

An interview with Alexandra Crown, leader in the Low Jr/AO Jumper Standings, presented by SmartPak...

When did you start riding horses? When did you start riding in the North American League?

I started riding horses when I was 3, but I started seriously riding when I was 12. I started riding in the NAL last May.

Who are your biggest influences and why?

My biggest influences are my trainers, Scott Stewart and Ken Berkley, as well as my friend, Reed Kessler. Scott and Ken have taught me a great deal about horses and riding, and are true horsemen. Reed helped get me interested in the jumpers, and she is one of the most amazing riders I have ever known. She is one of the youngest riders to ever go to the Olympics, and it is my dream to eventually go.

What is your favorite horse show and why?

I really love the Winter Equestrian Festival. I love being in Florida and getting to see all of my friends for 12 weeks. The whole show is an amazing learning experience and really helps you grow as a rider.

Who and where is your trainer? How long have you been training with this person/farm?

I train with Scott Stewart and Ken Berkley out of Rivers Edge Farm. They are based out of Flemington, NJ and Wellington, FL. I have been riding with them for a year and a half.

How often do you ride?

I ride 6 days a week.

What is your favorite thing to do when you ride?

I love figuring out horses and building a connection with them.

What is your occupation?

I am a student at the Professional Children's School.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I love photography!

What are your goals in life and as a rider?

My dream is to one day go to the Olympics! My short-term goals are just to keep improving and becoming a better and stronger rider.

What do you consider to be your biggest accomplishment?

My biggest accomplishment would probably be going from the pony hunters to doing my first Grand Prix in one year.

Have you ever competed in an NAL Final?

Not yet!

What do you think of the NAL's new West Coast Finals that took place at the Las Vegas National?

I think it is a great idea for people who can't travel all the way to the East Coast for finals.

I really would love to thank my trainers for everything they have taught me and continue to teach me, and my parents for the amazing support that they give me in order for me to succeed!



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