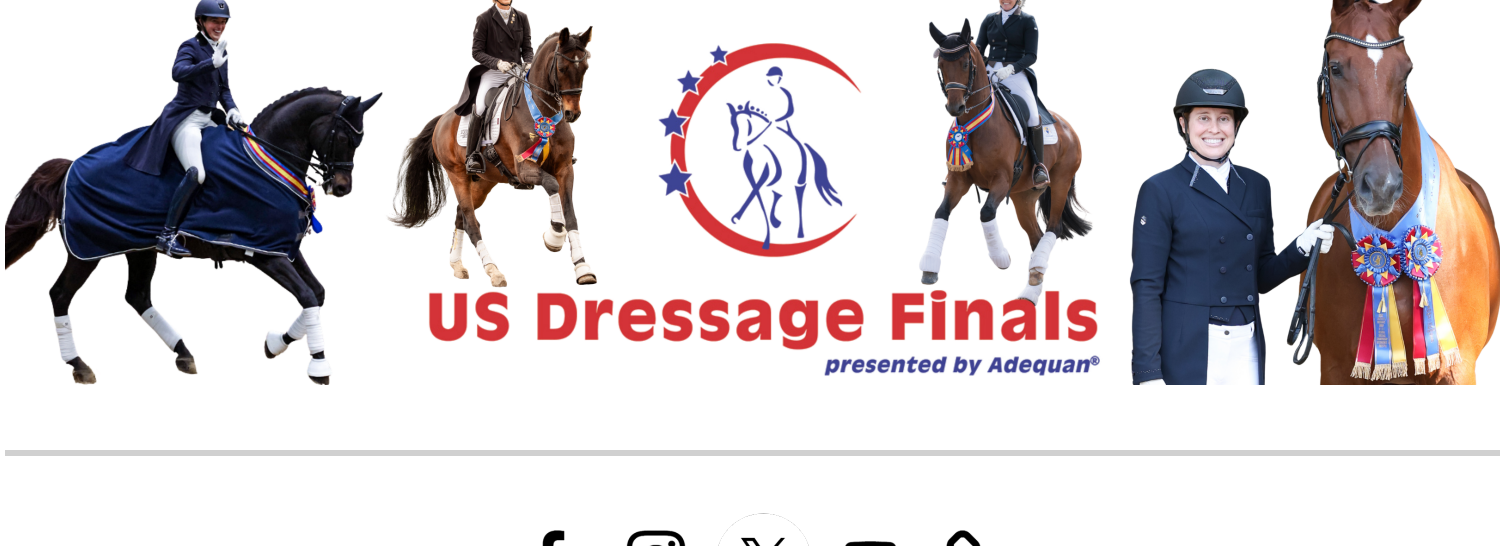
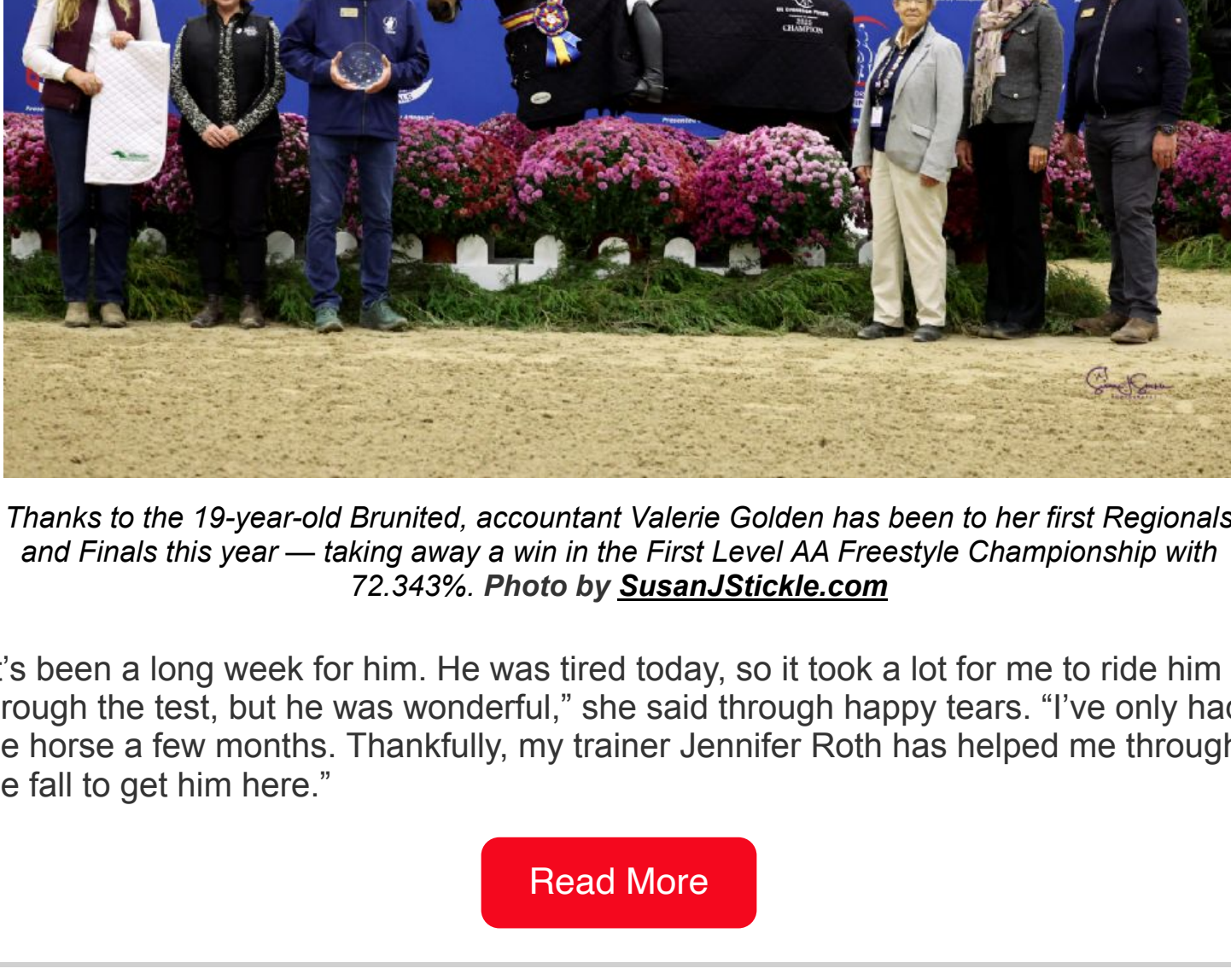




