#### VICTORY IN \$500,000 ROLEX GRAND PRIX CSI 5\* GOES TO MCLAIN WARD AND HH AZUR



McLain Ward and HH Azur won the highlight event of the WEF circuit, the \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI 5\* @Sportfot

The highlight event of the 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), the \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI 5\*, was held as the final "Saturday Night Lights" class on Saturday, March 30. Topping the ultimate test at WEF were McLain Ward (USA) and HH Azur in a thrilling eight-horse jump-off.

In a field of 40 entries, some of the best horses and riders in the world vied for the chance to take home the top prize money of the circuit. They were riding over a course set by 2016 Rio Olympic Games designer Guilherme Jorge of Brazil.

There were eight that found the key to a clear round to advance to the jump-off. The pathfinder was David Blake of Ireland riding Pine Hollow Farm's Keoki. They set the pace at 44.36 seconds with a steady clear round, which would keep them in fifth place at the conclusion of the class.

The winning time was lowered with the next horse, H5 Quintol, owned by H5 Stables and ridden by Eduardo Menezes (BRA). They sped through and despite a hard rub at the second to last vertical, stayed clear in 39.69 seconds. They would finish in fourth place.

Next in was 19-year-old Lucy Deslauriers (USA) riding Lisa Deslauriers' Hester. With an impressive early rollback to the Adequan vertical and a quick pace through the remainder of the jump-off, they shaved fourtenths of a second off the leading time to finish in 39.25 seconds for third place.

In her first class of the week on Wednesday. Deslauriers had a fall in the 1.45m class. With her usual determination, she bounced back for a solid finish on Thursday to qualify for the Rolex Grand Prix.

"I think at the beginning of the week I was definitely a little out of practice mentally without being in the ring for a few weeks,"

said Deslauriers, who is currently a freshman at University of Pennsylvania. "I really tried to just regroup. I came back and jumped the WEF [Challenge Cup], and the horse felt great. I knew it was up to me to stay out of his way coming into tonight. I really tried to stick to the plan, do everything I could, and I knew he'd be right there with me. I'm thrilled.'

While Deslauriers has won a five-star class before, she noted, "Unquestionably, this is one of the top, if not the top, moment. I think not only as prestigious as this class is, but to be sitting next to these two (McLain Ward and Kent Farrington) for sure."

To the delight of the crowd, the rounds kept getting faster and faster. Rolex testimonee Kent Farrington (USA) and Gazelle, owned by Farrington and Robin Parsky, started off with a blazing gallop and never let up, streaming through the timers in 37.82 seconds. They would have to wait for the remaining four entries to see if their time would hold up.

"[McLain and I are] great competitors, and we're friends. I know if he's coming at the end of the class, it's going to take everything usually to win," said Farrington. "He's on one of his best horses and it's one of the best horses in the world. I tried to go as fast as I could go without being completely reckless. [Azur] has a bigger stride, so I thought on my rollbacks, I did the maximum that that horse could do. I think today's jump-off suited a bigger-strided horse, but it was very close at the end. He had a tremendous round. I think it was an unbelievable effort from him and his horse. Unfortunately, we ended up second today."

Farrington was proud to represent Rolex in the final grand prix of the WEF season.

'I think Rolex has raised the whole level of the sport, especially here at this venue,"

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Victoria Colvin piloted El Primero to win the \$50,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby at WFF 12 @Sportfot

On the final day of the 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), Sunday, March 31, the top 25 hunter piloted Tradition to the lead. Pope's combinations returned to the Derby Field at Equestrian Village to contest for the winning honors in the \$50,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby. Victoria Colvin lead the all-female podium followed by Kelley Farmer in second, and Liza Boyd in third as the trio once again demonstrated why they are household names in the hunter industry. The second round of the derby is the pinnacle event for hunter riders to close out the winter circuit and only invited the topscoring competitors from round one of the event.

Ken Krome once again designed a beautiful track on the turf that included three high options and a rollback to a trot fence following fence two. The two panels of judges, consisting of Danny Robertshaw and Robert Crandall for panel one and Scott Williamson and Rob Bielefeld for panel two, had the ability to award extra points for handiness ranging from zero to 10. Junior rider Brian Moggre was the first of the 25 to return for round two but had an unfortunate rail at the second fence.

Jacob Pope shot to the top of the leaderboard midway through the class with a second round total

of 200.00 points and held the lead until veteran hunter rider Liza Boyd combined score of 375.00 points was still enough to maintain the fourth place with Forget Me Not Farm's Unbelievable.

