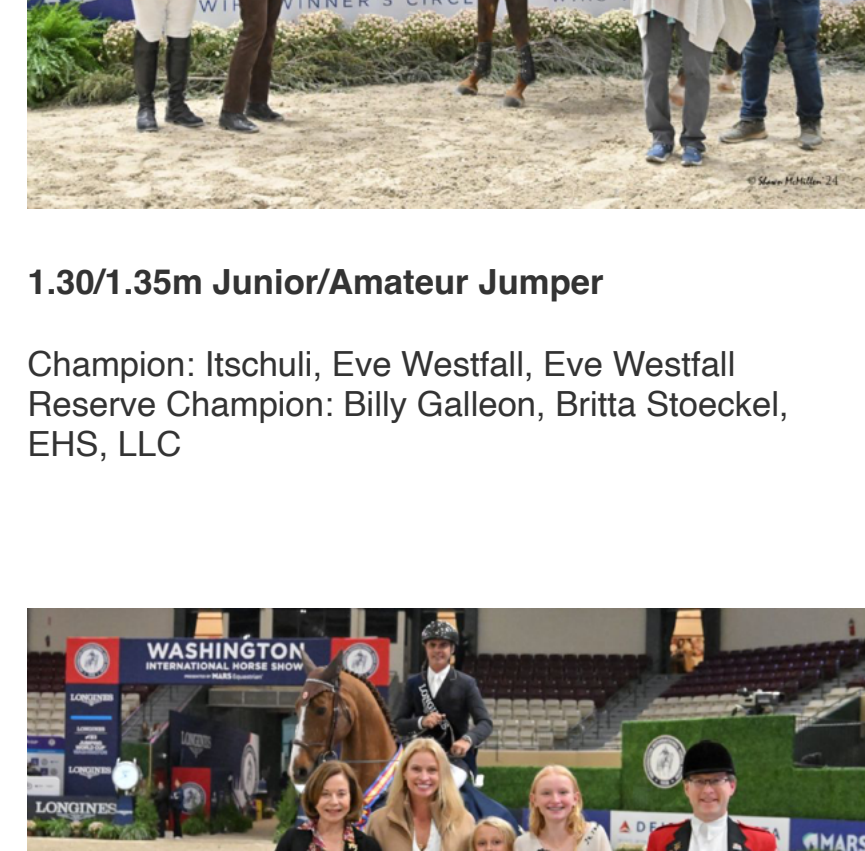
## CHAMPIONSHIP CIRCLE



Eve Westfall and Itschuli took the championship in the 1.30-1.45m Junior/Amateur Jumper division.

Following a busy morning of Pony Hunter performances, the 16 combinations in the \$15,000 SJHOF 1.35m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic put forward their best final efforts, but only four pairings advanced to the jump-off. As the first to return over the short course, Westfall laid down the trip to beat aboard the Holting West Equestrian LLC's eight-year-old Holsteiner mare (Cascadello 1) in a time of 31.34 seconds and fault-free over the fences. With at least one lead time in each of the following rounds, their performance proved worthy of the win.

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Isabelle Ehman finished with winning form in the 1.40-1.45m Junior/Amateur Jumper division

The \$20,000 SJHOF 1.45m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic rounded out action for the juniors and amateurs, and it was not one but two impressive performances from Ehman that landed her the lead in the classic and the division championship. As two of the three trips to return over the jump-off track, Ehman first delivered a clean and quick clear round in 30.039 seconds on the Double E LLC's 12-year-old KWPN mare Magnolia (Mylord Carthago). Determined to best her own score, she came last with the Double E LLC's 11-year-old Selle Français mare Darra du Soileil (Kannan GFE) and outdid herself in 29.464 seconds.

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## WORDS FROM WINNERS

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Hear from WIHS Equitation Finals winner Adriana Forte!

