#### CIAN O' CONNOR CLAIMS ROSENBAUM PLLC GRAND PRIX



The victory in the opening \$75,000 Rosenbaum PLLC Grand Prix at WEF 1 went to Cian O'Connor (IRL) and Lazzaro Delle Schiave. Photo © Sportfot

Irish Olympic bronze medalist Cian O'Connor won the \$75,000 Rosenbaum PLLC Grand Prix riding Lazzaro Delle Schiave to close out opening week of the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) on Sunday, January 12, at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center in Wellington, FL.

WEF continues through March 29, 2020, with 12 consecutive weeks of world-class competition and \$13 million dollars on offer. The second week of competition at WEF, sponsored by NetJets and recognized as a CSI2\* by the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI), runs January 15-19 featuring the \$73,000 NetJets Grand Prix CSI2\* on Saturday, January 18.

From a 46-horse field, 17 advanced to the jump-off of the Rosenbaum PLLC Grand Prix set by course designer Eric Hasbrouck (USA). Returning sixth, O'Connor and 11-year-old Italian Sporthorse gelding Lazzaro Delle Schiave gave it all they had, stopping the clock in a time of 35.956 seconds. The time would eventually take the victory by less than a half a second over runner-up Molly Ashe Cawley riding Balous Day Date, owned by Louisburg Farm to a time of 36.455 seconds.

"We went early and I knew there were some fast ones and good ones behind me, so I took out a few strides, particularly to the last, and really used my horse's strength there," said O'Connor, who has settled in Wellington for the duration of the season with his three top horses. "The course was fast and a nice test for the rest of the circuit."

O'Connor has only had the ride on Lazzaro Delle Schiave, a horse previously campaigned by Italian rider Massimo Grossato, for two months. The pair, however, has wasted no time finding success by pocketing a CSI2\* win in Europe before heading to Wellington to open up the season on top.

"This year is a big year for me and for team Ireland," said O'Connor, who is a hopeful for a spot on the Irish show jumping team at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. "So, I wanted to come here to try and be in shape physically and also on the horses during three months of intense riding and working. I came out here today to try and win this class, and it's great that it happened.

"The main goal is to try and be up and running coming out of here and take what we can on the way, but not to overdo any of the horses," continued O'Connor. "It's only the build-up of the season toward the rest of the year, and obviously the goal all year in the back of my mind is Tokyo."

After his win, O'Connor mentioned the upgraded footing in the WEF International Arena, saying, "The ground is perfect; as good as

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#### MEN MAKE A COMEBACK IN \$75,000 BATTLE OF THE SEXES PRESENTED BY WELLINGTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER



The men's team took their second victory in the history of the Battle of the Sexes, presented by Wellington Regional Medical Center, at WEF. ©Sportfot

The first "Saturday Night Lights" of the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) featured the crowdfavorite \$75,000 Battle of the Sexes, presented by Wellington Regional Medical Center, which saw the Men's team return to the top of the podium.

After unseating the women, who were the 2019 victors, the men's team is picking up momentum in the Battle of the Sexes with their second win in the class in three years. The men pocketed their first-ever victory in 2018, and on Saturday night, in the second-to-last match race, Ireland's Daniel Coyle sealed a win for his team with a final score of 29 to the women's 23.

"The one thing that you get in these classes that you don't always get in other classes is the crowd really enjoys it because it's very easy for them to understand; the girl beats the guy, and that's who wins it," said Coyle of what he enjoys about the Battle of the Sexes.

Coyle was a last-minute add to the men's team on a borrowed horse after his brother and teammate, Jordan Coyle, convinced him. "He told me we could win it this year, so he found me a horse," said Daniel Coyle. "When I went in for the match race, Charlie said, 'I don't have to go if you can win it!' That's the last thing that you want to hear, but I can only say good things about this horse [Black Pearl], and thankfully we won it!"

After the opening speed round, the women were ahead six to four with Jessica Mendoza (GBR) posting the fastest time for her team in 51.38 seconds. Despite being behind on the scoreboard, Jordan Coyle (IRL) posted the fastest round of the night in a blistering 47.479 seconds.

