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Claire Stevenson Leads Start to Finish to Win the North American Adult Amateur Equitation **Championship at Capital Challenge**

Upper Marlboro, MD – The first major championship title of the 2021 Capital Challenge Horse Show went to Claire Stevenson on Friday, October 1, at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Riding Audi 2000 Z, Stevenson of Southampton, New York, topped the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Championship to kick off Equitation Weekend, presented by <u>BIGEQ.com</u>.



Claire Stevenson rode Audi 2000 Z to the win in the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Championship. Photo by **Shawn McMillen Photography**

From a field of 26 entries, a score of 87.66 over the Joseph Carnicom-designed first round

course put Stevenson and Audi 2000 Z, owned by Missy Clark's North Run and Robert Gierkink's Kadley Farms, LLC, at the top of the leaderboard going into round two. The pair's second-round score of 85.66 solidified the win with an overall score of 173.32.

Second place with scores of 84.16 and 85.66 for a 169.82 total went to Jaden Olson of Parker. Colorado, riding her own Conradical. Anna Koenig of Hollywood, Florida, and Constantin, owned by Ashland Farms, rounded out the top three with an overall score of 169.00.

"Today has been an amazing day!" said Stevenson. "I recently paired up with Audi 2000 Z through my trainers, Geoffrey Hesslink and Brendan Williams, and it's been absolutely incredible. Missy Clark and Kadley Farms were so nice to let me have the ride on him for Equitation Weekend and [the upcoming] Ariat [National Adult Medal] Finals. He's only seven, so we wanted to give him a great experience before going into the indoor later next week. I was so impressed with him today. He felt like a real veteran, and I felt like I was riding the winner."



Words From the Winner

Hear from Claire Stevenson following her win in the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Championship!

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Addison Keyworth Leads the Way in the EMO Insurance Agency/USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final — East



Addison Keyworth and Liam Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

The first day of competition at the Capital Challenge Horse Show also featured the flat and gymnastics phases of the fifth-annual **EMO** Insurance Agency/United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final - East. Following the first two phases, Addison Keyworth of Whitefield, Maine, leads the 153-rider field.

Keyworth and her own Liam topped the flat phase with a high score of 91 and then earned a score of 88 to finish third in the gymnastics phase.

With all gymnastics phase scores multiplied by a coefficient of 1.5 before being added to each riders' flat phase score, Keyworth currently sits at the top of the class with an overall score of 223.

"It feels like a lot of hard work paid off," explained Keyworth. "I've had Liam for four years. He's my absolute best friend and it feels so nice to have done this with him. He's really my everything; he is such an amazing horse."

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From a field of 26 entries, Claire Stevenson rode Audi 2000 Z to the top of the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Championship, kicking off the first championship during Equitation Weekend, presented by BIGEQ.com.

Stevenson, of Southampton, New York, posted a score of 87.66 over the first round of the Joseph Carnicomdesigned courses to take the lead with Audi 2000 Z, owned by Missy Clark's North Run and Robert Gierkink's Kadley Farms, LLC. The pair's secondround score of 85.66 solidified the win with an overall score of 173.32. Second place with scores of 84.16 and 85.66 him a great experience

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