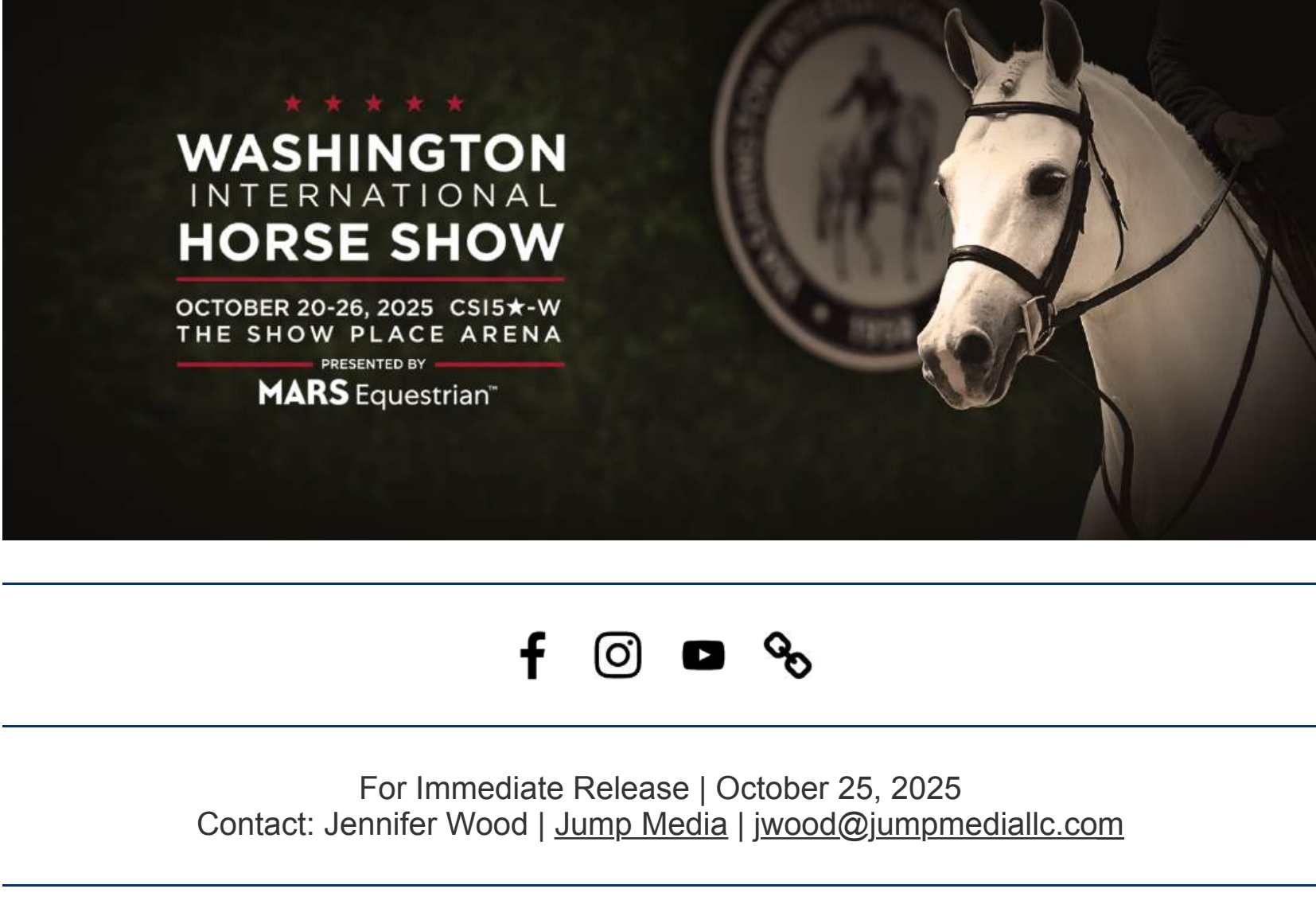