The lead changed hands in the second phase, a relay, with the men winning the first two rounds to earn 10 points and take over the lead. But competition was far from over after Hayley lannotti (USA), Sydney Shulman (ISR), and Mendoza won three match races in a row. The win was too close to call until Daniel Coyle topped Taylor Land (USA) to propel the men to a 29 to 23 lead with only one three-point match remaining. With the guaranteed win, team captains Charlie Jayne (USA) and Nicole Bellissimo (USA) elected not to return.

Bellissimo's team consisted of Heather Caristo-Williams (USA), Amanda Derbyshire (GBR), lannotti, Land, Mendoza, Gia Rinaldi (USA), Shulman, KC Van Aarem (USA), and Ali Wolff (USA). Jayne's team was made up of David Blake (USA), Jonathan Corrigan (IRL), Christian Coyle (IRL), Daniel Coyle, Jordan Coyle, Harry Harding (GBR), Luis Larrazabal (VEN), Samuel Parot Jr. (CHI), and Michael Tokuruk (USA).

"When choosing this year's team, I went for young, fast, and international," said Jayne. "We had a

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#### **LUNCH & LEARN SERIES**

On Thursday, January 16, the Lunch & Learn Series begins for the 2020 season. Held every Thursday starting at WEF 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Wellington Club, this informational and educational series has a variety of subjects for horsemen and women to learn more for their horses. Admission is free for riders, trainers, and owners. Register at the door for a chance to win exciting prizes. The Week 2 Lunch & Learn, "Help Our Wounded (HOW) Foundation and Equine Hyperbarics of South Florida Partner to Help Both Horse and Rider with Their Injuries and Athletic Recovery," is sponsored by Equine Hyperbaric Center and The HOW Foundation of South Florida. Contact Miranda Tiona at 561-784-1137 or mtiona@equestriansport.com for more information.

#### "SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" \$73,000 NETJETS GRAND PRIX CSI 2\*

The grand prix competition continues at WEF 2 on Saturday, January 18, with gates opening at 6 p.m. and competition at 7 p.m. The best show jumpers of the circuit qualify during the week to compete under the lights of the International Arena in the \$73,000 NetJets Grand Prix CSI 2\*. This always-exciting competition features the biggest jumps with daring jump-off rides for the best prize money. General admission is free, parking is \$20/car, and valet is \$30.

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The first Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix at the Winter Equestrian Festival will be held during WEF 2. The \$25,000 Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix is in the International Arena at 8 a.m. on Sunday, January 19. Watch some of the best young talent in the world compete in their ten events for over \$170,000 in prize money and experience in FEI international competition.

#### **FRIENDS OF ORPHANS LUNCHEON**

Join riders from the Chateaublond Equestrian Center in Haiti for a luncheon and silent auction to benefit Chateaublond Equestrian Center in Haiti therapy program, which is dedicated to children with special needs, on Sunday, January 19, at 12 p.m. The 15th annual Equestrian Fundraising Luncheon has been a fundraiser that made it possible for Chateaublond rider Darlene Milord to represent and win a gold medal for NPH and Haiti at the Special Olympics World Olympics in Abu Dhabi in 2019. Individual tickets are available for \$80 and a table of six for \$450. Contact Romy Tschudi for information and ticket purchase at 954-643-8678.

#### **INTERNATIONAL POLO CLUB** HAPPENINGS

The Ylvisaker Cup begins this week at the International Polo Club Palm Beach.

> CHECK OUT THIS WEEK'S FULL GAME SCHEDULE BELOW.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15: 10:00 a.m.: La Indiana vs. Coca Cola

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16:** 

3:00 p.m.: Aliano Realty/Horseware vs. Palm Beach Equine

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17: 3:00 p.m.: Patagones vs. Stable Door Polo

Saturday, January 18 12:00 p.m.: Pilot vs. Daily Racing Form

Sunday, January 19:

10:00 a.m.: Coca Cola vs. vs. Palm Beach Equine 3:00 p.m.: La Indiana vs. Aliano Realty/Horseware

Join us for the exciting highlight match of the week on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. on the U.S. Polo Assn. Field 1. Enjoy brunch in the Veuve Clicquot Pavilion or from a table in the Celebrity Cruises® Polo Lounge. Looking for a more casual seating option? Watch the game from the stadium's green seats of boxes, or hang out at a fun

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#### **ROSENBAUM GRAND PRIX Continued from Page 1**

anywhere in the world if not better. But, more importantly is the schooling arena because that's where we do most of our work, and that's really good."

