

## Spalding Labs/USEA YEH Championships: WEST COAST

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Paso Robles, California

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As most horses perfected their dressage movements before starting the final event of Adequan USEA Gold Cup Series at the Twin Rivers Horse Trials, four- and five-year-old up-and-coming Eventing stars showcased their potential in the Spalding Labs/USEA Young Event Horse West Coast Championships.

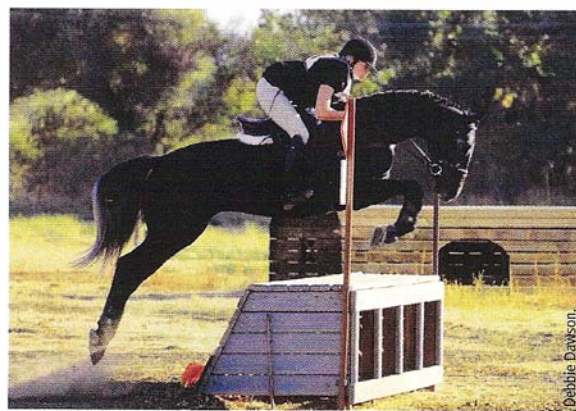
Amongst the group of young talent in the championship division, it was Lorie Fee's handsome dark grey, Good To Go, who brought home the shiny trophy and colorful ribbon in the five-year-old division.

Good To Go (Unbridled Time x Bogus Babe), a 16.1-hand off-the-track-Thoroughbred gelding, is a product of the CANTER (The Communication

Alliance to Network Thoroughbred Ex-Racehorses) program which takes racehorses who are no longer fit on the racetrack and finds them new careers and homes. Owner Lorie Fee had been told of the grey gelding, and after seeing him last April, decided he was the horse for her.

Scoring an 80 percent with rider Robyn Fisher, the lovely young horse looks to be quite competitive in the future.

In the four-year-old division, it was the dark bay Trakehner Astro (Baron Verdi x Astra), owned and ridden by Maxance McManamy and bred by New Spring Farm, who took home top honors. Astro put forth a strong performance in each of the disciplines to score a 77.2 percent.



**ABOVE:** Robyn Fisher and Lorie Fee's Thoroughbred gelding, Good To Go, dominated the five-year-old division in the West Coast YEH Championships winning with nearly six points between them and the Reserve Champion.

Max is no stranger to the Spalding Labs/USEA Young Event Horse Series. In past years, she had great success with her other mount, Project Runway. Project Runway has gone on to prove the validity of the program, having numerous top finishers thus far.

Most recently, he won the CCI1\* at the Galway Downs International Three-Day Event. "He's only six, and he really proved himself to me this weekend and felt like a big horse," McManamy said after taking her victory gallop at Galway.