The last to return to the field was 21-year-old professional Victoria Colvin and the Meralex Farm entry, El Primero. The two held the final position after receiving the highest score in round one of 190 total points. Colvin and the nine-yearold KWPN gelding (Numero Uno x Zo-Special) gave it their all during the handy round and earned a whopping 212 total points from the judges for their effort. Combining both scores, Colvin landed on 402 overall points to take the blue ribbon

"It means so much to win this class after winning the derby at Deeridge as well. It's really encouraging to come out here and have him do so well in the same season," Colvin said.

The young professional has only had the ride with the gelding since the beginning of WEF, but the pair have already proven themselves as fierce competition.

"I've only been riding [El Primero] since the beginning of WEF so I don't know him that well, but Louise Serio had the ride

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#### **ROLEX GRAND PRIX**

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he said. "As an athlete, it's one of the greatest sorts of achievements; I'm very proud to be a Rolex ambassador. They do a lot for the sport worldwide. They've historically been a big sponsor of the sport and continue to do so. I think we're all very lucky to have them involved and to raise the level of the sport to where it is

Daniel Bluman (ISR) and Ladriano Z, owned by Over the Top Stables LLC, would enter the jump-off next, but it was not to be when they had a rail at the Adequan vertical. They finished on four faults in 39.09 seconds for sixth place.

With an unfortunate fall at the second to last fence in the jump-off, Laura Kraut (USA) and St. Bride's Farm's Confu were eliminated and finished the class in eighth

Next in was Rodrigo Lambre (BRA) riding Mario Onate's Velini. With a rail down over the Rolex oxer, they would land on four faults in 40.15 seconds for seventh

It all came down to the final rider in the ring to see who would receive the Rolex timepiece and top honors for the WEF circuit. With three wins in this final grand prix over the 12-year history of the class before Saturday night, Ward was certainly stiff competition.

Tapping into HH Azur's massive stride and incredible talent, Ward galloped around and made short work of the jump-off. After adding a stride in the final rollback, Ward pushed to the final Rolex oxer. They sped through the timers in 37.42 seconds to take the win over Farrington by four-tenths of a second.

"The jump-off set up well for my horse. I have a bigger stride than [Kent's horse] has, and I knew I could do six [strides] from two to three," said Ward. "I thought I could cut back on the double maybe a bit faster. The rollback didn't show up, I was losing to the left, and I had to add one and kind of was dealing cards. I figured there was nothing to lose. [The last oxer] looked far away about six or seven strides out, but she covered it beautifully. Let's be honest, it was a half an inch. It was great sport. Sometimes [Kent is] in this seat, and sometimes, I'm in that seat.

It was a great return to the top for the HH Azur, who is owned by Double H Farm, François Mathy, and Ward. A slight injury kept her from competing at the FEI World Equestrian Games™ Tryon 2018 and since then, Ward and his team have worked to return her to her winning ways.

"I'm really excited for Azur and all of her owners," said Ward of the 13-year-old Belgian Sport Horse mare by Thunder van de Zuuthoeve x Sir Lui. "It's been a long road back since she was injured last summer. Obviously, she's one of the best horses in the world, and her not being fit and healthy for the WEG was a huge disappointment to everybody involved with her. It's a real testament to Tim Ober, our vet; Mikey Boylan and Lee McKeever and his team, who really brought this mare back to top sport.

"Coming back this winter, we've had a little bit of four fault-itis," he continued. "I thought she jumped really great in the five-star a few weeks ago here and had kind of a funny rail down. Then I made a mistake in California in the \$1 Million Grand Prix. So, it was nice to put it together. I think she's been in good form, but finally I put it together to not make a mistake. It was great for everybody involved."

Mark Bellissimo, CEO of Equestrian Sport Productions, thanked the athletes for the incredible sport that took place and noted the steady growth seen over the last 11 years of the Winter Equestrian Festival.

"It was probably the biggest crowd that we've ever had here," he said. "It was a great show that these three athletes here - a new generation in Lucy and two of the most gifted athletes in the sport - gave, to go out there and compete at this level is just absolutely fantastic.

"I want to thank Rolex," he continued. "Rolex has continued to be a great sponsor for the sport and for this venue. To see the level of competition, which will be on an NBC Sports broadcast, I think is great for the promotion of the sport. I think that there's just a great opportunity here for the venue and for the sport. We're excited about it. I think we'll look at investing a significant amount of resources in this venue over the next six to eight months. We're excited that we're able to attract the athletes that we have and the level of competition that we saw tonight."

