

UPPERVILLE

Colt & Horse Show



SUNDAY WRAP UP

Ali Wolff and Casall Capture \$216,000 Upperville Jumper Classic CSI4* Win



As America's oldest running horse show, the Upperville Colt & Horse Show (UCHS) has helped launch the careers of many young athletes. This year's competition, presented by St. Bride's Farm, brought together some of the best athletes in the world for the \$216,000 Upperville Jumper Classic CSI4*, sponsored by Lugano Diamonds and Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Smith. On Sunday afternoon in front of a packed crowd, the United States' own Ali Wolff scored the biggest win of her professional career when she bested an eight-horse jump-off with a double-clear effort aboard her veteran partner Casall.

Thirty-one international athletes challenged Brazil's Marina Azevedo's first round track in the main grand prix arena, and the field was eventually narrowed down to eight combinations returning for the jump-off by clearing the course. Ireland's Cormac Hanley was the pathfinder with Heathman Farm LLC's VDL Cartello, returning first for the tiebreaker. The duo made the short course look easy and crossed the finish line in 43.09 seconds with all of the rails intact.

The next four pairs to tackle the course were either too slow or their quick time came at the expense of rail. It wasn't until fellow Irishman Kevin Babington and Shorapur, owned by Shorapur LLC, entered the ring that the crowd saw the lead change hands. Upperville marked the 13-year-old mare's first major competition back in the ring following an injury, and despite being somewhat careful, Babington was still quick across the ground and never touched a rail. They slid through the timers in 43.01 seconds, just 8/100ths of a second faster than Hanley to take over the top spot.

Babington would not hold the lead for long though, with two athletes left to compete. Saving the best for last, Wolff had an opportunity to watch the other competitors and see where she could make changes. She trusted her longtime partner and it paid off. They left out a stride to the first fence and kept their fast pace going to each fence, making sharp turns and wasting no time in the air. They galloped across the finish line in 41.50 seconds, capturing the biggest win of Wolff's career and etching her name into the history books of one of America's most prestigious horse shows.

Wolff is no stranger to success, as the hard working athlete has won North American Young Rider gold and represented the United States during Nations Cup competitions on numerous occasions. She is consistently in the top of the grand prix rankings, however, the \$216,000 Upperville Jumper Classic CSI4* marks Wolff's first international grand prix victory.

Receiving rave reviews from exhibitors and spectators, the 165th Upperville Colt & Horse Show came to a close in front of a packed audience and featured an exciting finale. The entire team will be working hard as they prepare to continue to host both international and local athletes at the prestigious and historic event in 2019.

Top Three
(L)
Cormac
Hanley
(C)
Ali Wolff
(R)
Kevin
Babington





Second Place Kevin Babington and Shorapur







Third Place Cormac Hanley and VDL Cartello

Mimi Gochman and Grace Debney Capture Top Junior Hunter Honors

On the final day of the 2018 Upperville Colt & Horse Show (UCHS), presented by St. Bride's Farm, the Junior Hunter divisions concluded as riders vied for the division's top prizes where Mimi Gochman and Remarkable were crowned Grand Champion Junior Hunter, while Grace Debney claimed the title of Best Child Rider on a Junior Horse.

Thirteen-year-old Gochman and Gochman Sport Horse LLC's Remarkable nearly swept their division in the Large Junior 15 and Under 3'6" Hunters. The pair won all of the over fences classes including the handy round and captured second place in the under saddle class to ultimately claim their respective championship award. In addition to Grand Champion Junior Hunter, Gochman and the 11-year-old Warmblood gelding were also awarded the Marianna Challenge Trophy, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Payne for winning the most points in their 3'6" division. Previously, Remarkable competed in the Pre-Green division with Gochman's trainer, Scott Stewart, where they captured the USHJA Pre-Green Incentive Championship in 2014.

