

Tinseltownsmokingun did it again:

Julia Gaupmann-Lechner claims NRHA Intermediate Non Pro Trophy and takes Lead in Non Pro Go Round

What a great horse: after winning the NRHA Intermediate Open Bronze Trophy with Klaus Lechner in the saddle, 9-year-old Tinseltownsmokingun (Colonels Smoking Gun x Miss Tinseltown) also claimed the EUR 7,000-added Intermediate Non Trophy two days later under his owner Julia Gaupmann-Lechner and also took the lead in the go round for the EUR 10,000-added Non Pro Trophy. 217 were awarded by the judges for an outstanding run. Julia was 2017 NRHA European Affiliate Champion Int. Non Pro with the sorrel stallion. Klaus Lechner, who won the AustrianRHA Futurity Intermediate Open just before the AMERICANA, started with the stallion at the FEI EM for Austria and was Maturity Champion in Wels.

"I don't know what to say - this horse is simply unbelievable," Julia beamed after her ride. "Tommy is simply a 150 percent reliable horse who is always 100 percent with me. We have only had him back in training since July, after eight months on his breeding station, and for me the AMERICANA is only the second tournament with him after two years of baby break. You can't really describe this horse, and his babies are the same."

Three riders shared the Reserve Championship scoring a 214.5 each: Attilo Bonarelli aboard GH Dreaming Dirty (Dirty Dancer x OT Taris Minnik), who was already co-champion in the Limited Non Pro Trophy with this horse, Piet Mestdagh aboard his 12-year-old stallion Reining Whiz (Topsail Whiz x Rush N Cat), who already has over \$ 65,000 NRHA LTE, and Celina Bachleitner with Paintball Gun. The 17-year-old Austrian from Salzburg, who trains with Hensn Hasenauer and is multiple national champion, was 2016 FEI European Junior Champion.

Thus the finalists for the Non Pro Trophy Final were determined as well. The top ten will meet again on Sunday, the minimum score being 211. Behind the leading Julia Gaupmann-Lechner, Francesca Sternberg rode the impressive gray Colonel Chic Dream to 2nd place (215.5). The US bred 6-year-old son of Magnum Chic Dream out of Little Annies Oak was NRHA Futurity Finalist, 2017 French 3/4 yo Futurity Open Level 4 Champion and 2018 Circuit Champion Youth at the FEQHA European Championship with Francesca's son George in the saddle. Attilo Bonarelli, Piet Mestdagh and Celina Bachleitner finished third in the Go Round.

Sixth was the South Tyrolean Ewald Rifesser on Petra Burgers A Surprising Dream (213.5), followed by Karol Bryla with A Diamond Enterprise (213), Richard Forster on Jacs Royal Boonsmal (212), Robert Hesse on SB Great Rendition (211.5) and Aniel Hagelaars on Maq Sugar Walla Whiz (211).