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MÄNDLI AND CHARTRAINE PRE NOIR CHASE VICTORY IN $78,000 SPEED FINAL CSI5* AT 2023 WIHS

Swiss Olympic team silver medalist Beat Mändli headlined the feature class on Friday, October 27, at the 2023 Washington International Horse Show (WIHS), presented by MARS Equestrian™. Riding Chartraine Pre Noir, Mändli outraced the field to win the $78,000 Speed Final CSI5*, capping off the exciting Military Night, presented by Boeing.

Bernardo Costa Cabral (POR) along with assistant Nick Granat (USA) set the speed track, where jumping faults were converted to three-second time penalties. Twenty combinations representing eight countries raced around the course, but it was Mändli's efficient and smooth effort with Chartraine Pre Noir that was the fastest, crossing the timers fault-free in 51.06 seconds.

"When we walked the course, I thought it looked a bit bigger than a normal speed class," explained Mändli, who won the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington in 2017 and the FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final in 2007. "It wasn't just a speed class, really. There were also some lines, and the jumps were big enough. Obviously when you go fast, the chance to knock one down is higher. It was a tough class, but it was nice, and obviously when you win it, it's even better."

Beat Mändli (SUI) and Chartraine Pre Noir clearing the TAPS jump before speeding to victory. ***Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.***

As of Thursday morning, it was Mändli's plan to jump his other horse, Dsarie, in Friday's Speed Final. After competing with both Dsarie and "Sherry" Thursday evening, he switched things up Friday morning.

"Actually, I was planning to jump Sherry tomorrow night in the World Cup, but then my other horse, Dsarie, was very fresh yesterday, so I actually switched Sherry this morning to do this class," related Mändli. "I knew Sherry is in good shape. She likes this place. I would have never thought I would have won the class, to be honest, but sometimes it works out."

The switch paid off with a win for Mändli and the 11-year-old Selle Français mare by Kannan x Corrado II owned by Grant Road Partners LLC.

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Beat Mändli and Chartraine Pre Noir were joined in their winning presentation by WIHS Secretary Marley Bunce, Colonel Mark C. Johnson of the U.S. Army, WIHS President Vicki Lowell, and ringmaster Steve Rector. ***Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.***

Conor Swail (IRL) and Casturano were just off the pace in a close second place. ***Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.***

Katie Dinan (USA) rode Akita des Hauts Vents into third place. ***Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.***

VETERAN MARNELL AND NEWCOMER GULDEN EARN GRAND JUNIOR HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior Hunter divisions wrapped up on Friday with two Grand Championships awarded. In the 3'6" section it was Ariana Marnell with Babylon who donned the winning cooler, while Jessica Gulden and First and Goal took home the coveted Georgetown Cupcakes for the 3'3" section.

It seemed like time stood still as Marnell, 17, of Las Vegas, NV, walked into The Show Place Arena for her final championship hunter presentation. With both of her horses, Babylon and Ocean Road, in tow, Marnell accepted the Grand Junior Hunter 3'6" Championship title for Babylon as well as the Georgetown trophy for the highest Junior Hunter score, a 95, which she earned with both Babylon and Ocean Road.

Marnell shared earlier during the Indoors season that she would be focusing on the jumper ring after this year, and it was decided that Babylon would be for sale. However, the original plan was to finish things off at The National Horse Show in Lexington, KY, but Marnell and her team made the decision Friday morning to make WIHS their last hurrah.

Ariana Marnell made her last ride on Babylon count, taking home the Grand Junior Hunter Championship. ***Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.***

"Neither horse scored below a 93 this week," said an emotional Marnell. "I'm not going to ask them to do more when they keep giving and giving 200 percent every time. I'm only sad because I've had so much fun with them, and I love showing them. I'm really excited to see what they do next. I'm just so thankful for all they've done for me. This week feels like they knew and tried their heart out."

In addition to her tremendous horses, Marnell credits her trainer, John French, with bringing the three of them to the next level to achieve all that they have.

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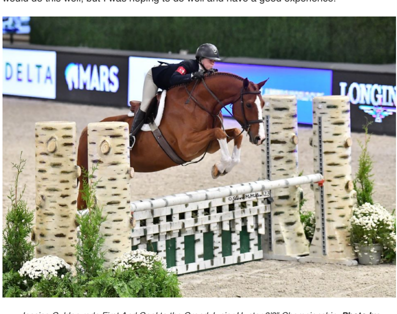
In their final championship presentation, Ariana Marnell and Babylon were honored by ringmaster Steve Rector, WIHS President Vicki Lowell, and groom Leonardo Basualto. ***Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.***

In the 3'3" section, Jessica Gulden, 15, of Williamsburg, VA, and First and Goal, owned by Karen Robinson Dickman, scored all their points over fences, notching two wins with a score of 88 and a 91 in the stake. They added a second-place finish to their collection with a score of 89 in the handy, propelling them to the Large Junior Hunter 3'3" division championship and overall Grand Junior Hunter 3'3" Championship title.

"It's incredible," said Gulden of that winning feeling. "Washington is such a big show just to place in the ribbons, so to be Grand Champion is amazing. I definitely didn't think I would do this well, but I was hoping to do well and have a good experience."



Jessica Gulden rode First And Goal to the Grand Junior Hunter 3'3" Championship. ***Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.***

Gulden has had the ride on "Toothless," named for the lack of his four bottom front teeth, for almost three years now. They started together in the 2'6" hunters when the now nine-year-old Warmblood gelding by Levisto was just six and have progressed together to this point.