Jennifer Wood

#### Final Results: \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI 5\*

1 HH AZUR: 2006 Belgian Sport Horse mare by Thunder van de Zuuthoeve x Sir Lui

MCLAIN WARD (USA), Double H Farm, McLain Ward, François Mathy: 0/0/37.42

2 GAZELLE: 2006 Belgian Warmblood mare by Kashmir van Schuttershof x Indoctro KENT FARRINGTON (USA), Kent Farrin-

gton & Robin Parsky: 0/0/37.82

riers: 0/0/39.25

3 HESTER: 2005 Belgian Warmblood gelding (Wandor van de Mispelaere x Palestro vd Begijnakker) LUCY DESLAURIERS (USA), Lisa Deslau-

4 H5 QUINTOL: 2005 Oldenburg gelding by Quintender x Cento EDUARDO MENEZES (BRA), Eduardo Menezes: 0/0/39.69

5 KEOKI: 2009 Holsteiner gelding by Catoki x Cassini I DAVID BLAKE (IRL), Pine Hollow Farm: 0/0/44.36

6 LADRIANO Z: 2008 Zangersheide gelding by Lawito x Baloubet du Rouet DANIEL BLUMAN (ISR), Over the Top Stables LLC: 0/4/39.09

7 VELINI: 2006 AES gelding by Cheers Cassini x Kigali RODRIGO LAMBRE (BRA), Mario Oñate B.: 0/4/40.15

8 CONFU: 2007 Holsteiner gelding by Contact Me x Cambridge LAURA KRAUT (USA), St. Bride's Farm: 0/EL

9 CHARMEUR: 2007 KWPN gelding by Numero Uno x Gelha's VDL Emilion SERGIO ALVAREZ MOYA (ESP), Alvarez Moya Horse SL: 4/77.69

10 INDRA VAN DE OUDE HEIHOEF: 2008 Belgian Warmblood mare by Casantos x Action-Breaker SHANE SWEETNAM (IRL). The Blue Buckle Group: 4/77.75

11 LUCIFER V: 2006 Westphalian gelding by Lord Dezi x Grandeur NAYEL NASSAR (EGY), Evergate Stables LLC: 4/77.93

12 CHACCO KID: 2006 Oldenburg by Chacco Blue x Come On ERIC LAMAZE (CAN), Chacco Kid Group: 4/78.83



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#### INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY —

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on him before me and I owe her a lot of credit for helping me figure out how to make him go his best," Colvin explained. "Everyone in the top ten were amazing riders, so I had to go in and just give it my best shot."

Boyd and Maggie Hill's eight-yearold Westphalian gelding Tradition (Cornet's Stern x Larix) accumulated an impressive second round score of 196.50 points and rounded out the top three after a combined score of 376.50.

"This horse did win in Friday's \$15,000 USHJA International Derby Hunt & Go, because Tori and Kelley didn't show," Boyd teased. "In all seriousness, he did really perform well and this is his third time being in the top three of a very competitive class."

"I have to thank Tradition's owner, Maggie Hill, for encouraging me to show today," Boyd added. "I wasn't sure that I had it in me this week, but Maggie has more stamina than anyone, so she talked me into it and I'm very glad she did because both of our horses went great."

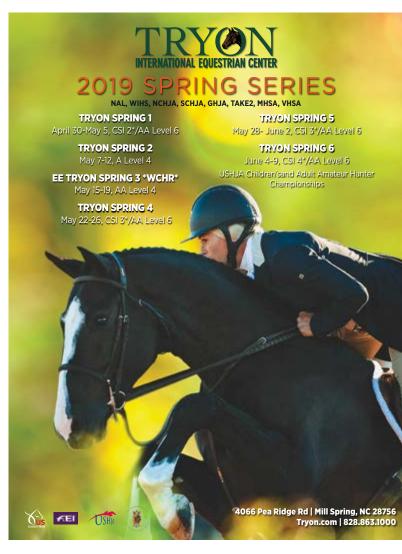
While Boyd displayed an exemplary round, Farmer brought the heat with Larry Glefke and Kent Farrington LLC's seven-year-old

Westphalian gelding (Los Angeles x Fiones), Consent. The pair added a second round score of 201 points to their previous 184 and finished second with 385 combined points.

"We've partnered with Kent [Farrington] on a number of horses and he has a beautiful eye for a good horse whether it's a jumper or a hunter," Farmer commented. "This horse is only seven, but he tries to win every time even though he is not nearly as seasoned as the top group."

"He doesn't ever let you down and I knew if I had any chance of catching [Victoria Colvin] then I couldn't be conservative by any means. I couldn't have asked him to be any better," she added.

Summer Grace



#### LAURA CHAPOT AND CHANDON BLUE CONCLUDE

WEF 2019 With Fourth Major Win Within Five Weeks



2019 WEF, including on the final day in the \$50,000 Puissance Ameria Grand Prix CSI 2\*.©Sportfot

Laura Chapot and Chandon Blue topped the \$50,000 Puissance America Grand Prix CSI 2\* on Sunday, March 31, to claim the final Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) grand prix victory of the 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) season, marking the pair's fourth win within the past five weeks at PBIEC.

