

One of my most meaningful memories this year was competing in the CPHA Junior Medal Finals, which were hosted by Blenheim Equisports in the beautiful Grand Looke Arena. The finals consisted of three rounds, all designed by Scott Starnes. I thought the courses were very well crafted where each round built on the previous one, and they all asked really strong questions. I was really excited to ride each one of them. I went relatively early in the first round and my goal was to be as rhythmical and smooth as possible. I was super excited to have won and was anxious to ride the next. In the second round I went a bit later in the order and so I was able to analyze and watch how the course rode. I felt like the second round's biggest question was pace and track and there were also a few inside options. My horse, Ramsey, was amazing and right there with me every step of the way to help win the second round and maintain our lead. Going into the third round I was a good mix of excited and nervous. My main goal was to establish and maintain a bold pace and to make every jump match. Ramsey was very light and loose in this round, which really helped with my nerves and in pulling off the plan. We ended up winning the third round as well to secure the overall championship. Everyone rode incredibly well both days and the environment and atmosphere was really fantastic. I had a lot of fun competing in this special class and made many unforgettable memories. I am so incredibly grateful for my amazing trainers at Dawson Grove Farm that I've been lucky enough to learn from and am so thankful for all of the effort they put in to help prepare me for this final. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the sponsors of the 2023 CPHA finals which included Blenheim Equisports, CWD Custom Saddles, Harlow's Heavenly Horse Treats, Archie Cox, Valencia Saddlery, Damoor's Feed and Tack, Outfitters, G2 Insurance/Tom Rattigan, and Kim Ottoson. Also a big thanks to all of the CPHA board members for making a fantastic final like this possible.