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World Equestrian Center Highlights

Wilmington Winter Classic V



The crowd in the Standlee Sanctuary cheered loudly as 16-year-old Amy Krebs (USA) earned her first ever grand prix win in the \$30,000 Grand Prix sponsored by Tribute Equine Nutrition with Jabantos at WEC -Wilmington.

"I have come so close to winning. I have been second twice, third and fifth. To finally be able to come out on top just feels so good. The crowd here is so awesome. As I was cantering up to the last combination, I could hear them all already yelling, and I knew I could get it done!"

Photo by Winslow Photography



World Champion Hunter Rider (WCHR) week at WEC – Wilmington featured the \$15,000 USHJA National Open Hunter Derby, Ultimately, Anna Scheirholz scored her second consecutive win with Star Struck at WEC – Wilmington.

"We love coming to WEC – Wilmington. This is a fantastic ambiance. It is a much bigger environment than the other indoor horse shows, especially in the Midwest. If you can put in good trips here and be successful here you can be successful anywhere in the country. We also really love being warm in January!"

Photo by <u>Winslow Photography</u>



The \$10,000 Futures Prix sponsored by <u>Tipperary Equestrian</u> at WEC – Wilmington saw a field of horse-andathlete combinations race to the finish. but none could catch Devin Milan (USA) and Karlina T.

"My heart was kind of pounding out of my chest! Richard and Luke Rinehart are always fast, so I was nervous. It definitely had my adrenaline going a bit."

Photo by <u>Winslow Photography</u>

Ocala Winter Spectacular II



In a thrilling 11-horse jump-off, Tracy Fenney had the crowd cheering as she flew over the final fence with MTM Apple for the win in the \$100,000 Juniper Grand Prix at WEC – Ocala.

"There's no other feeling like winning on a Saturday night and walking down that ramp. To have the crowd go crazy and cheer you on is the best feeling. Apple has become such a favorite; everyone knows her, and it makes it that much more fun."

Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback</u> **Photography**

Watch the Winning Jump-Off Round for Tracy Fenney and MTM Apple in the \$100,000 Juniper Grand Prix



Watch the winning round for Tracy Fenney and MTM Apple in the \$100,000 Juniper Grand Prix at World Equestrian Center – Ocala Winter Spectacular II on Saturday, January 13.





Amanda Steege secured her biggest victory of the day in the \$20,000 Golden Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby aboard Lafitte De Muze with a firstround score of 94 from the judges at WEC – Ocala.

"I got an idea to do some bridleless training with him. After a couple of weeks I was able to take the bridle off and walk, trot, canter, extend, collect, and do lead changes. It was a great practice for us. It kept him mentally stimulated without overexerting his body. I believe it furthered our bond and our partnership, and now I feel like I can ride him even better."

Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback</u> **Photography**



The \$15,000 Buckeye Nutrition Futures Prix featured 22 emerging stars of show jumping, but it was Megan Wexler (USA) who piloted Doo-Wop to a smooth and fast track to claim victory at WEC - Ocala.

"It was a fast course, but in the lines you had to balance, especially galloping in between to stay within the time allowed. When I first walked the course, I knew exactly where I needed to gallop to make up some time."

Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback</u> **Photography**

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World Equestrian Center Winners



Richard Rinehart (USA) dominated the \$10,000 Welcome Stake, claiming first and third place honors with Captain America 10 (shown above) and Caesar, respectively, in Wilmington. Photo by Winslow **Photography**



In the \$15,000 USHJA National Non-Pro Hunter Derby, Jenna Drago and her tried-and-true partner Sandriano

prevailed in the handy round to secure the win in Wilmington. Photo by Winslow Photography





In a thrilling 10-horse jump-off, Daniel Geitner (USA) upped the ante for victory with Vesta De Lavardin in the \$24,000 C. Jarvis Insurance Welcome Prix, navigating a track so slick the crowd was on the edge of their seats in Ocala. Photo by Andrew Ryback **Photography**

In the \$15,000 UF Veterinary Hospital USHJA National 3' Open Hunter Derby, Amanda Steege kicked off the day on a triumphant note, claiming victory aboard Tangelina in Ocala. Photo by Andrew Ryback **Photography**



Forty-one junior and amateur athletes vied for the top prize in the \$15,000 USHJA National 3' Jr/Am Hunter Derby, but it was Augusta Iwasaki who emerged victorious, steering her own Small Safari to the top of the leaderboard in Ocala. Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

Memorable Moments From World Equestrian Center

Photos by Andrew Ryback Photography and Winslow Photography



Sunday Spotlight



This week's Ocala Sunday Spotlight shines on Malibu Ken, a stylish hunter owned by Kym K Smith. Smith and her trainer Tiffany Cambria ride the adorable 10-year-old Warmblood gelding, turning heads in the hunter ring. We caught up with Cambria to learn more about the impressionable gelding and how he became a star in the derby ring.

Malibu Ken and Tiffany Cambria. Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography.



Amy Krebs and Jabantos. Photo by Winslow Photography.

This week's Wilmington Sunday Spotlight shines on Amy Krebs. The junior rider of Franklin, TN, has been a fierce competitor in the open jumper classes at WEC – Wilmington since the 2023 season with her own Jabantos and claimed her first career grand prix win at Winter Classic V. The 16-year-old is a force to be reckoned with and has gained the attention of her professional peers in and out of the ring. We caught up with the hard-working young rider to learn more about her string of horses and her recent successes at Indoors.



Upcoming Events

World Equestrian Center – Ocala

2024 Winter Spectacular Show Series Dates

Winter Spectacular III: January 17-21 Winter Spectacular IV: January 24-28 Winter Spectacular V: January 31-February 4

Winter Spectacular VI: February 7-11 Winter Spectacular VII: February 13-18 CSI3*

Winter Spectacular VIII: February 20-25 CSI3*

Winter Spectacular IX: February 27-March 3 CSI3*

Winter Spectacular X: March 5-10 CSI4*/2*

Winter Spectacular XI: March 13-17 Winter Spectacular XII: March 20-24 CSIO5*

World Equestrian Center – Wilmington

2024 Winter in the Midwest Dates

Winter Classic VI: January 17-21 Winter Classic VII: January 24-28 Winter Classic VIII: January 31-February 4 Winter Classic IX: February 7-11 Winter Classic X: February 14-18 Winter Classic XI: February 21-25 Winter Classic XII: February 28-March 3 Winter Classic Spring Forward: March 6-10 Winter Classic XIV: March 13-17 Winter Classic XV: March 20-24 Winter Classic XVII: April 3-7 Winter Classic XVIII: April 10-14

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