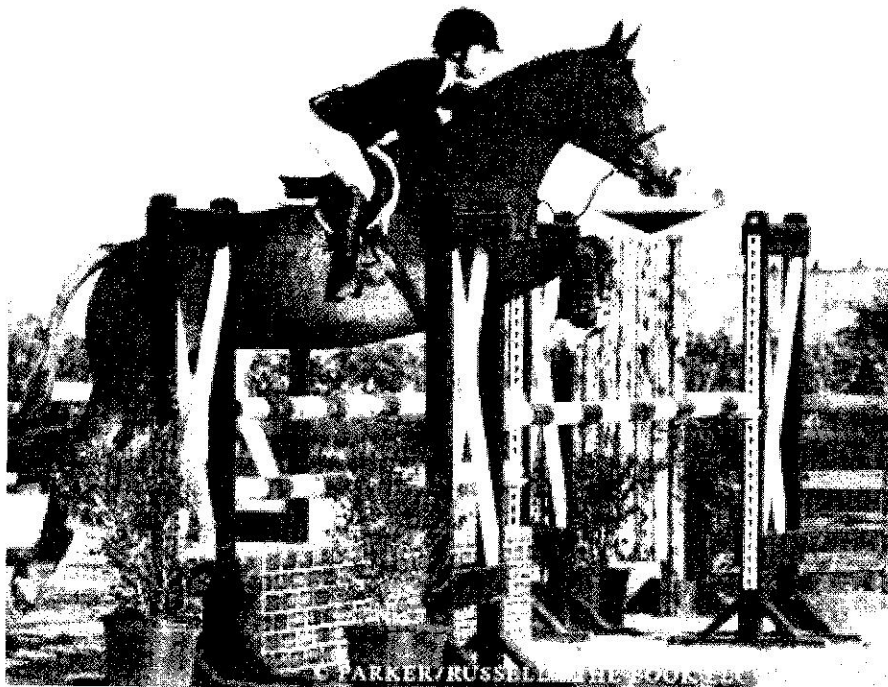


Triple Threat Anna Cardelfe



Anna and Papillon 136 winning the ASPCA Sidelines sponsored Maclay at the 2013 Winter Equestrian Festival.

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By Arianna Delin

Anna Cardelfe is the equestrian version of a triple threat – a talented junior rider who competes in the jumper, equitation and hunter ring. With a full resume to her name, the 17-year-old from Spring Lake, New Jersey, became part of the Sidelines Magazine family this year when she won two Sidelines sponsored ASPCA Maclay (Section A) classes during the 2013 Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington on Papillon 136, owned by Mahala Rummell and trained by Stacia Madden.

Showing off her triple threat status, Anna qualified for the Sam Edelman Excellence in Equitation class and the George Morris Excellence in Equitation championship during WEF, placing fourth in the Sam Edelman Equitation Class. In 2012, she was named Reserve Champion in the 16-17 Small Junior Hunters at both the Devon Horse Show and the National Horse Show in Kentucky. She also won the 2012 Low Junior Jumper NAL Final at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show on Wenda AK.

Sidelines caught up with the talented junior rider to find more about her riding and her future.

How did you start your riding career?

Horses have always been a part of my family, as my mother, Lynn, rode and competed when she was my age. I have loved horses since I was young and was always asking if I could take lessons. When I was turning six, my mom took me to a local barn to start lessons and I've never looked back and have been competing ever since! Riding competitively has shaped my whole high school career, although difficult to juggle school, friends and riding at times, it has made my high school experience amazing and a lot more exciting.

Who do you train with?

I ride with Beacon Hill Show Stables in Colts Neck, New Jersey, with Stacia Madden and have trained with her for three-and-a-half years.

What are your plans for the rest of the year?

I will be doing all of the equitation on my horses Papillon 136 and Ulrich. I will also be competing in the junior jumpers on my young horse Firenze Vande Cadzondhoeve.

What are your plans outside of the show ring?

I was accepted to Villanova University and will be attending there in the fall to study Journalism, which I couldn't be happier about! Horses will always be a part of my life so I don't view college as a 'goodbye' to riding. Being right near the Devon Horse Show and only a drive away from Beacon Hill, I plan to continue competing and training competitively on my horse Firenze. I would love to write for a magazine when I'm older or work in the communications field.

What are some of your riding accomplishments so far?

Winning two ASPCA Sidelines sponsored Maclay classes during the 2013 season in Wellington on Papillon 136 and taking high ribbons on my horse Ulrich in the USET and Washington Equitation classes.

What are your goals in the horse world?

My goal is always the same, to learn as much as I can and become a well-rounded rider. I learn something new every day just listening to Stacia, even if she isn't talking directly to me. I plan on enjoying this moment in my life with the horses, friends and trainers that I have been so lucky to have and not to rush through it. I'm a very lucky girl to have been given the opportunity to meet so many great people and compete on this level.

What is the best advice you've been given?

The best advice I have received is from Stacia Madden. She said, "Nothing is ever perfect, sometimes things happen beyond our control and you just have to roll with it."

What's your biggest pet peeve?

I hate when someone starts a sentence and then says "oh never mind."

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Greece! It looks so beautiful!

What is your greatest extravagance?

My horses!

Anna Cardelfe

