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IT ALL CAME DOWN TO THE last round, but the Canadian team clinched victory in the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) North American Young Rider Show Jumping Team Championship at the Adequan FEI North American Youth Championships, presented by Gotham North, at Old Salem Farm in North Salem, NY, on August 2.

Earlier in the day, Mexico won the USHJA North American Junior Rider Show Jumping Team Championship, while the USHJA Zone 4/10 team earned gold medals in the USHJA North American Children's Rider Show Jumping Team Championship.

As the last to jump for the Canadian Young Rider team, 17-year-old Sam

Walker from Caledon, Ontario, had the weight of expectation on his shoulders as he cantered MarBill Hill Farm's Coralissa, a nine-year-old Holsteiner mare, around the Marina Azevedo-designed course. A clean round would earn gold; a rail would mean silver. It had been since 2003 that a Canadian Young Rider team had won gold.

Walker, who was also leading the Young Rider individual standings, turned in a clear round to secure gold for Canada with a 19.25-fault team total. "We had an unfortunate time fault in the first round that stopped us from having a true double-clear, but I'm very happy with her," said Walker. "I'm truly grateful to have the ride on her, as I don't own her myself. I thought

she jumped both rounds exceptionally today. The first round, I had a little issue with the time, but that was all on me. She jumped the water great in both rounds and jumped the triple amazing both rounds. She really handled herself with a lot of maturity for such a young horse."

Mackenzie Wray's clear second round after a four-fault first round on Makim Holdings Inc.'s Jewel LVP, a 10-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare, also helped secure the gold. Twenty-year-old Wray from Loretto, Ontario, was showing in her first NAYC. "I thought she handled the courses amazingly," she said. "The rail in the first class was all my fault. I've jumped in some big classes with her this past year, and she's never let me down. The second course, I thought she might be a bit tired, but she was the exact same horse. I'm so grateful to be able to ride such an amazing horse."

Dannie Murphy of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, posted scores of one time fault and four faults over the two rounds with Martie Murphy's Isabeau de Laubry, an 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare. Twenty-year-old Samantha Starratt from Calgary, Alberta, had a solid day on Day 1 of the competition with Tonia Anderson's Akolito, an 11-year-old Westfalian gelding, but collected 13 and 16 faults over the two rounds of day two.

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of Palo Alto, CA, riding Marigold Sporhorses LLC and her own Don's Diamant, an 11-year-old KWPN stallion; 17-year-old Emma Catherine Reichow from Menlo Park, CA, on her own Forever Alive, a nine-year-old KWPN mare; 18-year-old Cate Tomlinson of Palo Alto, CA, riding her

own Hawai van Paemel, a 12-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare; and 19-year-old Alessandra Volpi of Woodside, CA, and her own Foster, an 11-year-old Hanoverian gelding, earned the silver with 22.49 faults.

The USHJA Zone 2 team included 16-year-old Sophie Gochman of New York, NY, riding Gochman Sport Horses LLC's Carola BH, a 12-year-old KWPN mare; 18-year-old Carley

McInerney from Randolph, NJ, on Stephanie Morrison's Charmeur P, a 12-year-old KWPN gelding; 15-year-old Gigi Moynihan from Bedminster, NJ, on Christy Johnson's Blixten, an 11-year-old gelding; and 18-year-old Gracie Allen of Moorestown, NJ, riding Horseware Ireland's Rivage de Lormay, a 14-year-old Selle Francais gelding, who finished in bronze with 36.36 faults. 🇩🇪