The award for the Best Child Rider on a Junior Horse was given to 14-year-old Debney for her outstanding performance throughout the Junior Hunter division. Debney was aboard three different mounts in her respective divisions, Wisdom and Classified, owned by Temple Equestrian LLC, and Cilian, owned by Kathleen Evers. Upon capturing the Best Child Rider on a Pony Hunter title and the Grand Champion Pony Hunter with her own Storyteller in 2017, Debney returned to UCHS for her first year of competition in the junior division. She concluded a successful weekend by also taking home the Small Junior 3'6" Hunter championship aboard Wisdom and the Large Junior 15 and Under 3'6" Hunter reserve championship with Classified.



Mimi Gochman and Remarkable Teresa Ramsay Photo



Mimi Gochman and Remarkable



Grace Debney and Cilian Teresa Ramsay Photo

IN THE NEWS

Small Junior 3'6" Hunters

Champion
Grace Debney and Wisdom
owned by Temple Equestrian LLC
Reserve
Violet Barnett and Coronation

owned by Sloan Lindemann-Barnett

Large Junior 15 & Under 3'6" Hunters Champion

Mimi Gochman and Remarkable owned by Gochman Sport Horse LLC Reserve

Grace Debney and Classified owned by Temple Equestrian LLC

Large Junior 16-17 3'6" Hunters Champion

Ava Stearns and *Cash* owned by North Run Inc Reserve

McKayla Langmeier and Aiden owned by Linda Langmeier

Small Junior 3'3" Hunters Champion

Claire Campbell and Stallone owned by Samantha Schaefer Reserve

Stella Propp and Maraschino owned by Aquitaine Equine

Large Junior 3'3" Hunters

Champion
Bridget Scalia and Utopia de la Rouase
owned by Bridget Scalia
Reserve

Blair Spencer and Argentum owned by Blair Spencer

Best Child Rider Children's Hunter 14 & U

Sienna Pilla and Pop Rocks owned by Piccolino Farm LLC

Best Child Rider Children's Hunter 15-17

Kelsey Giorgio and Cavallotto owned by CKE Horse Enterprises

Children's 14 & Under Hunters

Champion
Hugh Turner and Swagger
owned by Lee Cesery
Reserve
Shimmer
owned and ridden by Libby Bishop

Children's 15-17 Under Hunters Champion

Kelsey Giorgio and Cavallotto
owned by CKE Horse Enterprises
Reserve
Michael Golinowski and Consigliere
owned by Kelsi Okun

Junior/Amatuer Owner Jumper Low Champion

XM owned and ridden by Alexandra Welles Reserve Olivia Chowdry and Cosma 20 owned by Atlas Equine Holdings, LLC.

Junior/Amatuer Owner Jumper Med. *Champion*

Sima Morgello and Azur Van Overis Z owned by Double S Farms LLC Reserve

Kendra Gierkink and Conisha Van de Helle J owned by Kadley Holdings LLC

Junior/Amatuer Owner Jumper High Champion

Maria Brugal Gasso and Vasco owned by Osvaldo Brugal Reserve

McKayla Langmeier and Laney owned by Linda Langmeier

Annie Phillips and Pele owned by Oakridge Farm

Samantha Kasowitz and Tixie Des Hayettes owned by Fair Play Farm LLC

Children's Jumper Low

Champion

Laurel Walker and Biaggi
owned by Plain Bay Sales
Reserve

Derwin and Fernhill Stark

Katie Derwin and Fernhill Starboy owned by Lauren Miller

Lauren Walker and No Sky Too High

Children's Jumper High Champion

Mary McDaniel and Laddy Boy owned by Mary, McDaniel Reserve Grace Debney and Byolga owned by Emily Reder

Adult Amateur Jumper Low Champion

Patricia Hurter and Nine Links owned by Patricia Hurter Reserve Michele Philip and Wintasia owned by Michele Philip

Madeline Valenzuela and Echo Blue owned by Summit Show Stables, LLC

Adult Amateur Jumper High Champion

Alyson Gurney and Black Friday *Reserve* Nilani Trent and Casablanca 108

Best Young Horse Rotiyas and Richard Taylor

owned by Susan Tice-Grossman Amateur Handler

Greg Kulp and Rosehaven Lady Slipper owned by Sally Steinmetz