Rounding out the podium in the \$75,000 Rosenbaum PLLC Grand Prix was Brianne Goutal-Marteau (USA) riding Zernike K with a double-clear performance in 37.708 seconds for owner Remarkable Farms LP. Fourth went to Schuyler Riley (USA) and Iceman de Muze, owned by E2 Show Jumpers, in a time of 38.516 seconds, while Tomas Yofre (ARG) capped the top five riding Kavalli di Magico in 39.019 seconds for owner Clear Ride LLC.

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Molly Ashe Cawley and Balous Day Date finished second in the Grand Prix.



Zernike K and Brianne Goutal finished in third place.

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#### **FINAL RESULTS:** \$75,000 ROSENBAUM PLLC GRAND PRIX

1 LAZZARO DELLE SCHIAVE: 2009 Italian Sporthorse gelding by Acodetto 2 x

CIAN O'CONNOR (IRL), Ronnoco Jump Ltd.: 0/0/35.956

2 BALOUS DAY DATE: 2005 Oldenburg mare by Balou du Rouet x Domino MOLLY ASHE-CAWLEY (USA), Louisburg Farm: 0/0/36.455

**3 ZERNIKE K:** 2004 KWPN gelding by Sam R 60 x H Topas BRIANNE GOUTAL-MARTEAU (USA), Remarkable Farms LP: 0/0/37.708

4 ICEMAN DE MUZE: 2008 BWP stallion by Erco van't Roosakker x For Pleasure SCHUYLER RILEY (USA), E2 Show Jumpers: 0/0/38.516

**5 KAVALLI DI MAGICO:** 2010 BWP gelding by Emerald van't Ruytershof x Flamenca

TOMAS YOFRE (ARG), Clear Ride LLC: 0/0/39.019

**6 JASMIJN:** 2009 Belgian Warmblood mare by Diamant de Semilly x Montender JONATHAN MCCREA (USA), Windsor Show Stables: 0/0/41.555

7 CONTO: 2006 Holsteiner stallion by Canto x C-Ingmar MARCELO CIAVAGLIA (BRA), Marcelo Ciavaglia: 0/4/35.159

8 SCARLETT DU SART Z: 2010 Zangersheide mare by Stakkato de hann x First

DARRAGH KENNY (IRL), Vlock Show Stables LLC: 0/4/36.123

9 FASTHER: 2010 KWPN gelding by Vigo d'Arsouilles x Farmer LILLIE KEENAN (USA), Chansonette Farm LLC: 0/4/36.909

10 BULL RUN'S FAUSTINO DE TILI: 2005 Belgian Warmblood stallion by Berlin x KRISTEN VANDERVEEN (USA), Bull Run Jumpers Five LLC: 0/4/37.414

11 CASCO 11: 2009 Holsteiner gelding by Caspar x Colman

LAUREN TISBO (USA), Tequestrian Farms LLC: 0/4/38.213

12 FALCO V: 2010 KWPN gelding by Bustique x Montreux TAYLOR LAND (USA), Pinetree Farms Inc.: 0/4/38.394



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#### DARLENE MILORD AND CHRISTOPHER POULOUTE CAPTURE MEDALS AT SPECIAL **OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES**

By Jennifer Wood

Marking an incredible accomplishment for Haiti and Chateaublond Equestrian Center, two riders stood on the podium this past year at the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Darlene Milord, 31, and Christopher Pouloute, 16, made the trip across the world and brought home top prizes representing their home country of Haiti.

Darlene competed in three events, winning the gold medal in Level B1 English Working Trail and the silver medal in both English Equitation and Dressage. Christopher won the bronze medal in the Level A English Equitation.

Darlene and Christopher were the leading female and male riders at Chateaublond Equestrian Center and win consistently at the Special Olympic competitions hosted annually by Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center at Palm Beach International Equestrian Center. They traveled to Abu Dhabi and competed against the best riders in the world on unknown horses that were not specifically trained for special needs riders, making their accomplishments especially impressive.



"I was so proud for all of Haiti and my NPFS family in Haiti," said Darlene. "I have trained very hard for many years to be able to win this gold medal. It is a dream come true. I am thankful for Romy [Tschudi-Roy], and all at Chateaublond for their help and support too."

