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Maddie Tosh Claims PBIA North American Junior Equitation Championships

Maddie Tosh of Milton, GA, topped the [Palm Beach International Academy \(PBIA\)](#) North American Junior Equitation Championships on Sunday, September 29, during the 2024 Capital Challenge Horse Show (CCHS) Equitation Showcase, presented by [BIGEQ.com](#). She combined scores of 91.66 and 93.33 to take the blue in the Show Place Arena at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD.

From an original field of 115 riders, a callback welcomed the top 20 to return in reverse order based on their first-round scores. After taking reserve in the 2023 edition of the class, 18-year-old Tosh impressed in the irons of Dr. Betsee Parker's Dakтари with the high score of 184.99 for the win.



Maddie Tosh and Dakтари are presented as winners by Jose Bonetti, Audrey Lopes and Joanne Weiner of Palm Beach International Academy; trainer Hunt Tosh; groom Jose Gutierrez; Frank and Jennifer Madden and Erika Kosciński with Capital Hill Show Stables; and Jennifer Hinman of Hammond & Hinman Horse & Home. **Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography**

This year, Paige Walkenbach, 17, of Paradise Valley, AZ, was reserve champion aboard Cent 15, owned by Walkenbach Equestrian, and Caitlyn Gidley, 17, of College Station, TX, rode to third on NKH Darco Son, owned NKH, LLC.

"This is my last junior year and my last equitation finals with [Daktari]," said Tosh, who is committed to the University of Georgia's NCAA equestrian team beginning fall 2025. "We've both grown up together, so we have a great partnership. I've been his only equitation rider in all the finals, and he was my first horse for all of that. I think our partnership is something that allows us to strive."

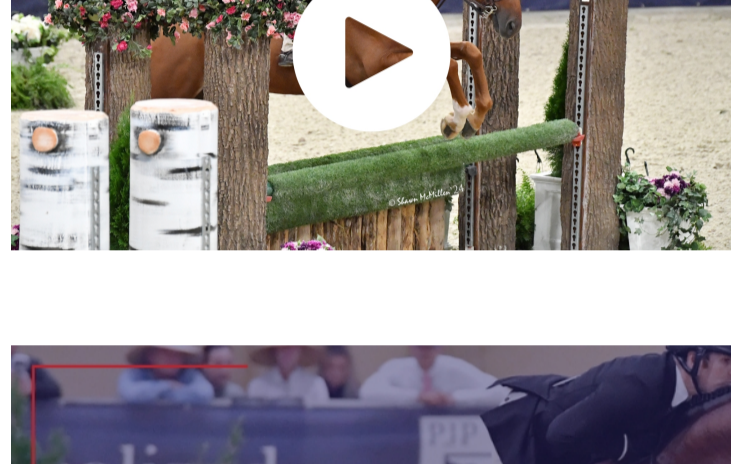
Three panels composed of two judges each awarded scores, and the average of the three resulted in the rider's overall mark. The first panel was made up of Rob Bielefeld and Tony Sgarlata, Andrea Wells and Geoff Case sat on the second panel, and the third duo was David Beisel and Alice Coke.

"I wanted to stay smooth, make sure the turns worked out nice. We ended up doing a tricky inside turn back to the vertical through the bounce," said Tosh of a risk she took over the Ken Krome-designed course in the second round. "That was the one thing I was a little worried about; making sure he had his eye on it. It worked out perfectly—he was right there with me and luckily, he knew what he was doing."

Maddie Tosh and Dakтари. **Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography**

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