



World Equestrian Center Highlights From Ocala Winter Spectacular IX and Wilmington Winter in the Midwest XII



Samantha Schaefer (USA) and James Bond HX, owned by Bonne Chance LLC, secured victory in the \$150,000 [Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI3*](#) at WEC – Ocala.

"[James Bond HX] is such an incredible horse and keeps proving himself more and more. His mother Trezebees was the horse that really got me into the jumpers and got me to a level that I'd never competed at before. It just makes him that more special to me, and I know our partnership was meant to be."

Photo by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)



McKayla Langmeier (USA) and Bahira S, owned by Rafferty Farm LLC, scored top honors in the \$50,000 [Lugano Diamonds National Grand Prix](#) at WEC – Ocala.

"I have had [Bahira S] for about three years now. She's a really hot mare that gets quite strong. By the end of the course we are rolling, so with her I have to think a little bit toward the end especially if I am going clear."

Photo by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)



Sam Pegg (CAN) and Gin Tonic 158, owned by Ten Sixty Stables, earned a repeat win in the \$30,000 [Grand Prix](#) at WEC – Wilmington.

"I have only ever had a rail in two or three classes since we've owned him. He has gone clear almost every time. I am quite fond of Gin Tonic. He's got a lot of blood and a big personality but he certainly knows the sport."

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Daniel Geitner and Easy Money, owned by Laura Cramer, topped the podium in the \$20,000 [Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby](#) at WEC – Ocala. The duo received excellent scores of 94 and 91.

"I had the advantage of being the last one in and knowing some of the other high-scoring riders had made some mistakes. I realized I needed an 84 to win so I played it safe to the second jump and chose the low option. Then he was so on everywhere else. I just opted to turn inside and jump all three other high options. It was his day."

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Jason Berry and his own Cadbury captured the win in the \$15,000 [CWD USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Open](#) at WEC – Wilmington. Berry also earned second aboard Alisa Berry's On Point.

Alisa Berry shared, "We showed the month of January, and then we went home for some rest. On Point is still a green horse, and he is brand new to us. We weren't sure if he would come back where he left off or if we would have to start over. From day one he has been perfect. Cadbury is an older horse that has a huge show career. He has done about five of these derbies and had something unlucky each time so he was due for this win."

Photo by [Winslow Photography](#)



Richard Spooner (USA) and Halcon, owned by Molly Ohrstrom, were victorious in the \$15,000 [Buckeye Nutrition Futures Prix](#) at WEC – Ocala.

"I just wanted to win. Once I left that stride out from one to two, I just let it persist. He's a machine of a horse. You wind him up and let him go. I just try to stay out of his way because he's an extraordinary athlete."

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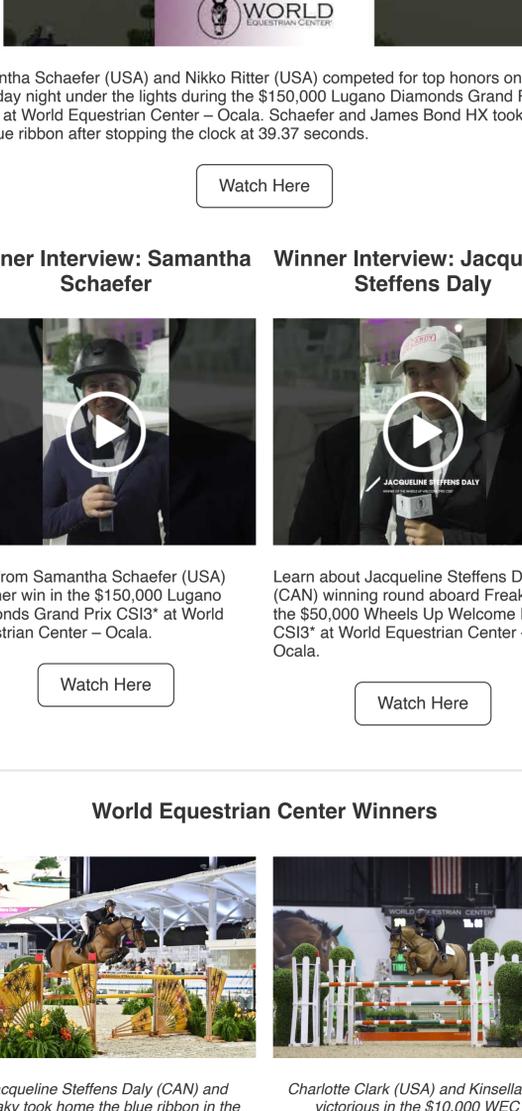


Amy Krebs and her own Play To Win won the \$10,000 [CWD Futures Prix](#) at WEC – Wilmington. The 15-year-old junior rider and her mount navigated the technical course with ease. The pair crossed the timers at 32.543 seconds to take the lead by more than three seconds.