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Fundraising Luncheon, held every year at the Winter Equestrian Festival, was an integral part of raising funds to help Darlene and Christopher travel to and compete in Abu Dhabi. The luncheon is held again this Sunday, January 19, at 12 p.m. in The Wellington Club.

All of Haiti's Special Olympics athletes were welcomed home to Haiti by the Minister for Youth and Sport and the State Secretary for the Disabled. Darlene was later chosen to be the motivational speaker at the "She Builds" global initiative, a community platform to empower and connect Haitian women around the world, and participated in the "She Builds Sports" panel.

Darlene, who suffers from cerebral palsy hemiplegia that left her right side paralyzed, was brought to St. Vincent Orphanage in Haiti after her mother passed away and her father could not care for her. She found a permanent home at the Nos Petits Frères and Soeurs' Kay Ste. Helene Home. In 2005, she was introduced to horses in a newly created equine initiative offering children and teenagers with

disabilities the possibility to get to know and enjoy horses as well as to ride.

The "Special Needs Riding Program of Haiti" was inspired by a discussion during the FEI General Assembly in 2004 by Romy Tschudi. Her love for horses and the equestrian sport. her patience, and her perseverance made Darlene quickly overcome her disabilities and she became the best rider in the group. The horses gave her strength and self-assurance. Today, Darlene works as a class-room assistant in a high-functioning class at NPH Special Needs Program's Kay Ste Germaine Special Needs School.

In 2009, Darlene was the first recipient of the FEI's "Against All Odds" trophy. While riding

three times per week and helping others to communicate with horses and to ride, she finished school and started to work as a supervisor at the orphanage. She learned English, visited the Pope, and due to her beautiful voice and her captivating personality, she participated in 2010 in the video "World 25 for Haiti."

With her three medals at the Special Olympics World Games, Darlene was the highest ranking Haitian Special Olympic team member ever.

"Darlene is a wonderful representative for her native Haiti in every way," said Tschudi-Roy. "It is a pleasure to travel with her; she always is smiling and happy to meet new people. Darlene is an inspiration for so many in her country. She manages her disabilities with the same courage and determination that she uses to compete with her fourlegged partners. Her love for horses and the equestrian sport changed her life forever and made her the beautiful, inspiring young role model she is today. Whenever she can, she talks about her love for horses and how proud she is to represent her country abroad. She loves to win, but her real joy is just to be with horses and excel in all equestrian tests."

For more information on Darlene's work, follow NPH Haiti Special Needs Programs or Centre Equestre Chateaublond Haiti on Facebook.



#### WEF 1 Award Winners



Representing Adequan®, Kathy Serio presented the division championship in the Adequan® Amateur-Owner 18-35 3'3" Hunters to Martha Ingram and Fonteyn.



Craig Dickmann, Director of Equestrian for Lugano Diamonds presented the classic win and division championship in the Lugano Diamonds High Amateur-Owner Jumpers to Charlie Jacobs and Cassinja S with ringmaster Steve Rector.



The WEF Week 1 Winner of the Omega Alpha Healthy Horse Award was Onassis VDE, aka "Cosmo," trained and ridden by Rush Weeden and owned by Kimberly Penfold of Glory Days Farm, in Lake Bluff, IL.



The Leading Lady Jumper Rider, sponsored by Martha Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman Real Estate, for WEF 1 was Lillie Keenan, who was presented her award by Nancy Southern and Jonathan Asselin, representing Martha W. Jolicoeur, and ringmaster Steve Rector. © Sportfot



Laura Fetterman presented the Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award to Normandy, ridden by Scott Stewart and owned by Dr. Betsee Parker.



The champion in the Palm Beach Equine Clinic Amateur-Owner 18-35 3'6" Hunters was Breaux, ridden by Kaitlin Porath, who was presented her award by Dr. Hilary Clayton and Bethany Lawler of Palm Beach



The WEF Week 1 winner of the Vita Flex Tack Room Award was Hunter Creek from Southwest Ranches, Florida, presented to owner Mailin Beckman, Andrew Beckman, Sydney Levy, Michka-Mai Levy, and Ally Willner.



The Vestrum Medium Junior Jumper Classic winner and division championship, presented by Emily Oatis, went to Ellie Ferrigno and Discovery-O, with trainer Val Renihan.