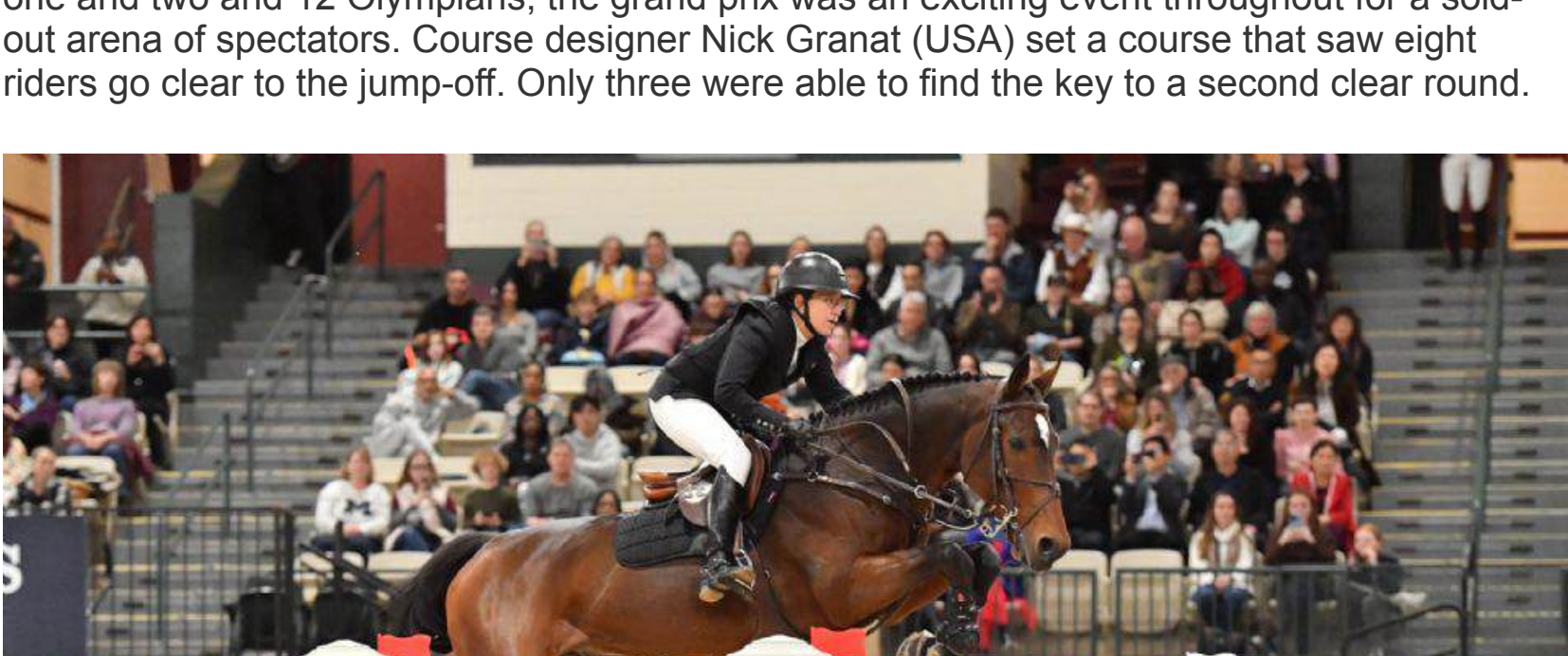