Tight Margins and Riders with Multiple Titles Characterize Last Day of 2025 US Dressage Finals

November 2, 2025 — Wilmington, OH — On Sunday, November 2, 2025, the 2025 [US Dressage Finals](#) presented by [Adequan®](#) wrapped up, with the last 10 titles decided. Many of them went to riders who had already won championship classes at the show, while three others went down to the wire. The Finals took place for the first time at World Equestrian Center (WEC) in Wilmington, OH, and boasted a prize fund of \$125,000.

Valerie Golden has only been united with the 19-year-old Brunited (by United x Jazz) since the summer of 2025, but in that time he has taken her to her first Regionals and then to Finals, where they won the [Adult Amateur \(AA\) First Level Freestyle Championship](#) with 72.343% to a “Last of the Mohicans” compilation.



Thanks to the 19-year-old Brunited, accountant Valerie Golden has been to her first Regionals and Finals this year — taking away a win in the First Level AA Freestyle Championship with 72.343%. Photo by [SusanJStickle.com](#)

Outsider Inside the Winner’s Circle

Grace Christianson showed maturity beyond her 13 years when she elected to retire her triple NAYC 2025 gold medalist horse FHF Roulee in the morning’s second level test when she felt something was not quite right. The luck pendulum swung back for her in the afternoon when she and Karissa Gearen’s six-year-old Outsider DRH (by Spielberg x Apache) rocked the [Training Level Junior/Young Rider \(YR\) Championship](#) with 71.467%, beating 15 rivals.