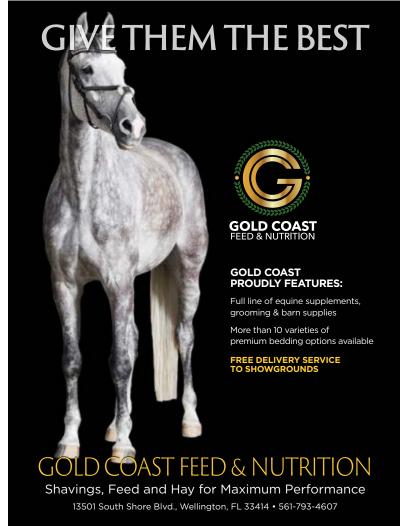
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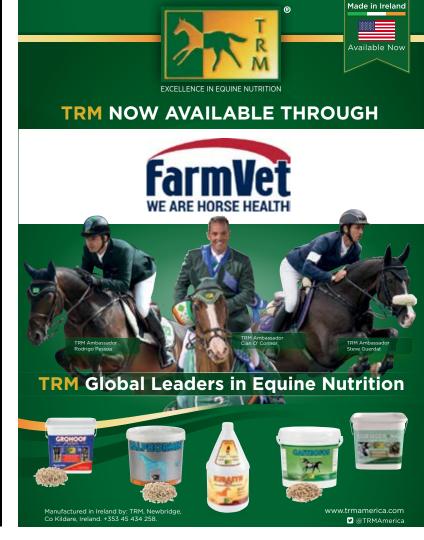
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lot of different countries involved, and I thought it was great international sport. It was fast, it was exciting, and the crowd really got into it. In the end, it came down to the second-to-last rider, so it couldn't have been much better."

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Daniel Coyle and Black Pearl sealed the win for the men's team at the Battle of the Sexes.

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David Blake and Amanda Derbyshire in their match race.

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#### **RIDER SPOTLIGHT**

#### ADRIENNE STERNLICHT



2018 WEG team gold medalist Adrienne Sternlicht. ©Jennifer Wood Media

A member of the gold medal-winning U.S. team at the FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) Tryon 2018, Adrienne Sternlicht is one of the best new stars in show jumping. With her WEG partner Cristalline back in action, Adrienne hopes to make a big impression at WEF in an Olympic year. Read on to learn more about Adrienne!

#### DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST HORSE YOU RODE?

The first horse I ever rode was an 18-hand black gelding named Samson. I rode him in my best friend, Sydney Shulman's backyard. All I remember is not wanting to get off.

#### WHAT'S YOUR FONDEST MEMORY OF RIDING AS A KID/JUNIOR?

I was fortunate to have some really amazing ponies. One year, I got a score of 98 in the Pony Hunter Challenge at Capital Challenge and won it. I felt like that was as close to perfection as I was ever going to get, and I remember being really excited about that!

#### WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE YOUR GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT IN LIFE SO FAR?

In riding, it was being in the top 12 and competing in Tryon for WEG [in 2018].

#### WHAT SUPERPOWER WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE?

Time travel, for sure.

#### WHAT'S SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I had a sewing business when I was younger, and I used to drive my dad crazy because I would spend the summers sitting inside sewing belts all day. I used to take orders in the hallway in fourth to sixth grade, and I would sew pajamas after doing homework. My favorite was a little Burberry bag I made with Burberry fabric and a nylon strap; it was very trendy. I don't do that anymore, but I'm still handy with a sewing machine!

#### WHAT'S THE LAST GIFT YOU GAVE SOMEONE?

My mom and I are both huge tea drinkers, so I try to find a big mug from a local coffee shop for my mom when I travel.

#### WHAT HORSE WOULD YOU LIKE TO RIDE THAT YOU HAVEN'T BEFORE, AND WHY?

A horse like Fit For Fun. She's sort of the quintessential girls' horse, and the archetype of exactly what a female wants to ride. She's super-light, looks really adjustable, careful, scopey, and very willing.

#### WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT WEF?

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# ARADE OF CHAMPIONS



Lisa Berger and Bon Ami won the championship in the Wanderer's Club Low Adult Amateur Hunter Section A division.



Billboard, ridden by Tiffany Morrissey and owned by Lauren Bialy, won the Triple Crown Nutrition Green Hunter 3'.



Winning a championship in the Cross Rail Hunters Younger was Zoey Burton riding Virginia Bonnie's Prom Queen.