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Upper Marlboro, MD – Recording her second time lifting the President's Cup trophy, Laura Kraut (USA) and Tres Bien Z, owned by St. Bride's Farm, won the \$340,000 FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington CSI5*-W, presented by Maryland Sports Commission, on Saturday, October 25. The event was the highlight of the week at the 2025 Washington International Horse Show, presented by [MARS Equestrian™](#), which concludes on Sunday, October 26.

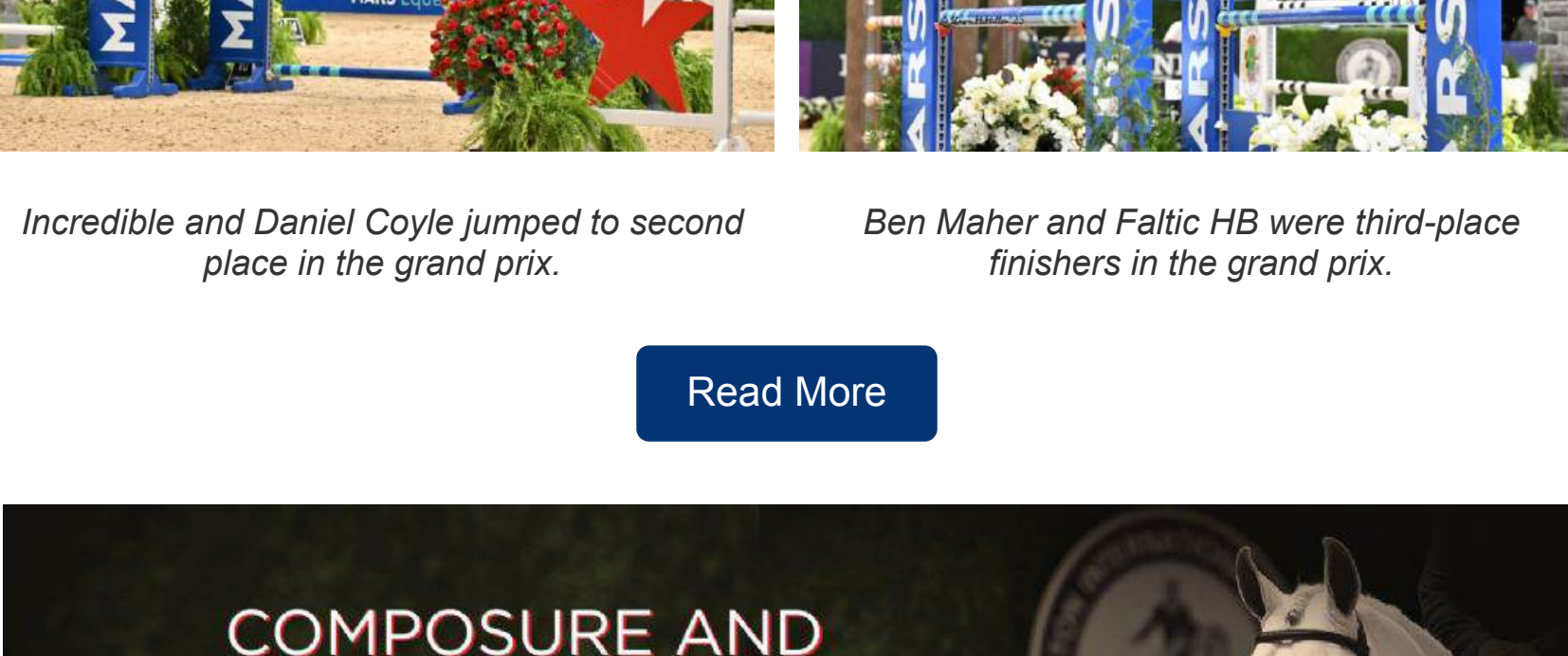
With a field of 24 of the world's top riders representing 13 countries, including world numbers one and two and 12 Olympians, the grand prix was an exciting event throughout for a sold-out arena of spectators. Course designer Nick Granat (USA) set a course that saw eight riders go clear to the jump-off. Only three were able to find the key to a second clear round.



Laura Kraut notched her second grand prix victory at WIHS with a winning ride on Tres Bien Z. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

As the first rider to go double clear, Kraut set the time to beat at 40.83 seconds with a daring track that relied on the deepening partnership with "Tres," a 10-year-old Zangersheide gelding by Toulon x Nabab de Reve that was purchased from British show jumper Tim Gredley 18 months ago.

"I didn't think that seven strides was possible from fences two to three, but Lillie Keenan did it right before I went, so I thought, 'I'll see how I jump fence two and give it a go.' He grew wings to do that because it was very far away, and I can't believe he did it," she admitted about her jump-off ride. "Then, I just went as quick as I could go with him. He's a handy horse. It was one of the reasons why I thought it would be good to bring him indoors, and he just tries really hard."



Laura Kraut and Tres Bien Z in their winning presentation with FEI Foreign Judge Colleen Hoffman; Terry Hasseltine, Executive Director, Maryland Sports Commission; owners David and Barbara Roux; WIHS President Vicki Lowell; Charlotte Rosseter of MARS Equestrian; and WIHS Board of Directors Co-Chairs Anne Poulsen and Claudia Frost. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

Kraut does have designs on the 2026 FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final, and she remarked, "Being that it's in my home country, I think that would be really fun."

Having first shown at WIHS in 1978 in the pony hunters, Kraut, who turns 60 years old in three weeks, has made WIHS a key competition in her show calendar.

"I've come to Washington for many, many years, and I really feel like it's one of the goals of the year, particularly in the United States, for everyone — jumpers, hunters, and equitation," she said. "I hope that it stays that way. I think it's a goal that every rider should look to work towards."