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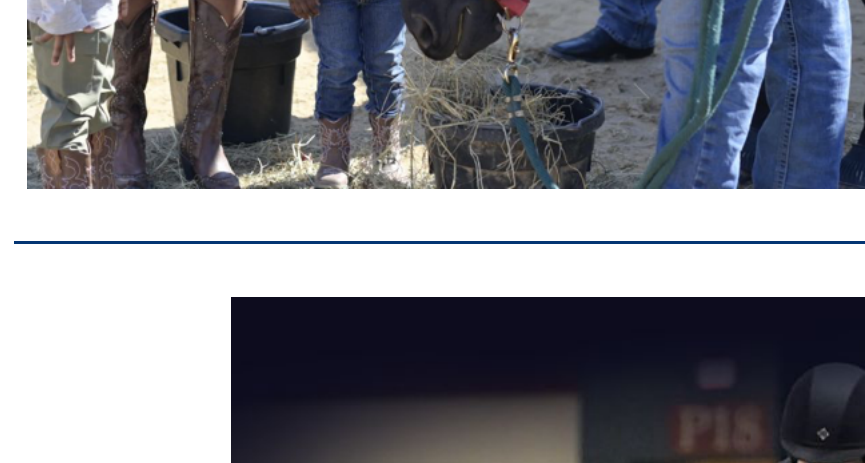
1.30/1.35m Junior/Amateur Jumper

Champion: Itschuli, Eve Westfall, Eve Westfall Reserve Champion: Billy Galleon, Britta Stoeckel, EHS, LLC



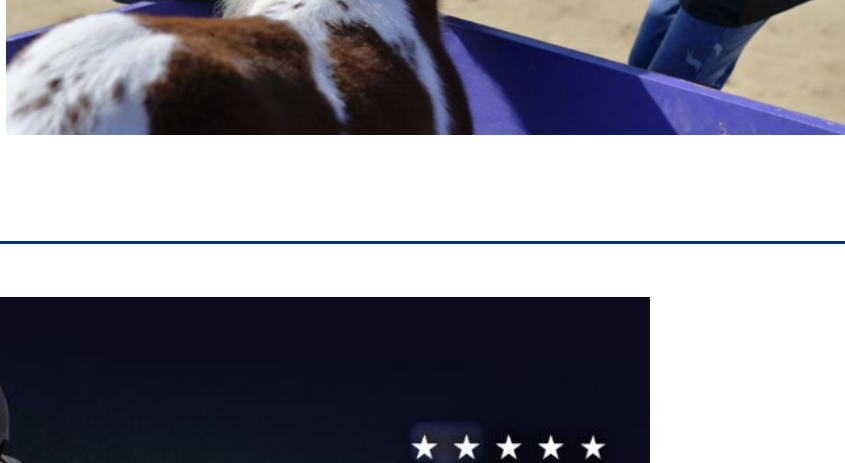
1.40/1.45m Junior/Amateur Jumper

Champion: Darra Du Soileil, Isabelle Ehman, Double E, LLC Reserve Champion: Diablotine Jump, Cassidy Rein, Rein Family LLC



International Open Jumper

Champion: Major Tom, Rodrigo Pessoa, Artemis Equestrian Stables LLC Reserve Stables: First Lady, McLain Ward, Robin Cleary Parsky

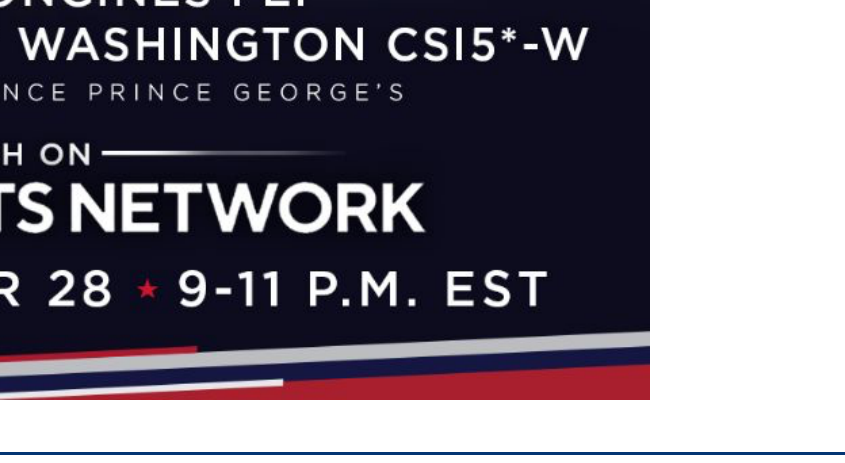


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Francisco Hernández



The 2024 Olympians presentation, including riders and representatives of the U.S. silver medal-winning team.



Dr. Betsee Parker was inducted into the WIHS Hall of Fame.

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