Lacey Powers rode Rollingwood's Give 'Em L, owned by AKA Showstoppers LLC, to the championship in the Short Stirrup Hunters.



Realty Children's Jumper 14 & Under division went to Mister Cash van de Veldmolen and Savannah Embly.



Jeanine Cash and Mosaic were champions in the Karina Brez Jewelry Adult Amateur Hunter Middle Section A.



The second championship in the Cross Rail Hunters Younger went to Dylan Clark and Empire's Paris.



Dan D'Angelo, ridden by Sandy Ferrell for Amy Guth, won the USHJA Hunter 2'6" (First Year Showed) championship.

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#### Hunters Find Their Success During

— Week 1 of WEF —



Terri Irrer and Cafe Noir won the Adult Amateur Older Hunter Section A championship at WEF 1. @Sportfot

Nutritionals, Section A champion was

rewarded to Christopher Payne riding

LLC, and the champion for section B

Trademark, owned by Take 3 LLC, to

reserve champion of section A in the

was Kate Conover on Isabella Griffin's

Solitude, owned by Northernside,

Samantha Schaefer piloted

Heaven's Dream.

**Equestrian Sport Productions** welcomed hunters from across the country to the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center for the first week of competition at the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival.

Two champions were named during week one in the 3'6" Green Hunter division presented by Equine Tack &

3'6" Green Hunters with first, second and fourth places. Reserve champion of section B was awarded to Maria Rasmussen riding Business Time for owner Maya Grove. This pair earned a first, second, and seventh.

Terri Irrer rode Café Noir, owned by Debra Gross to champion in the Adult Amateur Older Section A hunter division on Friday. After a year-long break from the show ring, the pair received a first, second, third, sixth, and seventh to earn the championship in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring.

Not far behind was Carolyn Anderson, of Calgary, AB, and Playbook. Anderson rode Playbook to a first, second, and fourth place to secure reserve champion.

For the junior hunters on Saturday, Stella Propp rode Inquisitive to the Small Junior Hunter 16-17 championship for Week 1. Ellie Ferrigno from Newtown, CT, had the ride for the first day of the division, earning two first places. On the second day Stella Propp, of New York, NY, took over receiving a fourth and fifth. Together, the two riders

were able to pilot Inquisitive, owned by Aquitaine Equine, to the tricolor

Mackenzie Altheimer of Wesley Chapel, FL, rode Escondido to reserve champion. Altheimer and Escondido, owned by ABA Hunter Ponies, earned a first, second, third. and seventh to secure the reserve

The first week came to a close on Sunday with Lilly Goldstein and Fenway earning champion in the Small Junior Hunters 15 & Under. Goldstein from Arayle, TX, rode her horse Fenway to two firsts, two thirds, and a sixth.

Following close behind was Emma Callanan, of Lebanon, NJ, who rode Becky Nuth's Caitano to reserve champion in the division. Callanan and Caitano received a first, second, third, fourth, and sixth to earn reserve

Sabrina Brashares

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#### **WEF 1 JUMPER HIGHLIGHTS**



first big jumper class of the 2020 WEF season. @Sportfot

Ireland's Shane Sweetnam opened the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) with a victory in the \$8,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m on Wednesday,

Opening day welcomed international riders to a 1.45m track set by course builder Eric Hasbrouck of the United States. With a top-five finish of riders from countries spanning the world, the Irish rider and his eight-year-old Zangersheide mare Zandora Z were double-clear over the two-phase course in 32.482 seconds. Canada's Kelly Soleau-Millar finished runner-up to Sweetnam and posted a time just fractions slower in 32.956 seconds riding Favoriet U, owned by Wyndmont Rounding out the top three for France, Marie Hecart and Boheme de la Roque finished on 34.574 seconds for owner Eurl Top Stallions Company.

Argentina's Joaquin Gonzalo Albisu took fourth riding Easy Boy 23, owned by Santana Auction House in 34.977 seconds. and Steven Bluman (ISR) capped the top

five aboard his own Biblou du Perron in a ime of 35.256 seconds.