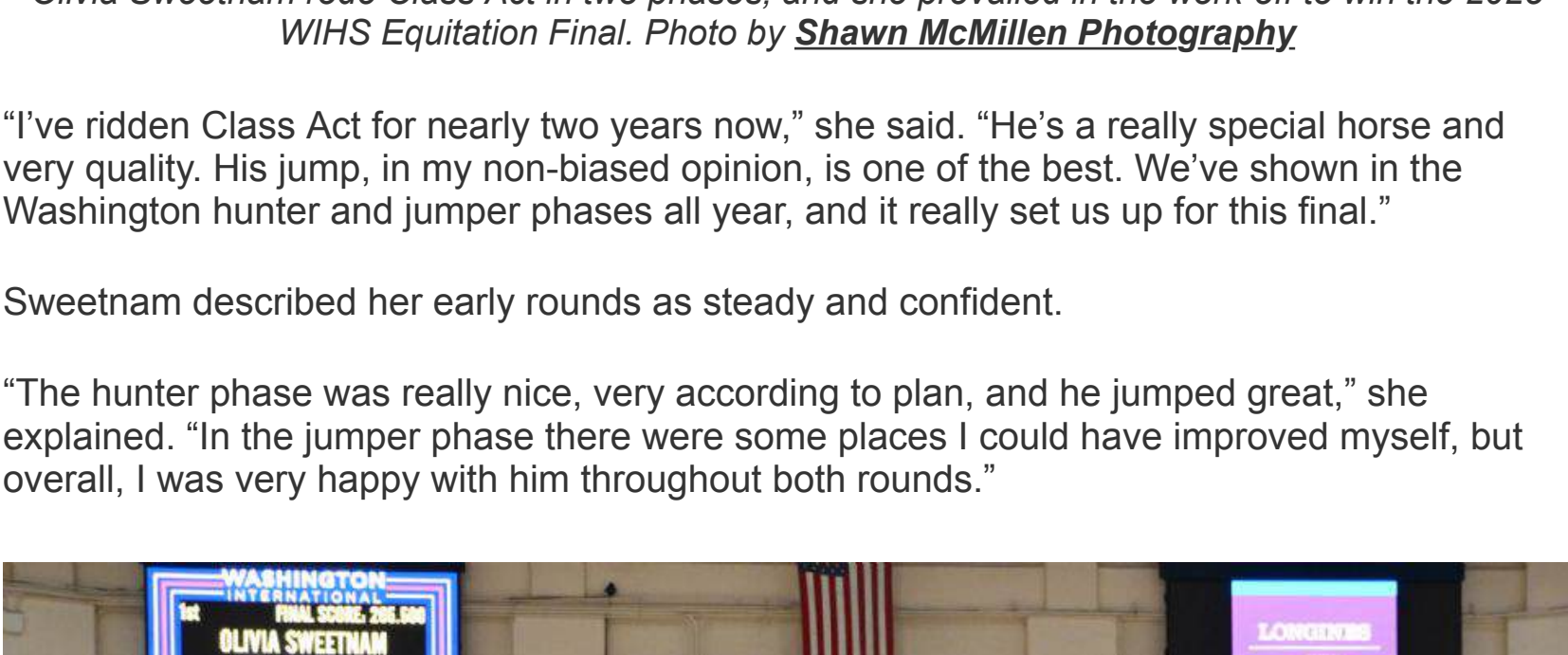


Incredible and Daniel Coyle jumped to second place in the grand prix.