Forty-five entries contested the final FEI-sanctioned class of the 12-week circuit, with 11 entries navigating the Guilherme Jorge-designed track without fault to advance to the jump-off.

When Chapot entered the ring as the eighth rider to return, the time to beat had been set at 38.05 seconds by Carly Anthony (USA) and Chacco. However, Chapot and Chandon Blue again showcased the speed and accuracy that have become their signature, tripping the timers in a clear 36.30 seconds to take over the top of the leaderboard.

Wilhelm Genn (GER) was the final rider to return, and his time of 37.06 seconds aboard Van Gogh secured him the second-place finish while cementing the win for Chapot and relegating Anthony to the third-place honors.

"I feel so lucky to have this horse," said Chapot tearfully following her fourth WEF 2019 victory with Chandon Blue, a 14-year-old Oldenburg gelding (Chacco Blue x Landcapitol) owned by Mary Chapot.

The duo also topped the \$50,000 Grand Prix CSI 2\*, presented by The Dutta Corp in association with Guido Klatte, during WEF 7, the \$36,000 Griffis Residential 1.45m CSI 2\* during WEF 9, and the \$36,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 10 CSI 3\* during week 10

"To win one class is great, but for him to win as many as he has is unbelievable," continued Chapot. "He just keeps producing time after time again. I'm just so amazed with his performance. I feel like I'm the luckiest person to have this horse right now. He obviously loves this place, and he goes in there and gives it his all every single time that he goes. What more can you ask than that?"

Chandon Blue is naturally quick across the ground, and Chapot used that to her advantage in Sunday's jump-off.

"I was fortunate to get to see a few go because [an inside turn] inside the tree ended up being a little bit slower and little bit awkward, and you had to slow up to do it," explained Chapot. "With my horse, he's got such good ground speed when he opens up; I decided to just run around, and I think I actually got one less stride going around than [Carly Anthony] did going inside. Her horse has a humungous stride. So, I'm very fortunate; my horse is a quick horse naturally, so that always gives him a little bit of an edge in the jump-off."

While he was just shy of catching Chapot, Genn was thrilled with the rounds turned in by his mount Van

Gogh, an 11-year-old Oldenburg gelding (Valentino x Caretano Z) owned by Wilhelm and Patty Genn.

"I could not be more pleased," said Genn. "He's always showed a lot of talent, but he was always kind of slow, but he tried really hard. Last fall, I jumped him a little bit smaller to teach him to go faster and have fun, and it really paid off because now mentally I think he's getting it. Physically, he always had a lot of ability, but I think now mentally he's in the game.

"When you have so many great riders that go that fast, and you're on a slower horse, you think, 'How can I get even close to that time?'" continued Genn. "You hope everything comes up right, and you can leave a stride out here, a stride out there. He has a big stride, and he's careful. He was fantastic. I couldn't believe how close I got [to the time]. It shows me too, he's getting quicker. He's getting more efficient. He likes going fast. I think now the sky is the limit. I think he's just going to get better and better now, so it's super exciting."

Like Genn, Anthony too was happy with how her jump-off round played out aboard her mount for the past year, Chacco, a 13-year-old Oldenburg gelding (Valentino x Caretano Z) owned by Neil Jones Equestrian Inc.

"Today, in my opinion, was the fastest that he's ever gone in the jump-off," said Anthony, who has had great success in grand prix classes on the West Coast with the gelding. "I thought he jumped super, and he was listening and with me; He really finished off the WEF season for me and the team quite strong, so I'm thrilled.

"[Chacco]'s been my rock. He's been consistent, and for those bigger classes, he's been getting me in there and placing and really doing a great job," concluded Anthony.

The Emily Riden

## LILLIE KEENAN CAPS WEF 2019 ON \$50,000 CAPTIVEONE ADVISORS 1.50M GRAND PRIX VICTORY



Lillie Keenan won the \$50,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m National Grand Prix on the last day of WEF with Fasther. ©Sportfot

USA's Lillie Keenan capitalized on only three months of experience with her mount Fasther, owned by Chansonette Farm, LLC, to top the final class of the 2019 WEF in the \$50,000 CaptiveOne Advisors National Grand Prix in the International Arena.

Guilherme Jorge built a track for 48 starters and welcomed six through to the jump-off. Keenan qualified two mounts and returned first and last over the short course. She set an early pace with a clear trip in 39.649 seconds riding Chaccolette for owner Chansonette Farm, LLC. She was sitting second when she re-entered the ring aboard Fasther and the gelding lived up to his namesake by stopping the clock at 36.688 seconds for the win.