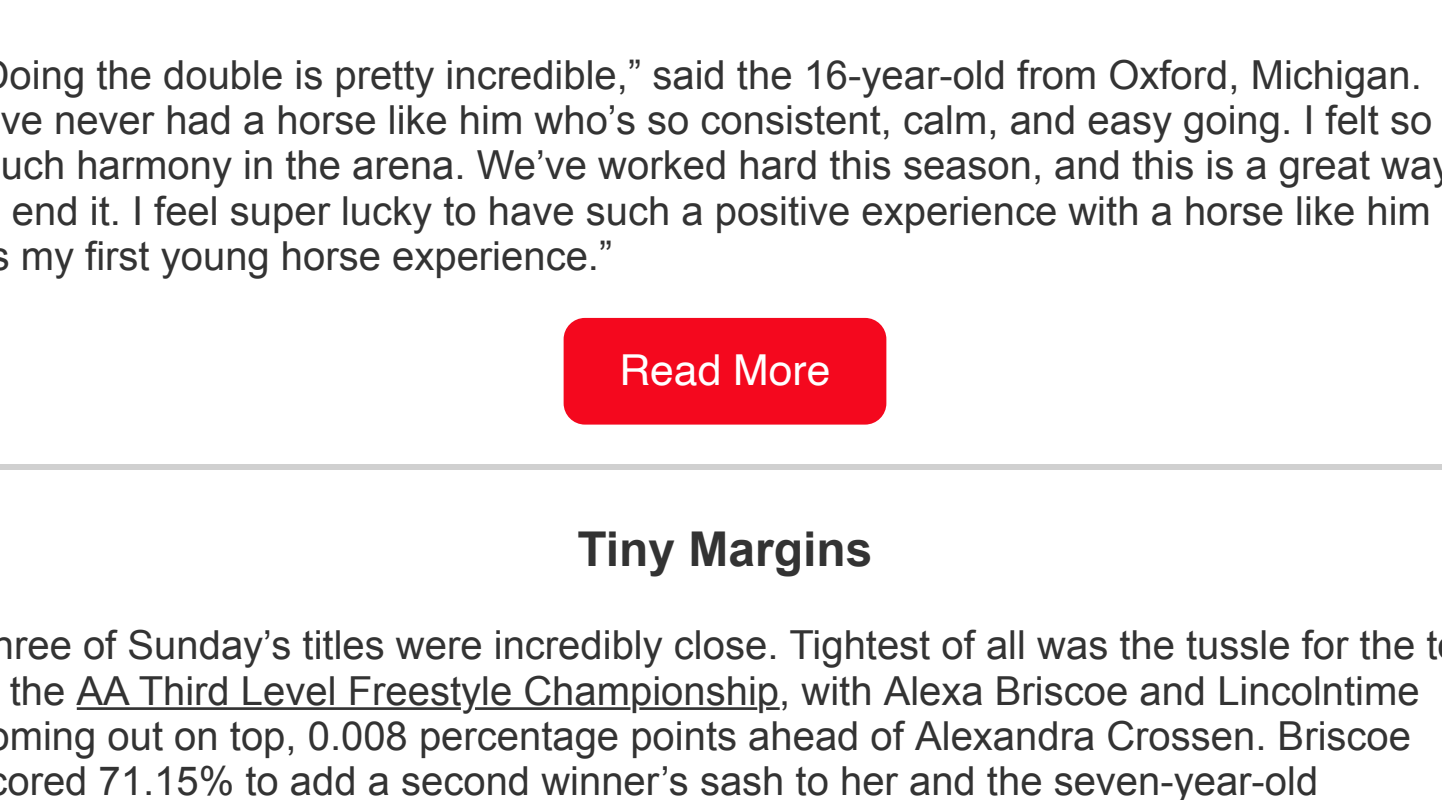
The 13-year-old Grace Christianson piloted the six-year-old Spielberg gelding Outsider DRH to 71.467% and the Training Level Junior/YR title. Photo by [SusanJStickle.com](#)

“A lot of the hard work we’ve put in with Outsider is starting to finally pay off,” said Christianson, who achieved her USDF Gold Medal two months ago. “I’m really thankful for the opportunity to ride Karissa’s super young horse — it feels surreal. In the test he put his head down and went right to work.”