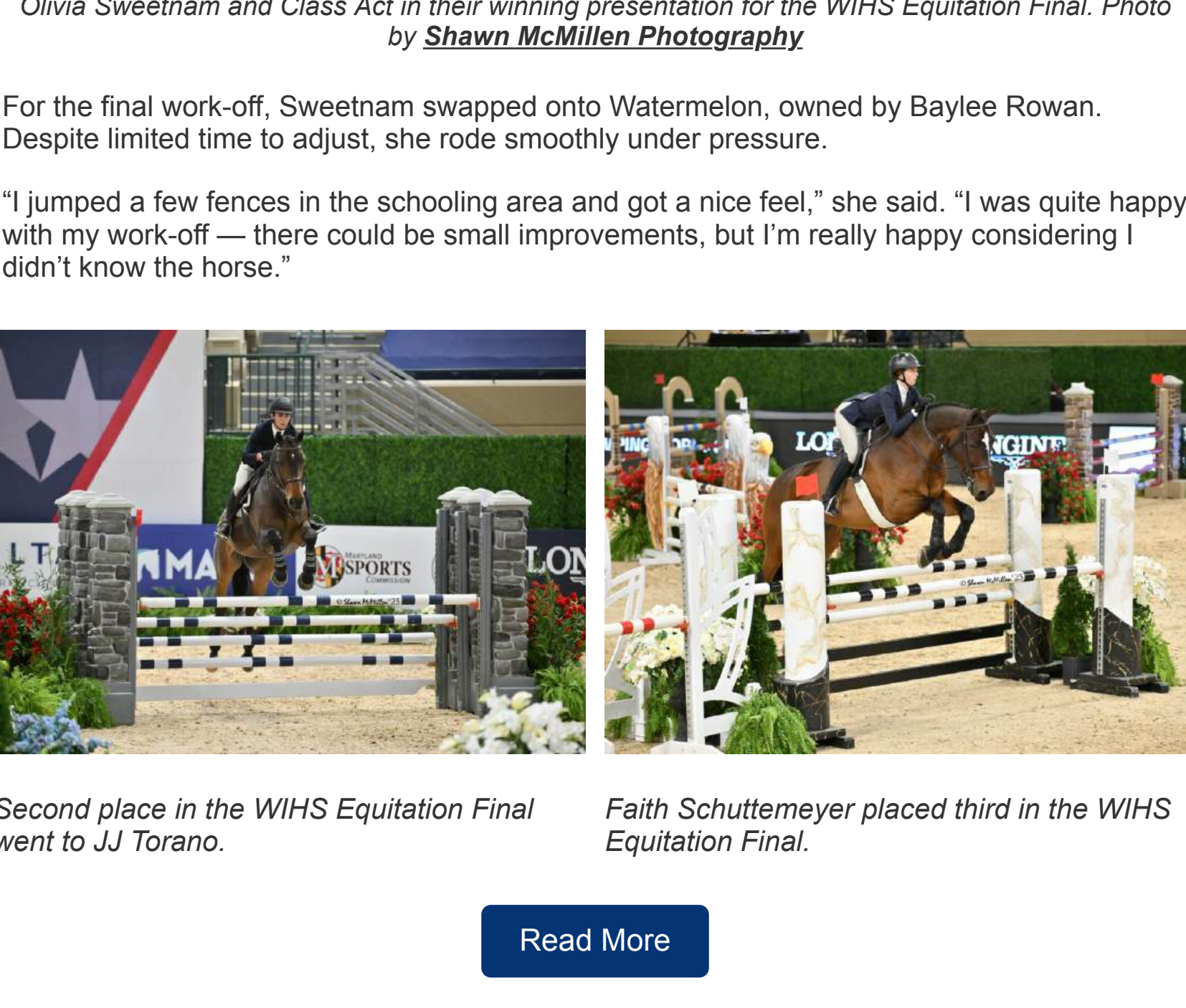
Ben Maher and Faltic HB were third-place finishers in the grand prix.

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Olivia Sweetnam of Wellington, FL, rose to the top of one of the nation's most challenging equitation events, the WIHS Equitation Final, mastering the hunter and jumper phases before a final top 10 horse swap to secure the coveted title. JJ Torano of Wellington, FL, finished second, while Faith Schuttemeyer claimed third in a class that demanded not only technical skill but also adaptability and composure.

Riding her longtime partner Class Act — a 15-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding by Vigarro affectionately known as "Jagger" and owned by Ashland Farms — Sweetnam reflected on the preparation that led to her success. With Class Act, Sweetnam scored 89.625 in the hunter phase and 87.625 in the jumper phase. Her score of 88.25 in the work-off gave her a total of 265.50 for victory.