Keenan settled for third on Chaccolette behind Brazil's Fabio Leivas ds Costa riding Tosca de l'Esque, who posted a time of 38.580 seconds. Spanish rider Diego Perez Bilboa took fourth riding Orso del Terriccio in 39.649 seconds for owner Victoria Vargas d'Agostino. Kent Farrington (USA) rounded out the top five aboard Kaprice, a horse he owns together with Tanma Corp., on a time of 46.954 seconds.

Keenan, who trains under the direction of two-time U.S. Olympic team gold medalist McLain Ward, added Fasther to her string at the beginning of 2019. The nine-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding (Vigo d'Arsouilles x Farmer) was found for Keenan by François Mathy and had previously been competing under the direction of Dutch rider Bas Moerings.

"I have to give him a lot of credit because he developed this horse from his very first show all the way up the FEI level and jumped a four-star grand prix with him as an eight-year old," said Keenan. "He believed in the horse and taught him how to win. A lot of today goes to the way that he brought the horse up and I'm very thankful for that. Fasther is obviously fast and so careful. I'd say he's probably the most talented horse I've ever ridden.

"He's got a character, which is what makes him so special but it also requires a partnership," continued Keenan. "His strengths are what's going to define his career and what makes him so special."

After moving to train with Ward in the fall of 2018, Keenan has reorganized her program and is now finding her stride with a new team.

"This is the moment we have all been waiting for; for me to pull it together," said Keenan, who is a senior at Harvard University studying History of Science. "I'm ridiculously lucky with the people that I have. Obviously McLain, he believes in me, which is more than you could ever ask of any coach. That support really transfers a team. Craig Pollard literally does everything for me and takes care of managing all of my life with horses. Then there's my parents, who obviously support me in doing this."

Keenan ended the WEF season on the highest of notes after what she considered a transitional season and will now focus on finishing school in Cambridge, MA.

"Everything has fallen into place and it's a nice feeling going into the rest of the year," she said. "I think I have a very special horse in Fasther and I'm looking forward to the future with him. Hopefully this is the first of many wins for him."

Lindsay Brock

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OWNER: ANDREW BOURNS SPORT HORSES INC / RIDER: SAVANNAH HEMBY

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OWNER: WENDY DIXON / RIDER: ERICA GLANCY

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OWNER: STEVE SCHAEFER / RIDER: HEIDI SCHAEFER

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**FIBONACCI** 

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MOONSHOT

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**EQUINE TACK & NUTRITIONALS GREEN HUNTER 3'6"** 

**EVERWONDER** 

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CONSENT

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**EVERMORE** 

**GREEN HUNTER 3'3"** MOONI IGHT

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OWNER: MARLEN ROUCO / RIDER: MAGGIE GOULD

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**GARRISON FOREST** OWNER: DANI GASCOIGNE / RIDER: ALEXANDRA

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OWNER: PAULINE LAMPSHIRE / RIDER: HUNTER KAY

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**GOLDEN RULE** 

OWNER / RIDER: STEPHANIE DANHAKL

**HUNT LTD AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 3'6" 36 & OVER** 

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PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY LARGE **JUNIOR HUNTER 15 & UNDER** GARFIFI D

OWNER: BIKOFF EQUESTRIAN LLC / RIDER: SOPHIE **GOCHMAN** 

**BRUNO DELGRANGE LARGE JUNIOR HUNTER 16-17 TZTARGAZER** OWNER: STEVE SCHAEFER / RIDER: CHLOE WHITE

**SMALL JUNIOR HUNTER 15 & UNDER** 

OWNER: GOCHMAN SPORT HORSES LLC / RIDER: MIMI GOCHMAN

**SMALL JUNIOR HUNTER 16-17** 

O'RYAN

OWNER / RIDER: MAGGIE HILL

**JUNIOR HUNTER 3'3" 15 & UNDER** CLEAR SAILING

OWNER: MMK EQUESTRIAN LLC / RIDER: HANNAH

**JUNIOR HUNTER 3'3" 16-17** 

NORTHFACE

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O'MEARA MARSHALL & STERLING/GREAT AMERICAN ADULT HUNTER OLDER SECTION B

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PRESTIGE ITALIA LOW ADULT HUNTER 2'6" SECTION B (CALI SPLIT)