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Vavrick Doubles Up

Autumn Vavrick sealed her second win of the weekend on Eleonora Frey’s six-year-old One De La Fazenda, this time in the [Second Level Junior/YR Championship](#) with 71.349%. The son of Valverde was the unanimous choice for winner from all the Finals judges who presided over him.



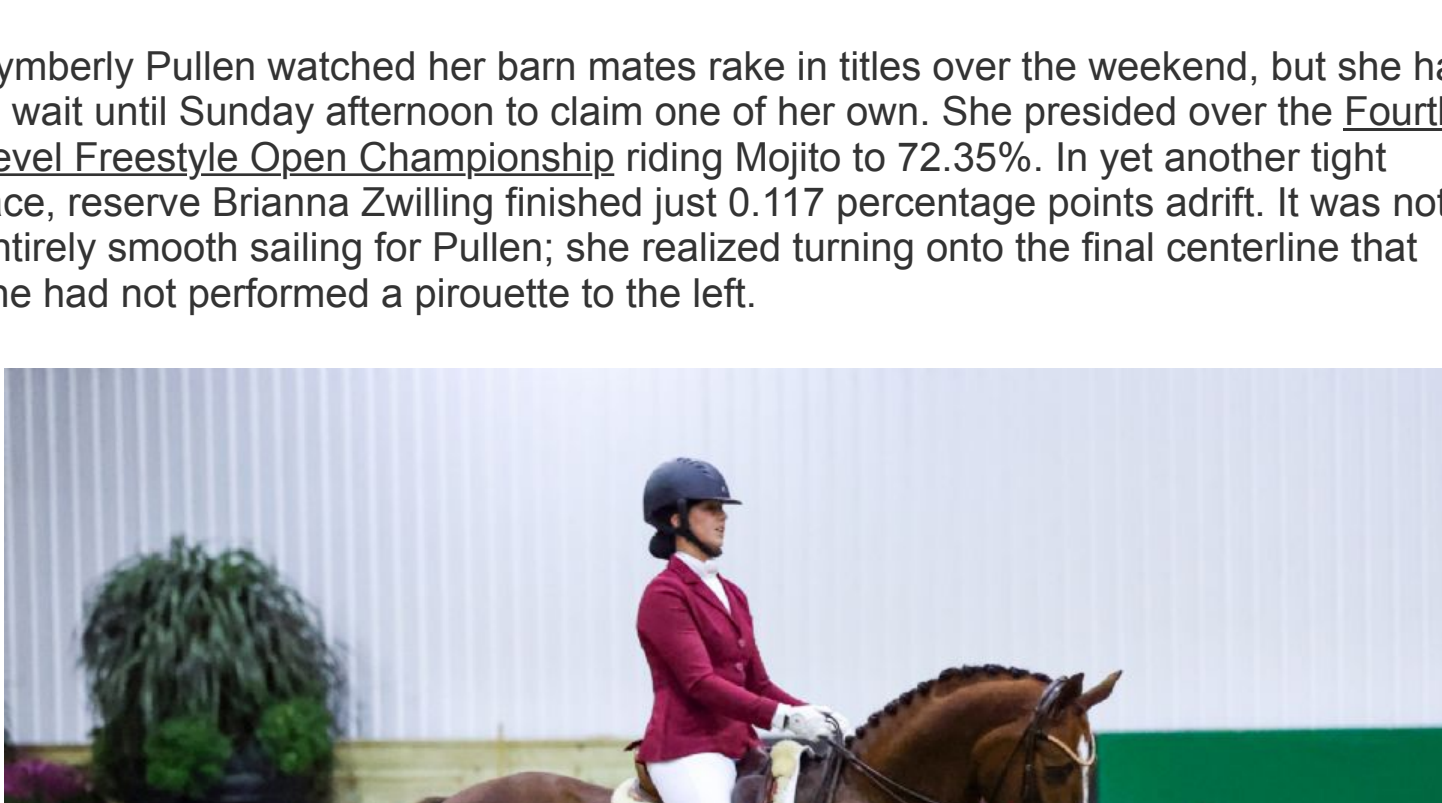
Autumn Vavrick emerged a double winner from the 2025 Finals, securing the Second Level J/YR Championship on Sunday aboard One De La Fazenda. Photo by [SusanJStickle.com](#)

