

2011 FTI WINTER EQUESTRIAN FESTIVAL



Mahala Rummell and Stoney Creek Win the Blue Ribbon and a New Saddle in Beval Palm Beach Adult Medal Finals

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Wellington, FL - April 3, 2011 - In a great ending to the 2011 FTI Winter Equestrian Festival, the Beval Palm Beach Adult Medal held its circuit finals in the prestigious International Field. Sixteen entries competed for the win today, with the lucky blue ribbon winner being awarded a new saddle. Mahala Rummell came out the victor in the prestigious culmination of the circuit's adult medal class.

Rummell, who rides with Stacia Madden, was aboard her own mount Stoney Creek, a twelve-year-old Royal Dutch Warmblood gelding, for the win. This being Rummell's first season out of the juniors, she was lucky enough to still own her junior equitation horse, Stoney Creek, to ride in the class. "He's so good at it," beamed Rummell. "He does all the testing so well, and he's beautiful on the flat. He's super!"



Mahala Rummell and Stoney Creek

Today's course being in the International Arena gave riders an extra advantage with the added space and size of the ring. "I thought the course was nice," said Rummell. "There was a lot of space to gallop, but there were also lines where you could leave out a stride or add a stride depending on your horse. There were a lot of nice single jumps too."

While Stoney Creek is for lease or sale, Rummell hopes that she still may be able to compete with him in the Ariat Adult Medal Finals in the fall at the Capital Challenge Horse Show. "I start school in the fall, but I hope I can make the train ride down from school to Capital Challenge," explained Rummell. "I'll probably do a few medal classes throughout the summer just to keep up on points too."

Rummell, being today's lucky winner, was awarded a brand new saddle. For adult riders, a group that doesn't always see a lot of prize money, a new saddle was quite the award. "I have always ridden in those saddles, and I was going to have to get one of them re-covered because it was really worn out. Now I don't have to because I won a new one!" beamed Rummell.

The second place ribbon in the Beval Palm Beach Adult Medal was awarded to Asta Torokvei, who rides with Beth Underhill. Torokvei rode the Nancy Torokvei entry, Riverdale, to the second place award. Kelly Kozich, who rides with Frank Madden, was aboard the Liberty Farm entry Baheera for the third place ribbon.



That's a wrap for the 2011 FTI Winter Equestrian Festival. Stay tuned for results and news for the ESP Spring Circuit here at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center.

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