



## February Competition Highlights



Natalie Dean and Acota M produced a clear round in the Hermès Under 25 Team Event to help secure the win during WEF 4. The pair also earned a fourth-place finish in the Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix of WEF 6 on the derby field.

*Photo by Boss Mare Media*



Jennifer Bliss piloted Lexi Ferder's Franki to the championship in the 3/4-Year-Old Pre-Green Hunter for WEF 4 and during WEF World Champion Hunter Rider (WCHR) Week 6.

*Photo by Sportfot*



Natalie Dean and Fachoda de Hus continued their successful streak this season to take home another blue ribbon in the 7-Year-Old Young Jumpers to begin WEF 5.

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Lexi Ferder and Forenteme earned top scores during WEF 5 to claim the Adult Amateur Hunter Middle Section A championship.

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Carlie Fairty and Carla du Morion bested a field of 64 competitors to secure the win in the Medium Amateur Jumpers at WEF 5.

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Erynn Ballard and Nanini Van d'Abelendreef scored a victory in the Bainbridge 1.45m CSI5\* at WEF 5.

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Erynn Ballard and Diamond finished runner-up twice in the 7-Year-Old Young Jumpers during WEF 5, and had another second-place finish during WEF 7.

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Natalie Dean piloted Gandhy de Nantuel to the top prize in the 6-Year-Old Young Jumpers at WEF 6.

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Erynn Ballard and Palou du Rouet Van't Bisthof claimed a second-place ribbon in the 7-Year-Old Young Jumpers during WEF 6.

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Lauren Esdale and Viandios d'Avril produced two clear rounds to finish in the top 10 of the Hermès Under 25 Welcome and Grand Prix on the derby field at WEF 6.

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Karime Perez and Giggs produced a clear round in the Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix taking place at WEF 6.

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Carlee McCutcheon rode Intro L to a second-place finish in a competitive High Junior Jumper class during WEF 6.

*Photo by Sportfot*



Ilán Ferder and For Big Cash Z earned second place in the Southern Arches 1.30m during WEF 7.

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Erynn Ballard and Cecile 30 topped the Bainbridge 1.40m Speed Challenge at WEF 7.

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## Five Questions With the Ilán Ferder Stables Team

### Meet Cameron Fratz



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#### How did you get involved with horses, and how long have you been working in the equestrian industry?

My aunt had horses growing up, and I used to spend a lot of time with them. I also did summer camp and lessons as a kid. After that, I moved on to being a working student. I've been working with horses since I was eight, so going on 20 years. I've been with Ilán for seven and a half years.

#### What is your favorite part about managing at IFS?

We are a busy and fast-paced barn and I do well with that because I'm not one who likes to sit still. We have a really great team that works well together. I also have all the resources I need to take the best care of the horses.

#### What is one of your favorite memories from working at IFS?

Right after I started, we did a tour in Europe. I really enjoyed that experience, and I hope we get to do that again. Also being a part of the team when Erynn went to the World Equestrian Games in Tryon was amazing because it was her first championship. She's such an amazing role model so it was fun to be part of the process.

#### What is your favorite horse show?

I really like Spruce Meadows. Everything is set up so correctly and the fields are beautiful. I also like Calgary as a place to be.

#### Who is your favorite horse?

I love Nanini Van d'Abelendreef. We've had her for a while now so it's been fun to watch her develop. She has quite an opinion about most things but it makes her better in the ring because she wants to win, too. I'm also a bit partial to my new horse Latina 262, known as "Lala" in the barn, as it's been amazing to get back in the ring showing again after many years.

## WEF Rider Spotlight: Natalie Dean



*Photo by Sportfot*

Natalie Dean was featured in the Winter Equestrian Festival Rider Spotlight during Week 5. During this interview, the talented young rider discussed how she started riding, her mental preparation going into the show ring, influential mentors, and what her superpower would be.

[Read the Full Interview](#)

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## About Ilán Ferder Stables

Ilán Ferder Stables (IFS) is an international show jumping training and sales business based in Wellington, Florida. Owned and operated by Israeli Show Jumping Team veteran Ilán Ferder, IFS offers world-class prospects that are ready to win and has sold numerous riders their next champion. IFS is also home to Canada's Erynn Ballard, currently the top-ranked female show jumping athlete in the world.