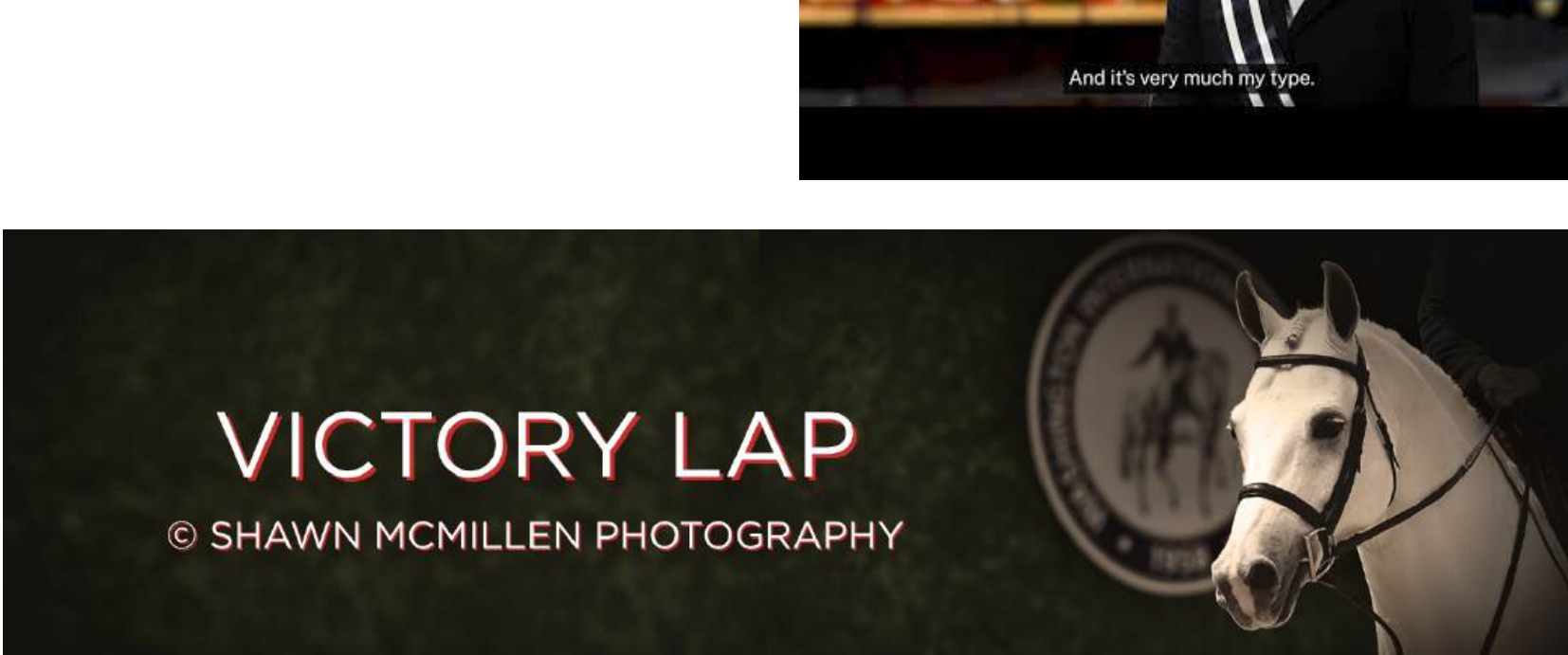


Olivia Sweetnam rode Class Act in two phases, and she prevailed in the work-off to win the 2025 WIHS Equitation Final. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

"I've ridden Class Act for nearly two years now," she said. "He's a really special horse and very quality. His jump, in my non-biased opinion, is one of the best. We've shown in the Washington hunter and jumper phases all year, and it really set us up for this final."

Sweetnam described her early rounds as steady and confident.

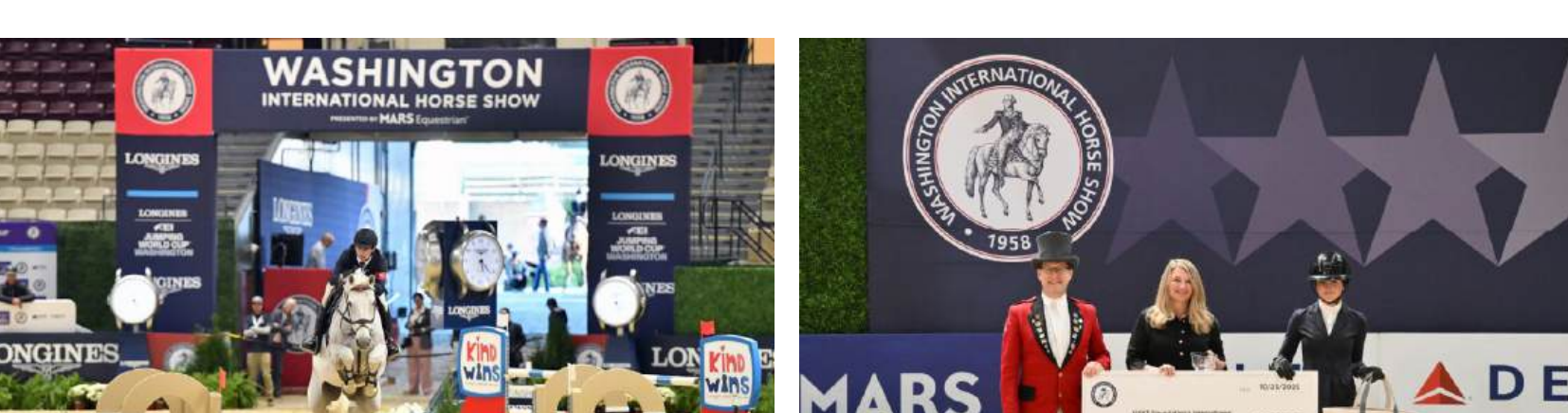
"The hunter phase was really nice, very according to plan, and he jumped great," she explained. "In the jumper phase there were some places I could have improved myself, but overall, I was very happy with him throughout both rounds."