“Doing the double is pretty incredible,” said the 16-year-old from Oxford, Michigan. “I’ve never had a horse like him who’s so consistent, calm, and easy going. I felt so much harmony in the arena. We’ve worked hard this season, and this is a great way to end it. I feel super lucky to have such a positive experience with a horse like him as my first young horse experience.”

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Tiny Margins

Three of Sunday’s titles were incredibly close. Tightest of all was the tussle for the top in the [AA Third Level Freestyle Championship](#), with Alexa Briscoe and Lincolntime coming out on top, 0.008 percentage points ahead of Alexandra Crossen. Briscoe scored 71.15% to add a second winner’s sash to her and the seven-year-old Londontime x Weltmeyer gelding’s trophy cabinet this year.



“He’s going to be a grand prix horse” — Nora Batchelder has complete faith in her Second Level Open Champion, Gnomonic, who scored 71.389%. Photo by [SusanJStickle.com](#)

Just 0.4 percentage points separated the champion and reserve in the [Second Level Open Championship](#). Nora Batchelder nosed ahead of Maia Gromadowski with 71.389% on Gnomonic, Anna Jaffe’s eight-year-old.

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Freestyling the Freestyle

Kymberly Pullen watched her barn mates rake in titles over the weekend, but she had to wait until Sunday afternoon to claim one of her own. She presided over the [Fourth Level Freestyle Open Championship](#) riding Mojito to 72.35%. In yet another tight race, reserve Brianna Zwilling finished just 0.117 percentage points adrift. It was not entirely smooth sailing for Pullen; she realized turning onto the final centerline that she had not performed a pirouette to the left.



