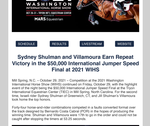

Sydney Shulman and Villamoura Earn Repeat Victory in the $50,000 International Jumper Speed Final at 2021 WIHS

Mill Spring, N.C. – October 29, 2021 – Competition at the 2021 Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) presented by Longines ended with a spectacular night of the eight-horse the $50,000 International Jumper Speed Final at the Sydney Shulman Equestrian Center. Sydney Shulman and her mare Villamoura, a 12-year-old bay, broke ahead of Sydney Shulman of Greenwich, CT, and Jill Shulman's Villamoura back home for two titles.

Fifty-four horse-and-rider combinations competed in a fully-controlled timed-and-speed jumper competition. Only the top eight horses from the preliminary round were invited back to the speed round. The course was designed by Ali Ali to go in the order and round-to-be-jumped after the preliminary round in reverse order.

Sydney Shulman and Villamoura wins the $50,000 Speed Final **Photo by Sharon McMillan Photography**

Long-time partners Shulman and Villamoura, a 12-year-old Dalle Flamiques mare by Quidam de Revel owned by Jill Shulman, were the last combination to compete and proved their consistency tonight. The duo jumped the clears in 37.93 sec and at the speed of 0.396 meters per second to take the win.

"I definitely planned on arriving for the clears tonight to her turn to win," explained Shulman. "I've had her a little over six years now. She's unbelievable. She's so fast, she's so quick, she's so athletic. She's just a great mare."

Shulman knew she would have to go all out after McLain Ward and Calistik set the pace early on with a quick time of 35.68 seconds.

Sydney Shulman and Villamoura's third winning presentation with organizer, Steve Stone, WIHS President, Sports and Entertainment Director Jessica Springer, WIHS President, Sports and Entertainment Director **Photo by Sharon McMillan Photography**

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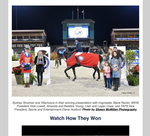
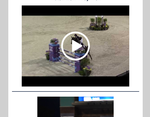


McLain Ward (USA) and Calistik finishing second in the Speed Final **Photo by Sharon McMillan Photography**



Karl Cook (USA) and Kalimba with Longines stewards from the Speed Final **Photo by Sharon McMillan Photography**

Three Tie for Puissance Win

In a historic turn of events, the $25,000 Puissance class ended up with three winners: last McLain Ward and Calvin, Daniel Coyle (IRL) and Inar, and Santiago Lerdres (COL) and Cassiano. The three jumped a clear round in the first round and then, with the wall at 1.80 meters, they agreed to return for the fourth and final round and split the prize money.

It was the first Puissance for all three horses, and all three riders agreed that they wanted to come back and give it one final try. The riders shared their thoughts after the clear.

McLain Ward and Calvin **Photo by Sharon McMillan Photography**

Daniel Coyle and Inar **Photo by Sharon McMillan Photography**

Santiago Lerdres and Cassiano **Photo by Sharon McMillan Photography**

Santiago Lerdres: "I was the last one who's jumped a wall I think! The first round I had a little bit of a problem with the wall, I knocked it down. I was very, very, very sad. I was confident coming back in the final time because she was good. I gave her little bursts, but the final was unlucky. I thought she could do one more round."

Daniel Coyle: "He actually doesn't jump walls particularly well. That's why I decided to put him in the puissance. Usually when you do a clear in a round, you get a little bit of a bump. I didn't get that bump. I knew I was in a good position, but I knew the winds I wanted. The first time I didn't have a great stride in the corner, and he knocked the wall down. I was very disappointed. I felt that I had a good chance to make it again. The next time, I made sure that I was riding a little more confident. The last round, I knew I was in a good position, I just had to make sure I didn't knock it on. The crowd loves it, and it always makes it better for us, no matter what happens."