"We were green together, and we just kind of grew up together, and now we're here and it's been awesome," reflected Gulden. "He has the biggest personality. He'll eat anything. He's just so sweet and one of the best horses ever. He likes you to be soft when you're riding. He's super slow, so you always need a strong leg, but if you canter around softly, he just lopes around. He's so comfortable in the environment and tries his best all the time."

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Joining Jessica Gulden and First And Goal in the Delta Winner's Circle were ringmaster Steve Rector, WIHS President Vicki Lowell, Kelsey Gulden, and trainer Chris Wynne. ***Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.***

The Best Child Rider on a Horse award presented by the Danhakl Family Foundation went to Clara Propp. ***Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.***

BRODY AND SPAETZUENDER W SPEED TO THE WIN IN THE LOW JUNIOR/AMATEUR JUMPER CLASSIC

At the conclusion of the hunters, it was jumper time in The Show Place Arena for the $7,500 Low Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic. Emma Brody, 15, of New York, NY, raced to the win with Spaetzuender W in 31.59 seconds, just edging out Luke Rinehart, 16, of Westfield, IN, who stopped the clock in 31.92 seconds aboard Captain America 10, Catherine Rinehart's nine-year-old Hanoverian gelding by Contendro. Cassie Warren, 18, of New Canaan, CT, finished in third in a time of 33.65 seconds riding Elizabeth, her 14-year-old KWPN mare by Zirocco Blue VDL.

Eleven combinations jumped a fault-free first round to contest the short course, but it was Brody and "Spats" who could not be caught.

Emma Brody and Spaetzuender W were fastest to win the $7,500 Low Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic. ***Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.***

"I rode the first line a little differently than I would have liked to," admitted Brody of her jump-off. "I would have liked to have gotten there a little sooner, so I could have been a little neater to the second jump, but otherwise I thought my horse executed the plan exactly as I wanted to. He has a massive stride, so I definitely was thinking about shaping the lines so I could keep cantering and be efficient while doing all the right number of strides."

Brody, who trains with Eleanor Kunsman at Glen Eden in Chester, NJ, has had her 16-year-old Holsteiner gelding (San Patrignano Corrado x Liostro) for a year.

"He really likes his job, and he loves to win," said Brody of Spats. "That's really what he goes into the ring to do every time. I just knew my plan with him and stuck with it. It's almost harder for me to watch. I don't like getting in my head too much."

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Ringmaster Steve Rector, WIHS Executive Director Mary Helen Shaughnessy, Alexa Reisfield, Scarlett Moran, trainer Eleanor Kunsman, and groom Alex Cruz joined Emma Brody and Spaetzuender W in their winning presentation. ***Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.***

The 2023 WIHS continues, Saturday, October 28, with the start of the pony hunter divisions and the $7,500 Medium Junior/Amateur Classic, followed by the $15,000 Show Jumping Hall of Fame (SJHOF) High Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic. The exciting evening session features the conclusion of the WIHS Equitation Finals and the $450,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington CSI5*-W, presented by Experience Prince George's, for the President's Cup.

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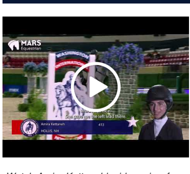
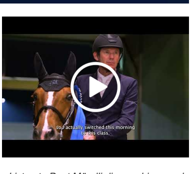


Watch Amira Kettaneh's ride review from her winning round in the WIHS Equitation Final - Hunter Phase

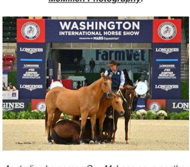


Listen to Beat Mändli discuss his speed final win with Chartraine Pre Noir

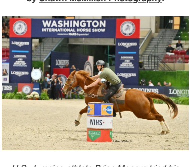
MILITARY NIGHT PRESENTED BY BOEING

Harper Clark (second from right) of sponsor Artemis Equestrian Farms was on hand to congratulate Savannah Hutchins on Dash Of Mint, winners of the WIHS Shetland Pony Steeplechase Championship. ***Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.***

Barbara Tober (second from left) celebrated the induction of her horse Sweet'N Low to the WIHS Hall of Fame. Aaron Vale (second from right) was on hand to accept the puissance tray after his four wins in a row retired the trophy. ***Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.***



Australian horseman Guy McLean gave another incredible demonstration at WIHS with his special group of horses. ***Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.***



U.S. Jumping athlete Brian Moggre tried his hand at barrel racing and helped the Army team win the competition against Navy and Air Force. ***Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.***

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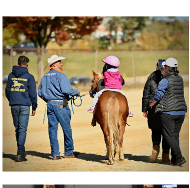

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Kids' Day, presented by Delta

Free admission

Pony rides, grooming station, horseless horse show, pony kissing booth, and more!

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World Cup Night

WIHS Equitation Championship

WIHS Shetland Pony Steeplechase Championship

$450,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington CSI5*-W for the President's Cup presented by Experience Prince George's

Tickets:

Daytime Admission is free. No ticket is required for daytime sessions on Monday through Sunday, October 23-29. Watch the show, explore the grounds, shop the concourse, visit historical displays, and enjoy a variety of food trucks.

Saturday evening: All designated evening session tickets are reserved seating. Select your seat from four ticket types:

- Ticket & Dinner: Watch and dine in the best seats at WIHS. Collect your hot buffet-style dinner and beverages, then dine at your seat. Includes unlimited refills of non-alcoholic beverages. Each adult ticket also includes two servings of beer/wine.
- Premium Ticket
- Select Ticket
- Standard Ticket — The most inexpensive ticket on World Cup Night, Saturday, October 28: $45 adult, $35 child.

Visit Ticketmaster today to purchase your tickets. Tickets may also be purchased in person at The Show Place Arena Box Office upon arrival, while available.

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