

Kelsey Thatcher and Klotaire Du Moulin Win the \$5,000 NAL Low Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper Final

Kelsey Thatcher of Bluffdale, UT won the \$5,000 NAL Low Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper Final on Klotaire Du Moulin.

“It meant a lot to win here,” said Thatcher. “I am so grateful to my mother and the Jaynes of Pony Lane Farm for making this all possible.”

Thatcher is sophomore at the University of Georgia (UGA) majoring in Early Childhood Education and rides on the UGA Equestrian Team. Thatcher was also the year-end leader in the NAL’s Low Junior/Amateur-Owner division.

The Steve Stephens designed course yielded six for the jump-off out of the 26 starters in the class. Last to go in the jump-off, Thatcher knew she would have to pour on the speed and go clear to win. When she cleared the second-to-last jump with 26 seconds on the clock, the crowd began to cheer her on as she crossed the timers with the winning time of 33.022.

Thatcher credits her victory to her mount Klotaire Du Moulin, or “Kolt,” a 13-year-old, chestnut stallion, owned by Pony Lane Farm.

“He’s so fast, he’s like a cat. As long as you look somewhere, he turns,” said Thatcher. “Before I rode him, I was never the fastest in the jump-off, but he’s taught me how to go fast. I was a little nervous about coming here for one class because he’s always the best his third or fourth day of showing, but he was very good today.”

“It’s been a great year,” said Thatcher. “I am so grateful to my Equestrian Team coaches because we had a double meet this weekend and they told me to come here and pursue my goals. It is so awesome that it all came together. It means a lot to me.”



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