

Jordan Allen Jumps to North American Adult Amateur **Equitation Championship Win at Capital Challenge**

Wilmington, OH – The first major championship title of the 2020 Capital Challenge Horse Show went to Jordan Allen on Friday, September 25, at the World Equestrian Center in Wilmington, OH. Riding Coltrane, Allen, of West Bloomfield, MI, topped the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Championship to kick off Equitation Weekend, presented by **BIGEQ.com**.



Jordan Allen rode Coltrane to the win in the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Championship. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

From a field of 20 entries, a score of 86.66 over the Joseph Carnicom-designed first round course put Allen into third place, but a second-round score of 89.66 would shoot her to the top of the leaderboard with a winning, overall score of 176.32.

Second place with scores of 87.66 and 83.66 for a 171.32 total went to Ashton Alexander of Ocala, FL, riding Travis Scott, owned by Brookside Pine Farms, LLC. Grady Lyman of San Diego, CA, and Bellisima Z, owned by Ashland Farms, rounded out the top three with an overall score of 169.50.

"It's really exciting!" said Allen, 19, of her win. "I feel really lucky to be able to do this, especially in these unprecedented times, with everything going on. We're so lucky to show, and I would say that Capital Challenge is the most exciting show to go to. They make it feel so special – the prizes, the ribbons, the presentation ceremonies.

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Words From the Winner

Hear from Jordan Allen following her win in the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Championship!

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Reese Merna Leads EMO Insurance Agency/USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final – East



Reese Merna and Utrillo du Soleil Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

The opening day of competition at the Capital Challenge Horse Show, held this year at the World Equestrian Center, also featured the flat and gymnastics phases of the fourth-annual EMO Insurance Agency/United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final – East.

Following the first two phases, Reese Merna, 14, of Mendham, NJ, leads the 120-rider field.

Merna and her own Utrillo du Soleil finished fifth in the gymnastics phase with a score of 88.50 and within the top 25 of the flat phase with a score of 83.20. With all gymnastics phase scores multiplied by a coefficient of 1.5 before being added to each riders' flat phase score, Merna sits atop the leaderboard with a 215.95 overall score.

"It's crazy; this is my first year coming to all these finals so I would have never expected that I could place let alone be on top!" said Merna, who trains with Lindsey Mohr of WinMohr Show Stables. "I was really just excited to be here, and I wanted to be happy with my rounds and maybe place."

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