McLain Ward: "Who would have thought – Puissance specialist Santiago, the U.S. family, and he's a sweet horse. We thought we'd maybe jump a couple rounds. Unlucky to knock the last one down, but it's a great, great, great horse. I've been very lucky to win such, and it really welcomes it. I was also a little gun-shy with myself, so when I knocked the last one down, I was like, I'm not going to do that. It's been a long time in competition here, and the horses were doing it pretty handily. It was worth a try."

LTC Jim Ward and Calvin, Daniel Coyle and Inar, and Santiago Lerdres with The Chairman Series of Puissance Jumping and the Puissance winner's trophy presented by Longines **Photo by Sharon McMillan Photography**

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Mimi Gochman and Commentary Claim the Grand Junior Hunter Championship

Junior hunter divisions wrapped up on Friday with Mimi Gochman of New York, New York, and her Commentary claiming the Grand Junior Hunter Championship. Championship. The pair was awarded for the after-retaining champion in the Small Junior Hunter Championship.

After taking a small break from the hunter ring, Gochman has made a strong return this year. Commentary is 10-year-old Warmblood gelding by Lionel Richie owned by Jill Gochman. "Jill, who has only shown the horse twice before. WIHS the help of Jill's trainer, Jessica Springer, Jill's trainer, Jessica and Commentary earned the top ribbon in every phase of the division.

Mimi Gochman and Commentary **Photo by Sharon McMillan Photography**

Mimi Gochman and Commentary with Jessica Springer, the rider of Mimi's Trophy from Longines Steve Stone, WIHS President, Sports and Entertainment **Photo by Sharon McMillan Photography**

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Grace Delmas and Cassiny, and the WIHS Volunteer Field Hockey Player, Helen Jones for the contest for Volunteers, presented by Longines Steve Stone, President, Sports and Entertainment, the champions in several **Photo by Sharon McMillan Photography**

Kiely and Ephraimson Win WIHS Jumper Championships

Kaitlyn Kiely, of Rhinebeck, New York, and Ephraimson, by Kiely, a Mandalaz owned by Marleen Melchior, toured a field of 24 horses and rider combinations to win the $10,000 WIHS Children Jumper Championship presented by Longines (WIHS Equestrian).

Kiely has been partnered with the mare for less than two years, progressing from the Intermediate division to the Children's Jumper Championship. Kiely said the duo hope that to had some success in the recent months, they went clear today in part because of advice from her trainers T. J. O'Mara and Max Arrayal and the team at Equestrian Ventures. "We've been very lucky to be with them, all of the jumps, good luck, and hard work," she said.

Kaitlyn Kiely and Ephraimson **Photo by Sharon McMillan Photography**

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Kaitlyn Kiely and Ephraimson with Jessica Springer, WIHS President, Sports and Entertainment **Photo by Sharon McMillan Photography**

Ophelia Ephraimson of Short Hills, New Jersey, and Margaux Ray of Ridgefield, Connecticut tied a field of 10 competitors to take home the top prize in the $10,000 WIHS Pony Jumper Championship presented by Longines (WIHS).

After a jump-off, two round, seven-horse and rider combinations qualified for the jump-off course. Ephraimson and Vindicator were last to go and produced the fastest time of the clears to post one second.

"I had a plan, and I was going to stick to it," said Ephraimson of the jump-off round. "I knew I was going to be last, and I knew that I had to go fast. I knew that I could do that with ease. I'm very happy that we were in the jump-off. We didn't jump off last year, so we wanted to come back."

Ophelia Ephraimson and Vindicator **Photo by Sharon McMillan Photography**

Ophelia Ephraimson and Vindicator with Jessica Springer, WIHS President, Sports and Entertainment **Photo by Sharon McMillan Photography**

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The winning round for Maya and Statement ring master

Ophelia Ephraimson and Vindicator in their winning round

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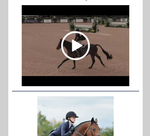

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The Shadowlands team: Brad Wh WIHS Breitenbach Policy Breitenbach responded by Tryon International Equestrian Center will have open again on Saturday, 10 of 24 in **Photo by Sharon McMillan Photography**

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