Olivia Sweetnam and Class Act in their winning presentation for the WIHS Equitation Final. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

For the final work-off, Sweetnam swapped onto Watermelon, owned by Baylee Rowan. Despite limited time to adjust, she rode smoothly under pressure.

"I jumped a few fences in the schooling area and got a nice feel," she said. "I was quite happy with my work-off — there could be small improvements, but I'm really happy considering I didn't know the horse."

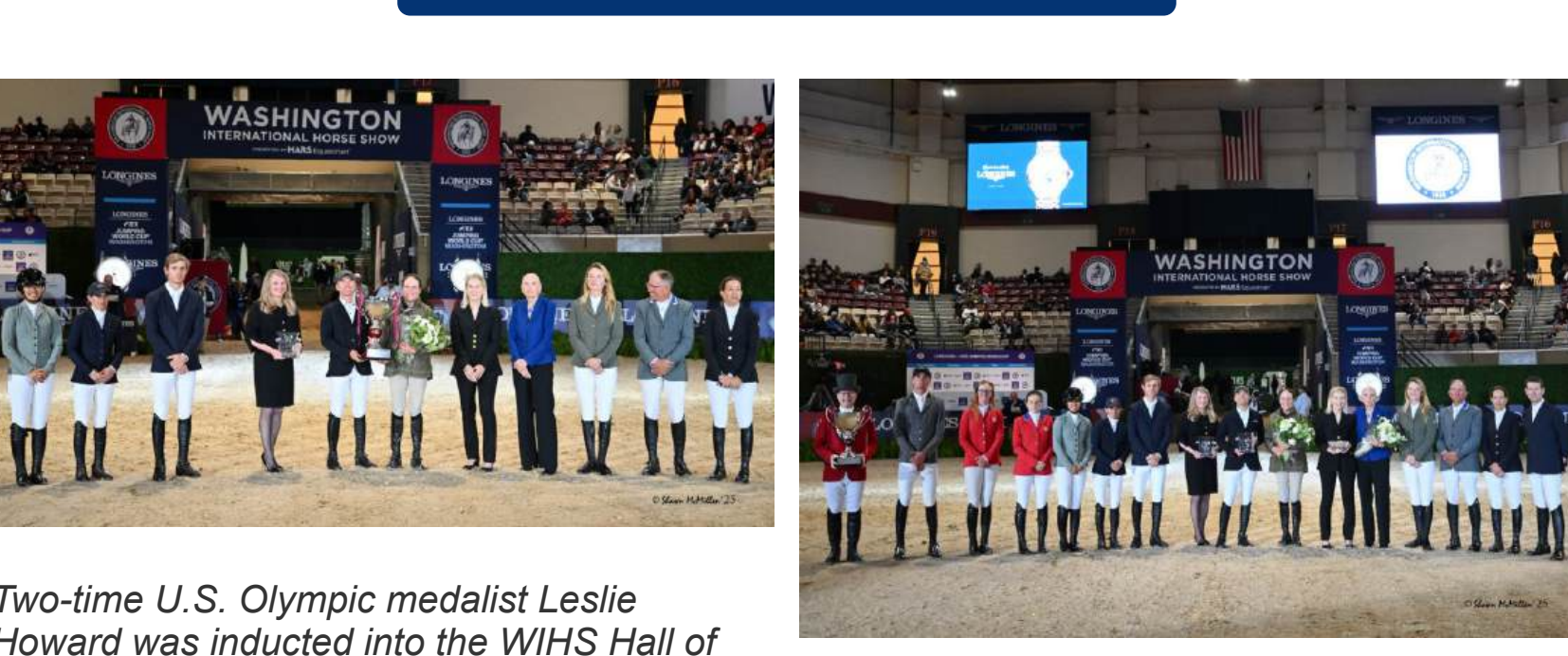


Second place in the WIHS Equitation Final went to JJ Torano.



