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### Ava Berman and Kingsbury Capture the Victory in the NAL Children's Hunter Finals

October 4, 2021 – Upper Marlboro, MD – Ava Berman, of Baltimore, Maryland, piloted her own Kingsbury to the blue ribbon in the \$10,000 North American League (NAL) Children's Hunter Finals on Monday, October 4, at the 2021 Capital Challenge Horse Show, taking place at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Riders qualified for this year-end final by accumulating points in the NAL Children's Hunter competitions throughout the year. Berman, 13, bested a field of 28 horse-and-rider combinations after earning a score of 86 in the first round and an 84 in the second round, for a combined score of 170.



Ava Berman and Kingsbury in their winning presentation for the NAL Children's Hunter Finals, presented by Annette Longenecker of Ryegate for NAL. Photo by **Shawn McMillen Photography**

The second-place honor was awarded to Samantha Yagoda, of Washington, D.C., aboard her own Cortado. This pair earned a first round score of 82, which was combined with their second-round score of 86 for a total 168 points. Ellie Sadrian of Summit, New Jersey, rode Signorino Family Farm LLC's Denmark to a third-place finish with scores of 81, 83, and a total score of 164.

"I thought [the first round] was probably one of my best rounds I've ever had on him," said Berman, who trains with Samantha Schaefer and Kate Conover. "He was relaxed and having a good time in here. I think he was just happy."



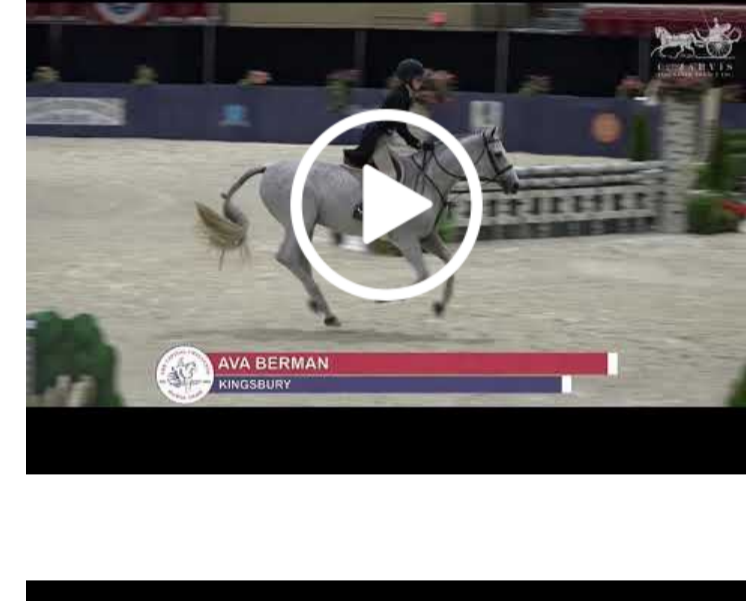
Ava Berman and Kingsbury. Photo by **Shawn McMillen Photography**

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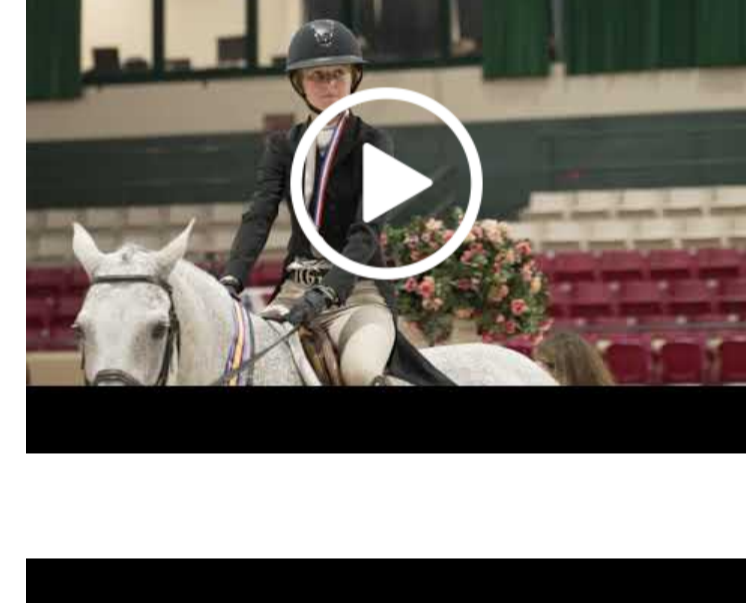
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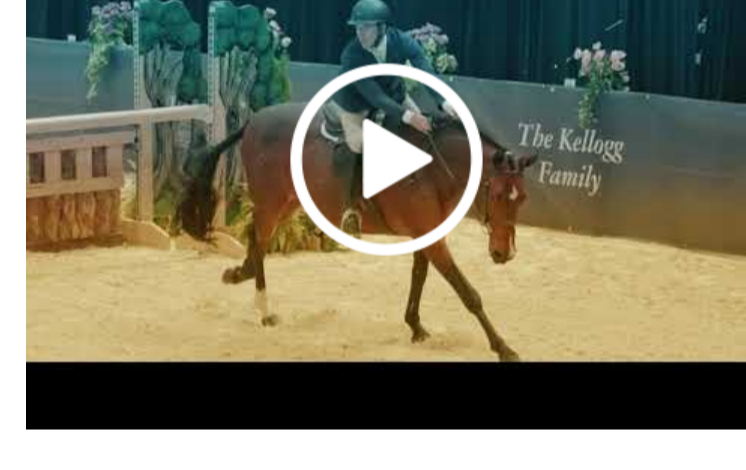
Watch the winning ride for Ava Berman and Kingsbury in the North American League (NAL) Children's Hunter Finals.



Ava Berman, winner of the NAL Children's Hunter Finals



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Meet a few of the contenders in Tuesday's NAL Adult Hunter Finals

## Kingsbury Jumps to NAL Victory



"I thought [the first round] was probably one of my best rounds I've ever had on him," said Ava Berman, of Baltimore, Maryland, after piloting her own Kingsbury to the blue ribbon in the \$10,000 North American League (NAL) Children's Hunter Finals. "He was relaxed and having a good time in here. I think he was just happy." Berman, 13, bested a field of 28 horse-and-rider combinations after earning a score of 86 in the first round and an 84 in the second round, for a combined score of 170. "I was kind of nervous," said Berman who returned to the second round sitting in second place and knew she was going to have to impress the judges to take over the lead. "I just wanted to have fun because this is one of my last rounds with him. I wanted to be relaxed and have a good time. I'm probably happiest about the four [stride] to two [stride line]. That was the easiest one both rounds, and I think it rode really well." Berman trains with Samantha Schaefer and Kate Conover and has been paired with Kingsbury, a 15-year-old Warmblood gelding, for more than four years. This week may be one Berman's last horse shows with Kingsbury, and the rider was happy to end their partnership on a high note.

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