COLUMBUS OWNER: KATHRYN HAEFNER LLC / RIDER: JANE **OLSON FISHER** 

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FOR KEEPS

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**MEDIUM GREEN PONY** 

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MARY CHAPOT

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SPECIAL AWARDS

**LUGANO DIAMONDS WEF OVERALL JUMPER OWNER** 

**EQUILINE WEF OVERALL JUMPER RIDER** Ι ΔΙΙΡΔ CΗΔΡΩΤ

**PROELITE WEF OVERALL JUMPER TRAINER** 

**LUGANO DIAMONDS WEF OVERALL HUNTER OWNER** ROBERTS STABLES LLC

VICTORIA COLVIN **WEF OVERALL PONY HUNTER RIDER** 

**EQUILINE WEF OVERALL HUNTER RIDER** 

**PROELITE WEF OVERALL HUNTER TRAINER** 

KENNETH BERKLEY

**CRISTY CONARD PERPETUAL TROPHY FOR EQUESTRIAN EXCELLENCE** 

ALEXANDRA PIELET

SIMBA RUN PERPETUAL TROPHY

ROBIN PARSKY & KENT FARRINGTON (GAZELLE) MARTHA W. JOLICOEUR OVERALL LEADING LADY

JUMPER RIDER, IN MEMORY OF DALE LAWLER

AMANDA DERBYSHIRE **CAPTIVEONE ADVISORS 1.50M CHAMPIONSHIP JUMPER SERIES OVERALL LEADING RIDER** 

LORENZO DE LUCA **CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE OVERALL JUMPER** 

LADRIANO Z

BLUMAN

OWNER: OVER THE TOP STABLES LLC / RIDER: DANIEL

**CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE OVERALL HUNTER** 

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OWNER: JENNIFER GAMBOA / RIDER: JUAN GAMBOA JAMES 'JIM' BRUNDAGE MEMORIAL TROPHY

STEWART & ELLA BIKOFF

**PRESTIGE** OWNER / RIDER: KAT FUQUA

**WENDY NEWBY MEMORIAL TROPHY** 

OWNER: PETER PLETCHER / RIDER: JEF LAUWERS

**PIN OAK FARM PERPETUAL TROPHY** MIMI GOCHMAN

SUTHERI AND

**OLIVER O'TOOLE PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY** (TIE)

JESSICA STANEK (LADRIANO Z) SEAN VARD (CLOONEY 51)

THE JAY MATTER PERPETUAL TROPHY **EL PRIMERO** 

TANNER KOROTKIN

OWNER: MERALEX FARM, INC RIDER: VICTORIA COLVIN

POTCREEK MEADOW FARM JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

THE HARRISON CUP PERPETUAL TROPHY **ROBIN PARSKY & KENT FARRINGTON** 

THE DENNIS DAMMERMAN PERPETUAL TROPHY MCI AIN WARD AND HH AZUR

THE RAMBLEWOOD PERPETUAL TROPHY

JOHN RUSH **KENYA PERPETUAL TROPHY** 

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#### **NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY WINNER**

Photo Gallery



Jennifer Hannan and Uppercut won the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby Pro. ©Sportfot



In the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby Junior/Amateur Coco Fath and Havana took the blue ribbon. @Sportfot



## LIZA BOYD CARRIES ON TRADITION WITH VICTORY in the \$15,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby Hunt & Go



Liza Boyd and Tradition won the \$15,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby Huni & Go on the grass derby field. ©Sportfot

Liza Boyd of Camden, SC, and Tradition were victorious in the final week of the 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) as the pair captured the \$15,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby Hunt & Go on Friday, March 29, at Equestrian Village at Palm Beach International Equestrian Center. The "Hunt & Go" derby was one of three major events for hunter riders during Week 12.

Thirty-five horse-and-rider combinations contested Ken Krome's course, which was designed in the newer Hunt & Go format, on the grass. The Hunt & Go format was only introduced several years ago as a way to shorten the original derby format while still offering a classic and a handy round. Instead of all riders competing through the classic and then returning at a later time for a handy, the course is designed as half classic and half handy. Riders are therefore able to highlight their horse's strengths in both formats.

Krome's course consisted of four high option fences, a trot fence, and a 'bounce' line in the 'handy' portion of the course. Judges panels included Otis Brown and Ann Braswell in panel one, and Robert Crandall and Rob Bielefeld in panel two.

Kelly Farmer and Larry Glefke/Aizlynn Radwanski's Closing Statement were the first pair to head into the ring and took the early lead with a combined score of 333.00 points. She and the six-year-old Warmblood gelding (Mr. Blue x Ursula) finished in the fourth place position.

Ten trips later, Havens Schatt and the SHP Barn LLC's 10-year-old Holsteiner gelding (Cachas x Varese), Spectacular, produced a flawless round including all high options to total 340.50 points combined from both panels for second place. Schatt later returned with Caroline Moran's 11-year-old Zangersheide gelding (Lawito x Palmagora), Mostly Sunny, and earned the third place position with 339.75 points.

