

Friday, October 25

Live Stream

Results

SWAIL MAKES

SPEED COUNT

The 2024 Washington International Horse Show (WIHS), presented by MARS Equestrian™ had a full day of competition on Friday, October 25, from junior hunters and equitation to five-star show jumping.

▲ DELTA Conor Swail and Count Me In. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography The highlight class of Friday's schedule was the \$63,000 FEI Speed Final, and it came down to

one of the last entries in the class to show the fastest track over the course set by Nick Granat (USA). Conor Swail and his veteran campaigner Count Me In, owned by Mannon Farm and Sandy Lupton, squeaked into the winner's spot with a time of 61.24 seconds, less than two-tenths of a second faster than McLain Ward (USA) and First Lady, owned by Robin Cleary Parsky, who recorded a time of 61.40 seconds. Simon McCarthy (IRL) and Narcotique v/h Dingeshof, owned by Ilan Ferder, had the fastest time of the night, but with one rail down converted to three extra seconds, they finished third in a total time of 62.23 seconds. "I was lucky enough I was able to see most of the riders," explained Swail. "I saw McLain and Simon going, and I thought Laura actually had a great round early on. I was very lucky I rode 'Crosby' today. He's very careful and a serial winner, so it's very nice to know that if I give him a good opportunity to do everything right, he normally repays me." Read More

LONGINES McLain Ward and First Lady picked up second Third place went to Simon McCarthy and place. Photo by **Shawn McMillen Photography** Narcotique v/h Dingeshof. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

NISS 25,000 TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND 4/105 Shawn McMillen 24 WIHS donated \$25,000 to its military partner, <u>Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors</u>, thanks to clear rounds over the TAPS jump. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

WINNING IS

IN THE AIR

Jessica Mendoza flying high with In The Air. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography In a new class added to the FEI division for international jumpers at WIHS, the \$32,000 Two Phase presented by Nissan of Bowie hosted 21 entries in a format that brings speed into the

equation halfway through the course. Finding the clear ride in the fastest second-half time was Jessica Mendoza (GBR) on her own In the Air, who sped through in 32.32 seconds. Just behind

them in 32.79 seconds were Jordan Coyle (IRL) and King Kannan GP, owned by Elan Farm. Carly Anthony (USA) and Jet Blue, owned by Portfolio Horses LLC, finished third with a time of

32.47 seconds. "The two phase actually worked in my favor today because I rode her in the costume class yesterday," said Mendoza, who placed third in the Accumulator class. "She went fast, so it was nice to get the first seven or eight jumps just getting her back and not rushing. Then getting to do the last few jumps fast is always fun with her." Mendoza found "Fly," an 11-year-old KWPN mare by Air Jordan x Indoctro, in Holland and ended up also purchasing her half brother out of the same dam from their breeder. "She's incredible," said Mendoza, who is competing at WIHS for the first time. "She's so athletic; she's like a little cat when she jumps. She's been great because I can use her for all of the speed classes, and she can be used for a big class. She's very useful to me and so careful and wonderful." Read More

Jordan Coyle and King Kannan raced to second. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Molly Gfroerer and Liberty Road

Paige Walkenbach and Babylon

CHAMPIONSHIP

CIRCLE

Third place went to Carly Anthony and Jet Blue.

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Molly Gfroerer of Buffalo, NY, and Liberty Road took the top path to the Grand Junior

A triple blue performance on Thursday and Friday granted the Small Junior Hunter 16-17

championship, Grand Junior Hunter 3'6" Championship, and the Overall Grand Champion Junior Hunter title to Paige Walkenbach of Paradise Valley, AZ, and

Babylon repeated his grand championship performance from 2023, when he stood in the

winner's circle with previous owner Ariana

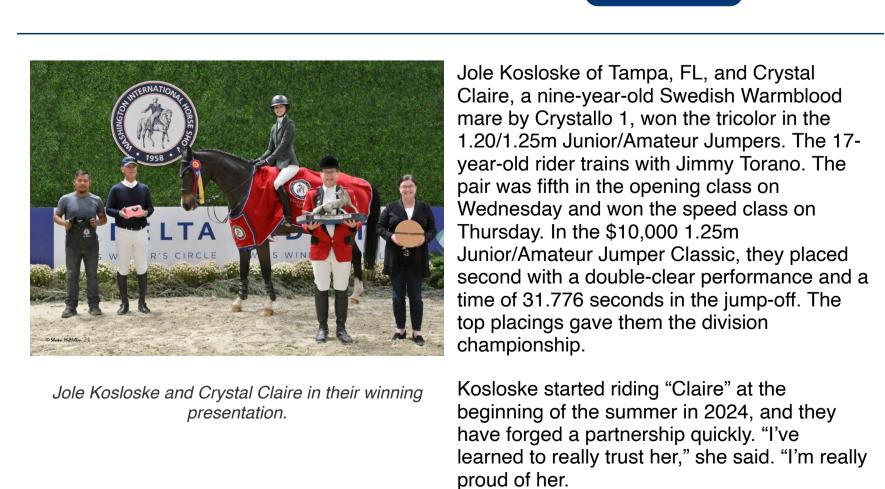
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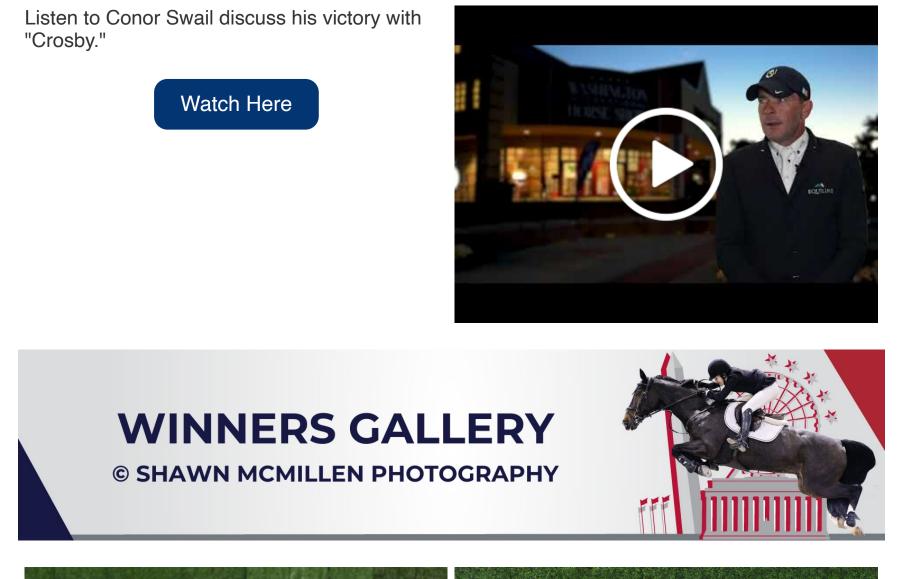
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3'3" Hunter Championship following the division tricolor in the Large Junior Hunter 3'3". They won two over fences classes, were fifth in the handy class, and third under saddle. "We just started showing together in Florida, and he's amazing," said Gfroerer of her partner affectionately known as "Poppy." Read More

