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## Highlights From Winter Spectacular #4 at World Equestrian Center – Ocala



Aaron Vale on course in the \$75,000 WEC – Ocala Grand Prix 1.50m with Major.  
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### A Major Victory for Aaron Vale in the \$75,000 WEC – Ocala Grand Prix 1.50m



Aaron Vale led the victory gallop aboard Major.  
Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

Aaron Vale (USA) took home another win in the \$75,000 WEC – Ocala Grand Prix 1.50m on Saturday, January 30, with Major, owned by Sleepy P Ranch LLC. "The horses just jump great here," Vale said of WEC Ocala, where he has now won three of the four grands prix this season. "The footing is so good, the lights brighten the ring, and the jumps are beautiful, so it's just an atmosphere that allows for the horses' best performance." Santiago Lambre (MEX) jumped to second with Easy Girl and Samuel Parot (CHL) took third with Dubai. The victory in the Future's Prix went to Hannah Toering and Balou Moon BHF.

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### Watch Aaron Vale's Winning Jump-Off



### Samantha Schaefer Owns Derby Friday at WEC – Ocala



Samantha Schaefer and In The Know win the \$20,000 WEC Hunter Derby 3'6"-3'9".  
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Samantha Schaefer dominated Derby Friday on January 29, taking first place for the second week in a row in the \$20,000 WEC Hunter Derby 3'6" – 3'9" with In The Know and also topping the \$15,000 WEC Hunter Derby 3' Open with Caristo. "There's never a turn that he can't do," Schaefer said of In The Know's handy abilities. "He's really rideable and pretty programmed to me, so we're always on the same wavelength." Isabel Harbour took the win in the \$15,000 WEC Hunter Derby 3' Non Pro with Fitz. "Fitz is my old faithful horse," Harbour said. "He's always perfect and never changes, so I knew that I could trust him."

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### Mexico's Santiago Lambre and Comtess Triumph in \$20,000 Welcome Prix 1.45m



Santiago Lambre and Comtess, winners of the \$20,000 Welcome Prix 1.45m.  
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Santiago Lambre (MEX) took the win in the \$20,000 Welcome Prix 1.45m on Friday, January 29, with his own Comtess, besting 36 entries over the Manuel Esparza-designed course. "Comtess is a new horse for me," he said. "Today was the first time I have jumped 1.45m with her so I decided that if she jumped clear, I would try for the win." Second went to Kristen Vanderveen (USA) and Bull Run's Prince of Peace, with Trapp O'Neal (USA) and Baltazar D Z rounding out the top three. "I have been in Europe for 15 years and I have never seen something like this," Lambre said of WEC – Ocala. "This is the best facility in the world."

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### Sunday Spotlight: Grace Debney



Grace Debney competed with Boheme de la Roque in the \$75,000 WEC Grand Prix 1.50m.  
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At just 16 years old, Grace Debney is already off to a successful start in her grand prix career, earning top placings over the past month with her horse Zarina de Vidau. On Saturday, January 30, Grace took 10th place out of 43 entries in the \$75,000 WEC – Ocala Grand Prix 1.50m with her new mount, Boheme de la Roque. She also rode to third place in the \$20,000 WEC Hunter Derby 3'6"-3'9" against a field of professionals aboard her equitation horse, Quimby.

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