As the seventeenth entry into the ring, hunter veteran Liza Boyd piloted Maggie Hill's Tradition to the new lead after totaling 357.00 points with a classic score of 179.00 and a handy round producing 178.00 points. Boyd and the eight-year-old Westphalian gelding (Cornet's Stern x Larix) are no strangers to success in the derby classes as Tradition's second time in a derby was at the 2018 USHJA International Hunter Derby Championships, where he placed third.

"He was made to be a derby horse I think," Boyd explained. "We purchased him from Scott Stewart as a junior hunter mount for his owner Maggie Hill, but Scott had been telling me for a long time that he had a great horse that would be able to do both the junior hunters and the bigger derbies. Clearly, he was right because he does well with his owner in the juniors, but he is also super brave and can jump the bigger tracks which is exactly what we look for in a derby horse."

Boyd plans to compete the gelding in the weekend's \$50,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby but said she enjoyed being able to use the Hunt & Go format as a way to introduce her horse to his surroundings.

"We haven't had the Hunt & Go for very long in the International Derby Program but I think it's nice to have it once in a while like this," she said. "I think it's so special to be able to have the second round in the bigger derby classes where you are able to come back with a new strategy, but for a day like today it was quite nice because you got to give your horse a tour of the venue and practice both classic and handy round fences."

Nummer Grace

## PARADE OF CIRCUIT CHAMPIONS



Laura Chapot accepted the Equiline WEF Overall Jumper Rider, ProElite® WEF Overall Jumper Trainer, and Lugano Diamonds WEF Overall Jumper Owner (for Mary Chapot) Awards.



Scott Stewart accepted the ProElite® WEF Overall Hunter Trainer Award for Ken Berkley.



Becky Gochman won the Hunt Ltd Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'6" 36 & Over circuit championship with Catch Me and the Palm Beach Equine Clinic Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'3" 36 & Over championship on Mythical.



The Ramblewood Perpetual Trophy was presented to John Rush.

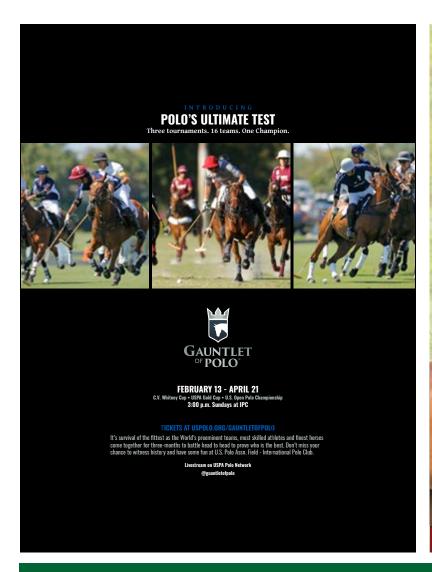


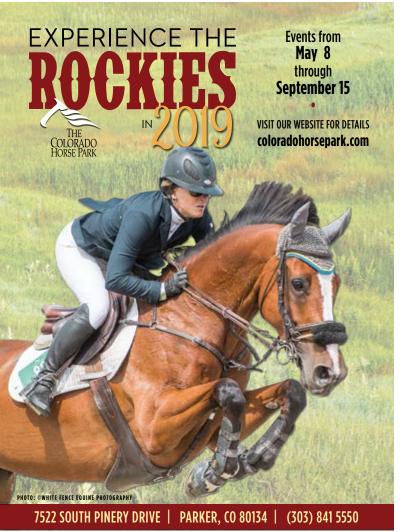
Taking home the Rosenbaum PLLC Large Pony Hunter circuit championship with Brighton and the Large Green Pony Hunter championship with Prestige was Kat Fuqua.



Victoria Colvin was named the Equiline WEF Overall Hunter Rider, presented by Kelly Molinari.

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#### **WEF 12 JUMPER WRAP-UP**

Lucas Porter (USA), 21, started the final week of the 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) with a CSI 5\* win in the \$36,000 Douglas Elliman 1.45m in the International Arena on Wednesday, March 27.

Course designer Guilherme Jorge of Brazil set the track for Wednesday's two-round event with 54 entries breaking the timers. One of the youngest challengers of the day, Porter was also the fastest crossing the final finish line in 25.79 seconds aboard his long-time partner Diamante Darco, owned by Sleepy P Ranch. Jumping among the first 10 horses, Porter stopped the clock at 25.79 seconds with 44 to return after him.

Porter sealed the victory by less than a second over fellow U.S. rider Kristen Vanderveen and Bull Run's Prince of Peace. They crossed the timers in 25.97 seconds for owner Bull Run Jumpers Six, LLC. A rare tie on the clock joined Ireland's Daniel Coyle riding Farrel, owned by Ariel Grange, and Juan Jose Zendejas Salgado (MEX) aboard Artillo, owned by Enny Isabel Salgado Negrete, for third place in 26.15 seconds. Canada's Eric Lamaze rounded out the top five in 26.22 seconds riding Fine Lady 5 for owner Artisan Farms, LLC, and Torrey Pines Stables.