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WIHS Equitation Finals Hunter Phase winner Candescent, Adriana Forte, Heather Macinnis

Small Junior Hunter 16-17

Large Junior Hunter 16-17

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Champion: San Pedro 15, Paige Walkenbach,

Reserve Champion: Kapatero, Kate Hagerty, The

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Champion: Babylon, Paige Walkenbach, Walkenbach

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Reserve Champion: Spencer, Lily Sonneborn,

Large Junior Hunter 15 and Under

Georgetown High Score Junior Hunter

Kapatero, Kate Hagerty, The Hagerty Family

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Reserve Champion: Magic Moment, Kate Hagerty, The Reserve Champion: Carlson, Violet Tatum, Archibald

Champion: No Secret, Elizabeth Rinehart, Donald

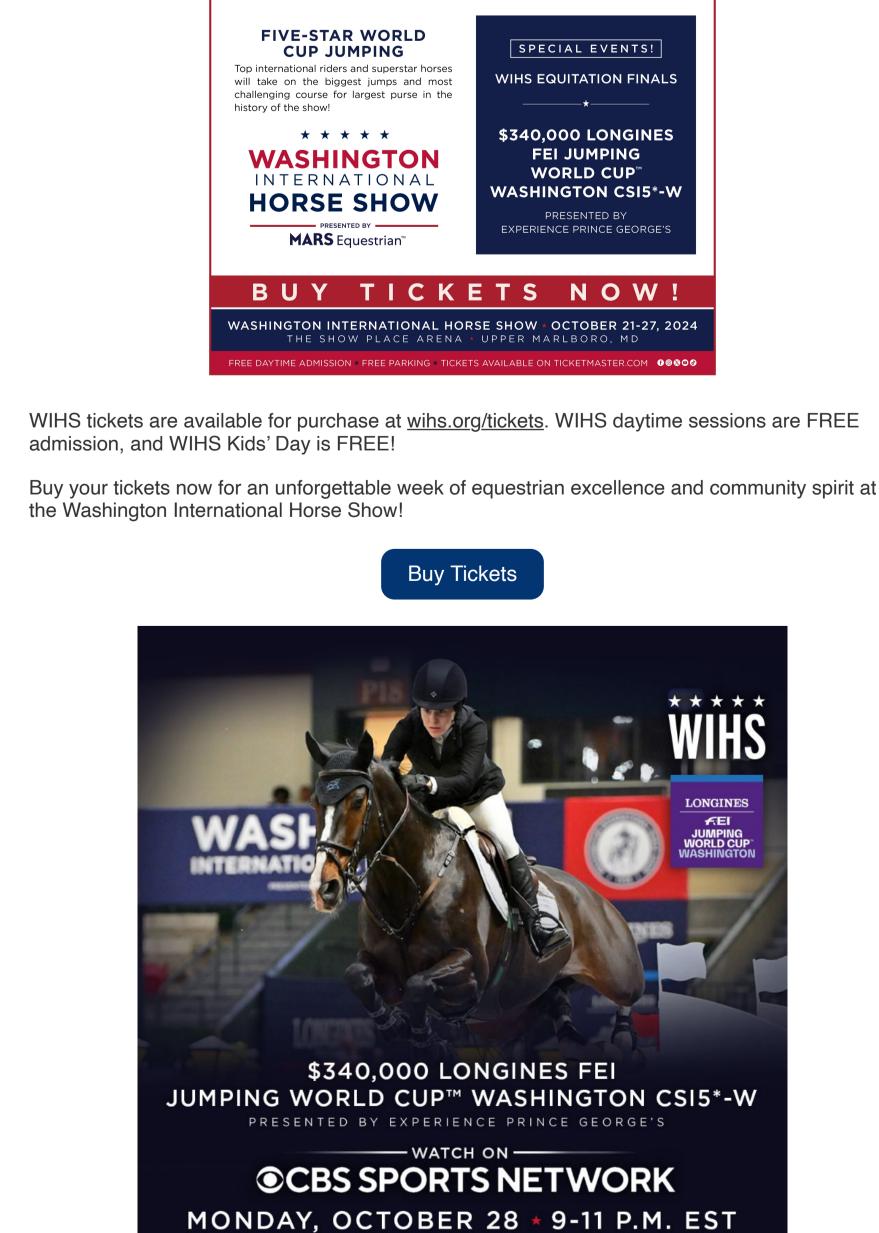




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