

BRITISH COLUMBIA/QUEBEC COMBINED TEAM WINS BRONZE AT THE 2010 NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR AND YOUNG RIDER EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ottawa, Ontario— The British Columbia / Quebec Combined Team won the bronze medal in the Junior One Star Championship division at the 2010 Adequan FEI North American Junior Young Riders Championships (NAJYC). Presented by Gotham North, the Championships were held July 28–August 1 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY, the site of the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games.

The team was comprised of Nayla Charbonneau of Surrey, BC, Sophie Laframboise of Westmount, QC, and Katherine Martineau of Brossard, QC. The team was coached by Lorraine Laframboise and the chef d'équipe was Olympian Ian Roberts, and all three team members completed the competition a final score of 199.3, which featured no drop score.

The Ontario Team, which had Haley Armstrong-Laframboise of Orangeville, ON, Sophie Kalpin of King City, ON, Rachel McDonough of Etobicoke, ON, and Hannah Rankin of Stittsville, ON, finished close behind in fourth place with a team total of 210.6, and had just 4.4 total cross country time penalties.

Winning the Junior One Star Championships was the US Area VI, VII and VIII Team with a score of 190.9, while the US Area VI Team took silver with a score of 194.4.

In the individual competition Sophie Laframboise was top Canadian for the second year in a row. Partnered with her own 13-year-old Appendix Quarter Horse gelding Way Cool, the pair earned a dressage score of 51.9, and moved up throughout the competition, from a 11th place following dressage, to eighth after cross country and finally into fourth place overall with one rail down in show jumping leaving them with a final score of 55.9.

With H.M. As Spirits Go, her own 12-year-old Canadian Sport Horse gelding, Martineau was the next best placed Canadian. The pair stood in fifth place after dressage on a score of 49.0, and dropped into ninth place after earning 3.2 cross country time penalties. Despite two rails down in show jumping for eight faults, the pair moved up the standings to finish sixth individually on a score of 60.2.

Rankin and C5's Conflict of Interest, her 16-year-old Canadian Thoroughbred gelding, finished in 12th place on a score of 66.4 which included a 60.4 dressage score, two time penalties on cross country and four faults in show jumping. In 14th place was Armstrong-Laframboise and Ichabod, Moira Laframboise's nine-year-old Canadian Thoroughbred gelding, who finished on a score of 68.8. McDonough riding her own Irish Rhythm, 11-year-old Canadian Thoroughbred gelding, finished in 17th place with a score of 75.4. Rounding out the individual Canadians was Charbonneau and her own Princeton Pride whose final score of 83.2 was good for 22nd place.

In the Two Star Young Riders Championship division Team Canada, comprised of Samantha Elsenaar of Brooklin, ON, Julia Norman of Kelowna, BC, Emily Daigneault of Gatineau, QC, and Joelle Baskerville of Calgary, AB, finished in fifth place.



USA Area III won the Two Star Championship division with a score of 217.8, and silver went to USA VI and VII with 229.0.

Baskerville her own Malibu, a nine-year-old Thoroughbred Hungarian Warmblood cross mare finished in ninth place individually on a final score of 88.0. Just behind Baskerville in 10th place was Elsenaar and her own Armon, a 12-year-old Thoroughbred Belgian cross with a score of 88.6.

American Kelly Pugh and Copy Cat Chloe took the gold medal in the Two Star Championship division on a score of 55.9.

The NAJYRC gives up and coming riders the opportunity to represent their area, province or country as a team, and prepares them for future international competition. The 2010 edition featured the disciplines of dressage, eventing, jumping and reining. The One Star Junior Championship division is open to riders fourteen to eighteen years of age while the Two Star Young Riders Championship division is open to riders sixteen to twenty-one years old. Many of the world's top competitors, including many Olympic medalists, began their careers at the NAJYRC.

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