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World Equestrian Center Highlights

Wilmington Winter Classic VI



The junior athletes at WEC – Wilmington dominated the \$30,000 Grand Prix Saturday evening in the Standlee Sanctuary. In a four-horse jump-off, it was Izzy Beisel (USA) that claimed the win with the second of her two mounts, Vegas H, for their first career grand prix win together.

"To be back at WEC, it feels like we are back at home. Everyone here is so friendly. All of the juniors are nice to each other here. At other horse shows it can get so competitive, and everyone here is so kind. I think something about the atmosphere here helps people to chill out. There is just something about this place!"

Photo by Winslow Photography

Watch the Winning Jump-Off Round for Izzy Beisel and Vegas H in the \$30,000 Grand Prix



Watch the winning round for Izzy Beisel and Vegas H in the \$30,000 Grand Prix at World Equestrian Center – Wilmington Winter Classic VI on Saturday, January 20.





After a competitive handy round, it was the dynamic duo Melissa Donnelly and Corlando 49 that came out on top in the \$15,000 USHJA National Open Hunter Derby at WEC – Wilmington.

"I chose to go around the log jump with a gallop. He does better with a little more room on the front side, and it gave me a big gallop to stay hunting everywhere else. That made the other inside options a lot nicer to follow through."

Photo by Winslow Photography



The \$10,000 Futures Prix sponsored by <u>Arion Sellier</u> kicked off featured competition on Saturday of Winter Classic 6 at WEC – Wilmington. Richard Rinehart (USA) set the tone for the evening with a quick win aboard his family-owned Lorstakov.

"Ralph' is new to the barn. I got him from Lauren Hester, and I was really surprised that she said she would sell him to me! I have been super happy with him since he became part of our family. She owned him for at least six years, and it has been an adjustment for him. I was really proud of him today."

Photo by Winslow Photography

Ocala Winter Spectacular III



In a nail-biting four-horse jump-off, Richard Spooner (USA) guided Molly Ohrstrom's Halcon not only through his inaugural Saturday night competition in the \$100,000 <u>Lifeforce</u> Grand Prix, but also to a triumphant victory at WEC – Ocala.

"It was his first jump-off under the lights, but he's fast, almost cat-like, scopey, careful, and every once in a while you'll get a horse that understands the game; and he's one of those horses."

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



In the final hunter derby on Friday at WEC – Ocala, Daniel Geitner secured his second win, this time aboard Laura Cramer's Easy Money in the \$20,000 <u>Golden Ocala</u> 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby.

"There was an inside turn from one to two that I did in the 3' derby. It was really tight, and it was even more snug in the big derby. I had ground to make up, but he's such a nice horse I was able to get it done. Then the rest of the course just flowed."

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



The \$15,000 <u>Buckeye Nutrition</u> Futures Prix was the highlight event of Saturday afternoon at WEC – Ocala. Ultimately, it was Daniel Geitner (USA) who secured a hat trick after winning the class aboard Jalanne.

"I am still working on rideability with my horse. A lot of the lines were straight lines, and interestingly enough they are a little hard for a horse like her because she sights in on the next jump. But to be able to do it in a ring like that is fantastic because that's where they will get away from you."

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

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World Equestrian Center Winners



Junior rider Amy Krebs (USA) scored a one-two finish with her own Jabantos and Ike, respectively, in the \$10,000 <u>Premier Equestrian</u> Welcome Stake in Wilmington. **Photo by**



The \$15,000 USHJA National Non-Pro Hunter Derby saw 18 horse-and-rider combinations, but it was Lizzie Rinehart that demonstrated the most accuracy and consistency to secure

<u>Winslow Photography</u>

the lead by 12 points with Bond in Wilmington. Photo by <u>Winslow</u> <u>Photography</u>



Luis Sabino Goncalves (POR) and Vick Du Croisy took the final lead in the \$24,000 <u>C. Jarvis</u> <u>Insurance</u> Welcome Prix in Ocala. **Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback</u>** <u>Photography</u>



In the \$15,000 <u>UF Veterinary Hospital</u> USHJA National 3' Open Hunter Derby, Daniel Geitner secured the top position aboard Even Steven in Ocala. **Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback</u>** <u>Photography</u>



Forty-two talented junior and amateur athletes put forth their best efforts in the \$15,000 USHJA National 3' Jr/Am Hunter Derby, but it was Grace Loughlin that received two impressive scores in the 90s aboard Briljant Z to gallop away with the win in Ocala. **Photo by** <u>Andrew Ryback Photography</u>

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Sunday Spotlight



Lilly Geitner and Banks Mill. Photo

This week's Ocala Sunday Spotlight features Lilly Geitner, a versatile junior athlete with a lifelong connection to horses. Daughter of Daniel and Cathy Geitner, Lilly has embraced the equestrian lifestyle and has been dominating in the hunter, jumper and equitation rings, achieving top placings in all three disciplines. In our interview with Lilly, we delve into her career highlights and explore her aspirations for the future.

by <u>Andrew Ryback Photography</u>.

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Max Brown and Just My Style. **Photo** by <u>Winslow Photography</u>. This week's Wilmington Sunday Spotlight shines on the 10-year-old rider Max Brown from Monclova, OH. The young rider training with Sarah Guidice and Erika Heintschel-Githens has been a frequent competitor at WEC – Wilmington with his three ponies, Orchard Hills Bougie, Just My Style and Hotspot in the WEC Medal, the Children's Pony division and the Large Pony division. Max can be found sharing his positive energy and passion for riding at R+L Annex, the Roberts Arena and The Sugar Shack!



Upcoming Events

World Equestrian Center – Ocala

2024 Winter Spectacular Show Series Dates

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 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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World Equestrian Center features two premier equestrian and multidisciplinary venues in Ocala, Florida, and Wilmington, Ohio.

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Dedicated to offering great sport and good fun in a family-friendly environment, World Equestrian Center promises an unparalleled experience for exhibitors, spectators, vendors, sponsors and retailers built on three core values: Quality. Class. Distinction.

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