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Samantha Schaefer and Nikko Ritter Go Head to Head in the \$150,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI3*



Samantha Schaefer (USA) and Nikko Ritter (USA) competed for top honors on Saturday night under the lights during the \$150,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI3* at World Equestrian Center – Ocala. Schaefer and James Bond HX took home the blue ribbon after stopping the clock at 39.37 seconds.

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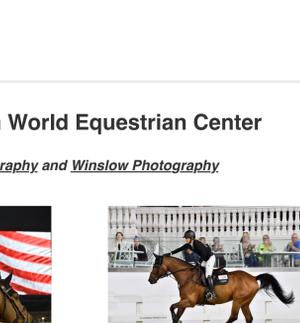
Winner Interview: Samantha Schaefer



Hear from Samantha Schaefer (USA) after her win in the \$150,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI3* at World Equestrian Center – Ocala.

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Winner Interview: Jacqueline Steffens Daly



Learn about Jacqueline Steffens Daly's (CAN) winning round aboard Freaky in the \$50,000 [Wheels Up Welcome Welcome Prix CSI3*](#) in Ocala. Photo by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)

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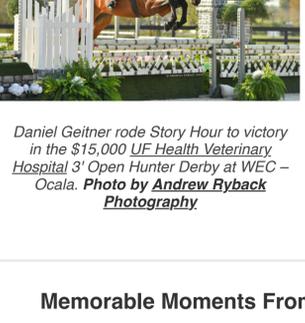
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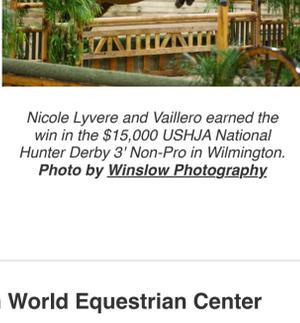
Jacqueline Steffens Daly (CAN) and Freaky took home the blue ribbon in the \$50,000 [Wheels Up Welcome Welcome Prix CSI3*](#) in Ocala. Photo by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)



Charlotte Clark (USA) and Kinsella were victorious in the \$10,000 [WEC – Wilmington Welcome Stake](#). Photo by [Winslow Photography](#)



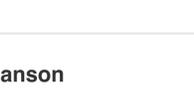
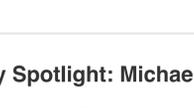
Daniel Geitner rode Story Hour to victory in the \$15,000 [UF Health Veterinary Hospital 3' Open Hunter Derby](#) at WEC – Ocala. Photo by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)



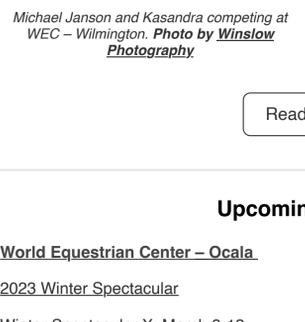
Nicole Lyvere and Vaillero earned the win in the \$15,000 [USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Non-Pro](#) in Wilmington. Photo by [Winslow Photography](#)

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Sunday Spotlight: Michael Janson



Michael Janson and Kasandra competing at WEC – Wilmington. Photo by [Winslow Photography](#)

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2023 Winter Spectacular

Winter Spectacular X: March 8-12
Winter Spectacular XI: March 15-19
Winter Spectacular XII: March 22-26

World Equestrian Center – Wilmington

2023 Winter in the Midwest

Winter Classic Spring Forward: March 8-12
Winter Classic XIV: March 15-19
Winter Classic XV: March 22-26
Winter Classic XVI: March 29-April 2
Winter Classic XVII: April 12-16

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