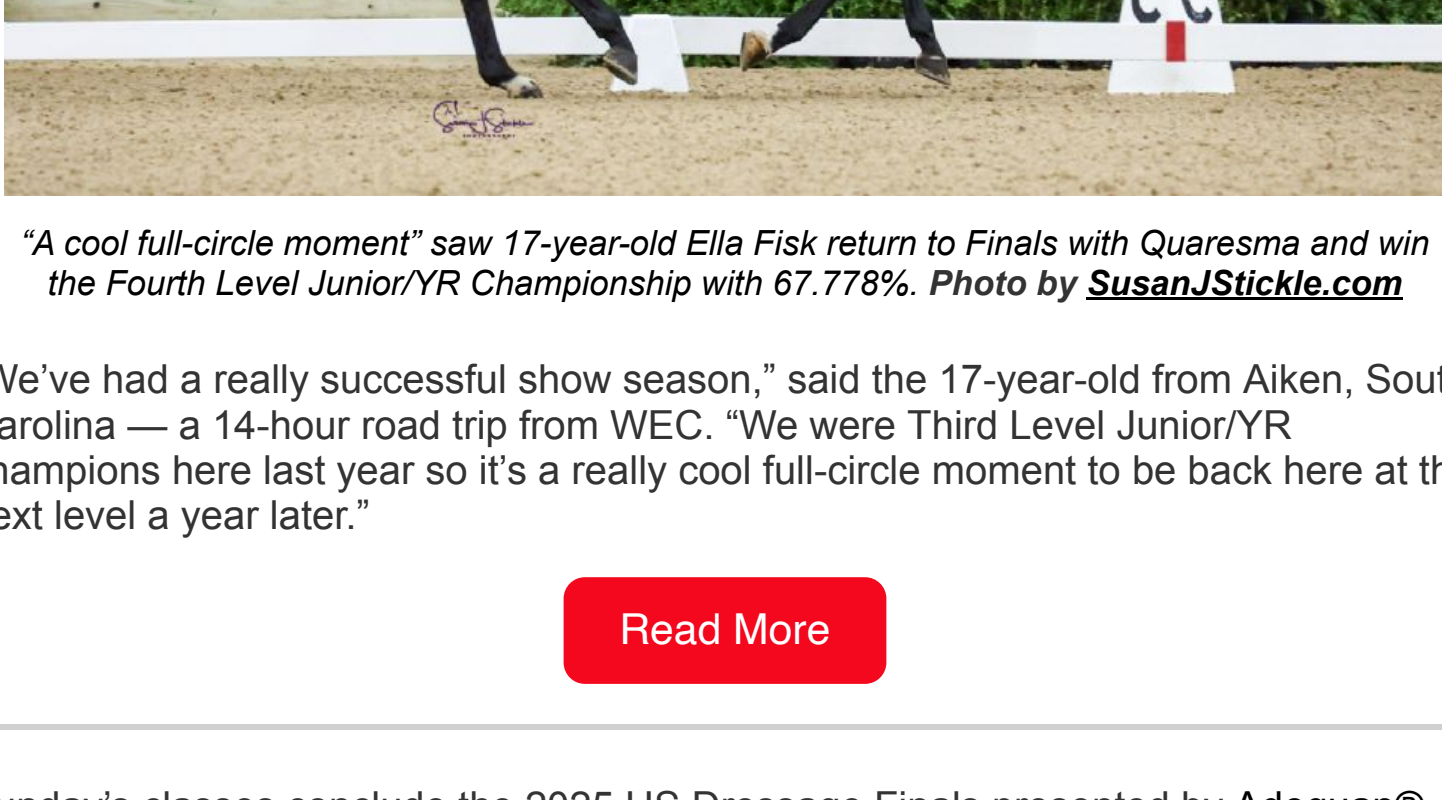
Kymberly Pullen and the spicy Grand Galaxy Win son, Mojito, secured the Fourth Level Open Freestyle with 72.35% despite a last-minute floorplan rethink. Photo by [SusanJStickle.com](#)

“I had to add it to the floorplan last minute,” she explained, before admitting that something similar happened earlier this year. “But everyone in my barn team has won something, so this is really exciting. I’ve had this horse since he was three, and I love him.”

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An 18hh Saint

Two young riders, Ava Noone and Ella Fisk, bagged their first titles of the 2025 Finals. In the weeks leading up to the show, Noone’s horse Gucci, who stands at almost 18hh, had two abscesses and she did not know if he would be able to compete. Just in time, he came sound, and they traveled from Pittsburgh, PA, to WEC, where they hoisted the [Intermediate I Junior/YR Championship](#) title with 61.618%.



