



Up-and-coming junior rider clinches her first Grand Prix win at the Woodside Spring Classic.

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Most high school seniors are celebrating their graduation with parties, but 17-year-old Rachel Long is reveling in the show ring. On Saturday, May 4, Long edged out two professional riders in a thrilling jump-off to seal the win in the \$25,000 LEG Woodside Spring Classic Grand aboard her 9-year-old Chilean-bred mare, Pampa Helada.

Long, who is trained by her grandmother Deborah Long of Long Farms, claimed her first Grand Prix win. At the beginning of the year, Rachel participated in the USHJA Gold Star West Clinic with her eye on progressing up the ranks in the jumper ring.

With two professionals behind her in the Woodside Grand Prix, Long had her work cut out for her. “I knew I needed to be clear and I had to be fast enough to make them chase me,” Rachel said. The Idaho-based junior rider posted a clear round and stopped the clock in 44.330 seconds over the Megan Rawlins designed track.

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