Faith Schuttemeyer placed third in the WIHS Equitation Final.

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Mary Rose Canterbury rode Extase Hermelle to victory in the \$20,000 SJHOF 1.40-1.45m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic.



Victory in the \$15,000 SJHOF 1.30-1.35m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic and the division championship went to JJ Torano and Opsala.



JJ Torano was also the division champion with Vitus K in the 1.30m-1.35m Junior/Amateur Jumpers.



Baylee Rowan was named the recipient of the Hollow Brook Junior Equitation Sportsmanship Award.

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Two-time U.S. Olympic medalist Leslie Howard was inducted into the WIHS Hall of Fame.



WIHS Co-Chair, Claudia Frost, was presented with the Rex Reed Award.



Adriana Forte was presented with the Junior Jumper Style of Riding Award.



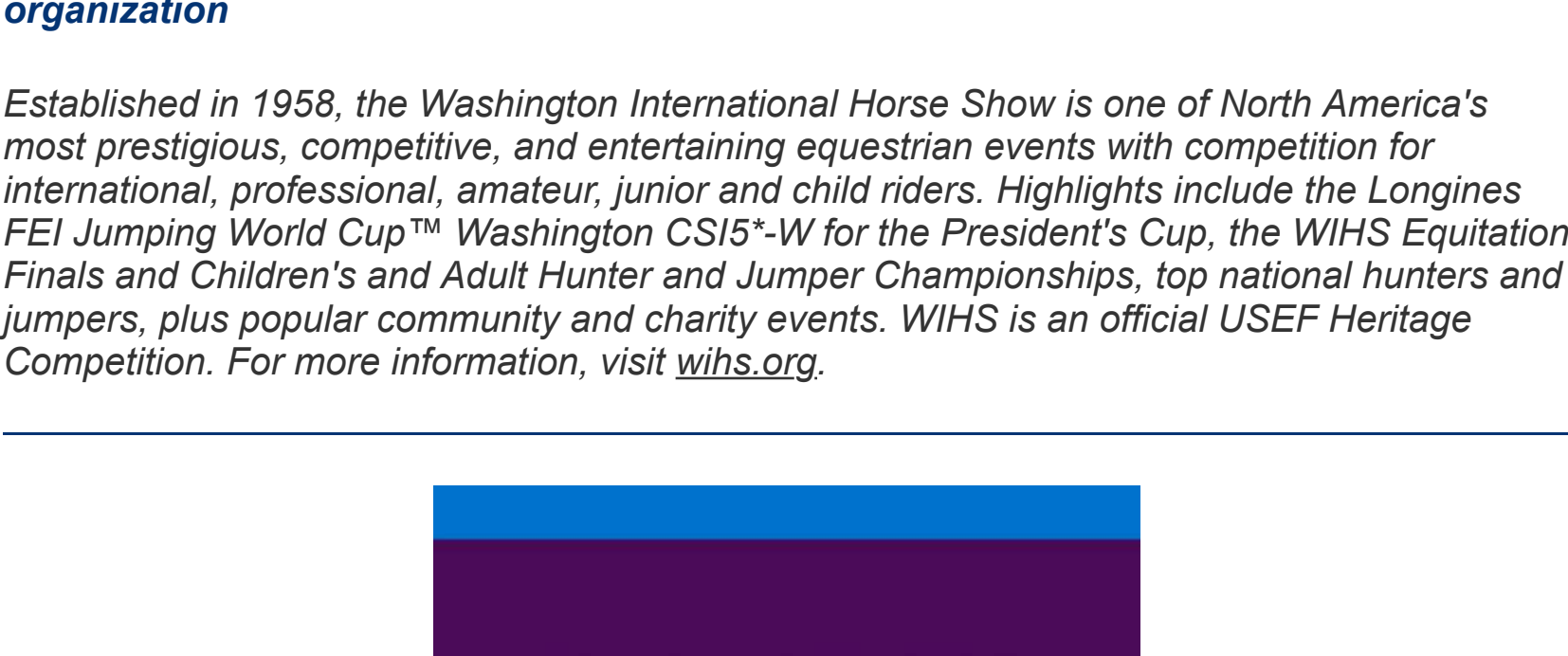
The Martha Wachtel Jolicoeur Properties Leading Lady Rider Award was presented to Laura Kraut.



Margo Thomas, the groom for Laura Kraut and Tres Bien Z, won the Leading FEI Groom Award.



Mimi Gochman was presented as the Leading Under 25 Rider.



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