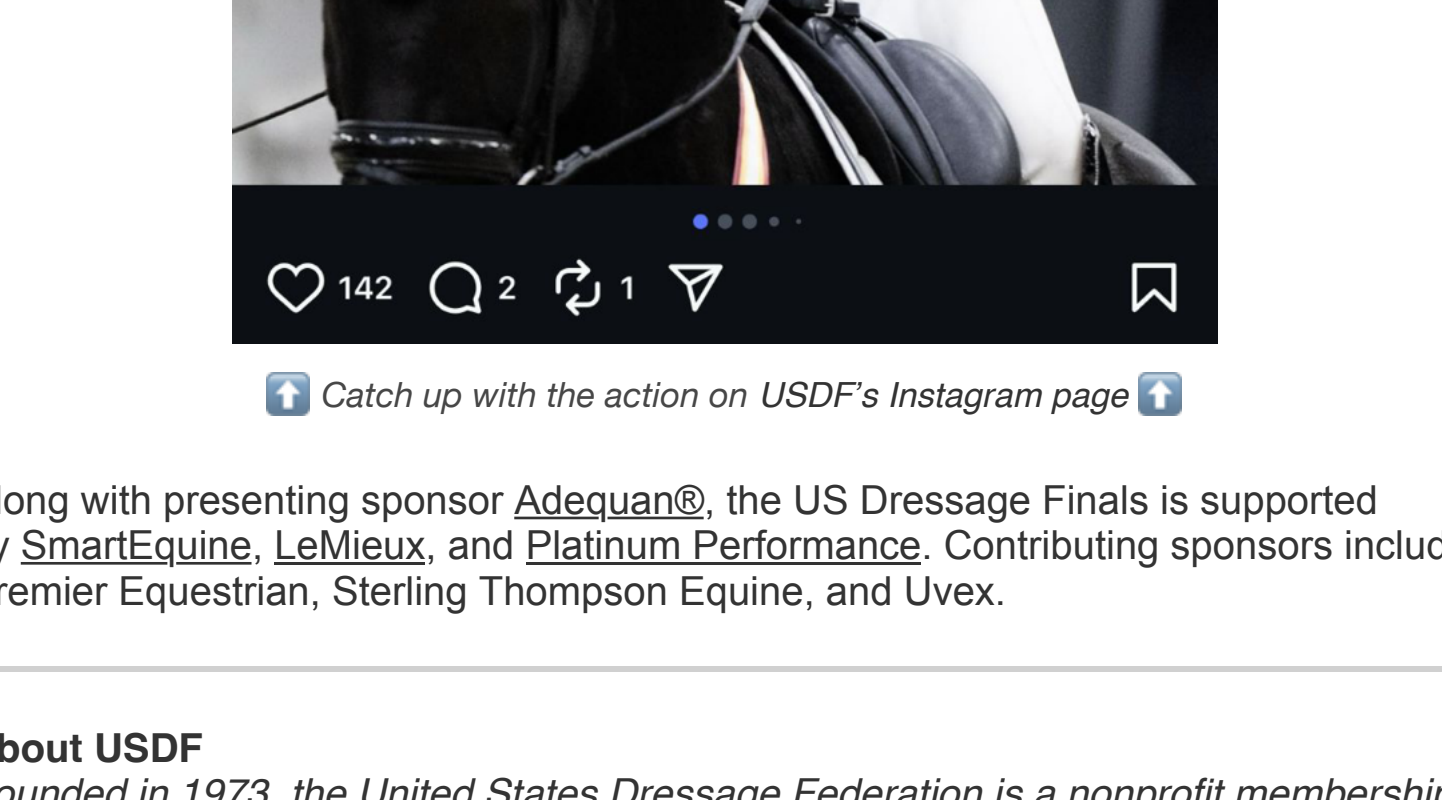
Ava Noone’s enormous “teddy bear”, Gucci, overcame two abscesses before Finals to head up the Intermediate I Junior/YR Championship. Photo by [SusanJStickle.com](#)

“The test was certainly not our best, but it was clean, which is what I was looking for seeing as he’s been on a bit of a break since Regionals,” said Noone of the 14-year-old Dutch gelding. “I was thrilled just to be able to come, so to catch this win is pretty special.”

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A Horsepower Boost

Ella Fisk and nine-year-old Quaresma set the bar in the [Fourth Level Junior/YR Championship](#), claiming the title with 67.778%.



“A cool full-circle moment” saw 17-year-old Ella Fisk return to Finals with Quaresma and win the Fourth Level Junior/YR Championship with 67.778%. Photo by [SusanJStickle.com](#)

“We’ve had a really successful show season,” said the 17-year-old from Aiken, South Carolina — a 14-hour road trip from WEC. “We were Third Level Junior/YR champions here last year so it’s a really cool full-circle moment to be back here at the next level a year later.”

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