Egypt's Nayel Nassar rode Lucifer V, owned by Evergate Stables LLC, to the win in the \$134,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 12 CSI 5\* on Thursday. Sixty entries contested the WEF Challenge Cup course set by Guilherme Jorge of Brazil, and of those starters, 28 qualified for the jump-off round, with 18 ultimately electing to return to face off over the short course.

Fresh off a second-place finish with Lordan and a victory with Lucifer V in the two HITS \$1 Million Grand Prix events held within the past two weeks, Nassar was the second to return for the jump-off and set the time to beat at an untouchable 35.90 seconds.

Coming the closest to catching Nassar's time was U.S. Olympic team silver medalist Kent Farrington riding Creedance, owned by Kent Farrington & R.C.G Farm, who finished in second on 36.70 seconds. Rounding out the top three was 22-year-old Spencer Smith (USA) riding Theodore Manciais to a finish time of 36.83 seconds for owner Torrey Pines & Ashland Farm.

Out of the 50 entries that contested Guilherme Jorge's speed course in the \$36,000 Bainbridge 1.45m Classic CSI 5\*, 15 were able to go clear and put the pedal to the medal to find the quickest round. Of those 15, the fastest was Francisco Jose Mesquita Musa (BRA), who rode Catch Me Imperio Egipcio for owner Daniel Aguiar Morelli to the win. They posted a time of 62.20 seconds, more than two seconds faster than the next competitor.

Second place went to Catherine Tyree (USA) riding Mary Tyree's BEC Lorenzo in a time of 64.24 seconds. Margie Engle (USA) and Dicas, owned by Stome Ridge Show Horses, Garber & Gladewinds, placed third in 64.33 seconds. Wednesday's five-star winners, Lucas Porter (USA) and Sleepy P Ranch's Diamonte Darco, were fourth in 65.43 seconds, while Emil Hallundbaek (DEN) and his own Dazermie were fifth.

The start list of 72 entries was full of top horses and riders, which showed when 19 advanced to the jump-off of the \$36,000 Puissance America 1.45m Classic CSI 2\*. Eighteen chose to return to contest the jump-off.

The early leader was Fabio Leivas Da Costa (BRA) on Bonne Chance Farm's Randon Pleasure. They set the first time to beat as the pathfinders in the ring in 39.12 seconds.

Da Costa's time held until Lacey Gilbertson (USA) and Seabrook LLC's Baloppi entered the ring. They lowered the time to 38.65 seconds, which would hold up for second place

One of the fastest pairs on the circuit, Laura Chapot (USA) and Chandon Blue, were the ones who were able to post the winning time of 37.03 seconds. They were able to take advantage of Chandon Blue's large stride to leave out strides in two lines and take their fourth win of the circuit.



Nayel Nassar and Lucifer V
won the \$134,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 12 CSI 5\*.

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## 2019 WINTER EQUESTRIAN FESTIVAL SPECIAL AWARDS GALLERY @Sportfot



Robin Parsky accepted the Harrison Cup Perpetual Trophy as the leading owner by most jumper money won in all open jumper classes, presented by Jeannie Harrison, Rhodes Judge, and ringmaster Steve Rector.



The Overall Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Jumper Rider Award, in memory of Dale Lawler, was presented by Martha Jolicoeur and Dr. Stephen Norton and awarded to Amanda Derbyshire.



Becky Gochman won the Dover Saddlery Palm Beach Adult Medal Series, presented by Lauren Kuong and Kasja Ferragamo of Dover Saddlery.



The Simba Run Perpetual Trophy was won by Gazelle, owned by Kent Farrington (pictured) and Robin Parsky, presented by Geoff Sutton.



The Oliver O'Toole Perpetual Memorial Trophy was presented to the Jessica Stanek, the groom of Ladriano Z (pictured) and to Sean Vard, the groom of Clooney 51, by ringmaster Steve Rector, Laura Kraut, Paul Butterworth, and Mary Elizabeth Kent.



Whitney Stahl of Equestrian Sport Productions, and Laura Fetterman presented the Champion Equine Insurance Overall Jumper Style Award to Daniel Bluman for Ladriano Z.

The Champion Equine Insurance Overall Hunter Style Award was given to Everwonder, owned by Bikoff Equestrian LLC and presented by Laura Fetterman



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Comp. #1762 | Premier "AA" & Jumper 4\*

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**APRIL 10-14** 

at PBIEC

Comp. #233850 | Premier "AA" & Jumper 4\*

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#### SPRING V

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Comp. #4397 | Regional "C" & Jumper 2\*









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