Also winning in the International Arena at WEF on Wednesday, Laura Chapot (USA) topped the \$6,000 Bainbridge .40m riding Out of Ireland for owner The Edge, while Canada's Erynn Ballard won the second Bainbridge 1.40m of the day aboard Harvester, owned by Ilan Ferder and Skymaster

Marcelo Ciavaglia's Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) debut got off to a strong start on Thursday, January 9, as the Brazilian rider earned a victory in the \$35,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 1.

Ciavaglia and his longtime mount, Conto, were the very first of 44 entries to contest Thursday's featured class. As the first of nine entries to qualify and return for the Eric Hasbrouck-designed short course, the pair would prove uncatchable. They posted a double-clear time of 35.069 seconds to secure them the win, while second place with a time of 35.838 seconds went to the USA's Kristen Vanderveen and Bull Run's Almighty, owned by Bull Run Jumpers Six LLC. Rounding out the top three was Canada's Jonathon Millar who rode Valinski S. owned by Wyndmont, to a clear time of 36.006 seconds.

Also winning in the International Arena at WEF on Thursday were Erynn Ballard (CAN) and Bente P in the \$6,000 Bainbridge 1.40m, and Adrienne Sternlicht (USA) riding Cadans Z in the \$8,000 Douglas Elliman 1.45m.

Laura Chapot had the speed to claim the top two spots in the \$6,000 Bainbridge 1.40m Speed Challenge on Friday, January 10. Coming off another 1.40m victory on Wednesday, Chapot bested a field of 76 horses over Eric Hasbrouck's speed track aboard 15-year-old Irish Sport Horse mare Thornhill Kate. Her time of 57.849 seconds was good enough to bump her secondplace mount and Wednesday's winner. Out of Ireland, a horse she owns with The Edge, into the runner-up position in 57.855 seconds

Argentina's Tomas Yofre took a chance on catching Chapot, but didn't have the foot speed and settled for third in a time of 60.216 seconds riding Dasino, owned by Peacock Ridge LLC. Luis Larrazabal (VEN) and Luminaria LS La Silla took fourth in 62.627 seconds for San Francisco Stables LLC. while Peter Lutz (USA) and Quinta 106, owned Swede Ventures LLC. rounded out the top five in 62.847 seconds.

Also winning in the International Arena at WEF on Friday were Elisa Uribe (COL) riding Havana de la Lande in the \$2.500 High Amateur-Owner Jumper, and Max Wachman (IRL) aboard Dorette in the \$1,500 High Junior Jumper.

Adrienne Sternlicht is kicking off her WEF season with a bang by earning a 1.45m win earlier in the week and again leading the victory gallop in the \$25,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic on Saturday riding Cadans Z, owned by her own Starlight Farms 1 LLC.

From a field of 31, 10 horses advanced to an Eric Hasbrouck-designed jump-off track where Sternlicht stopped the clock in an uncatchable 36.769 seconds over her trainer and two-time U.S. Olympic team gold medalist McLain Ward. He and Heavenly W, owned by Portfolio Horses LLC, stopped the clock double clear in 38.026 seconds

Canada's Mario Deslauriers rounded out the top three in a time of 38.078 seconds riding Uris de la Roque, which he co-owns with Aram Ampagiumian LLC, while Samuel Parot, Jr. took fourth in 39.615 seconds aboard Buga Z, owned by Samuel Parot Hector Florentino (DOM) canned the top five in 40.806 seconds riding Carjo Z, owned by Scott Head.

Also winning in the International Arena at WEF on Saturday, Charles Jacobs (USA) took top call in the \$15,000 SJHOF High Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic riding Cassinja S, owned by CMJ Sporthorses LLC, while Catalina Peralta (USA) and Wendy Peralta's Conti won in the \$1,500 High Junior Jumpers. Grace Debney (USA) closed out the day with a victory in the \$1.500 Medium Junior Jumpers riding Darc Kiss Z for owner Temple Equestrian

In the International Arena at WEF on Sunday, Natalie Horween-Pauska (USA) topped the \$10,000 Celebrity Cruises Medium Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic riding Nepalina C, and Sophie Gochman (USA) claimed the \$10,000 SJHOF High Junior Jumper Classic riding Carola BH, owned by Gochman Sport Horses LLC.



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- 4. Samuel Parot Jr. (CHI): 28
- 5. Hector Florentino (DOM): 27



**Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award:** Normandy, ridden by Scott Stewart for Dr. Betsee Parker

**Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award:** Nepalina Z, ridden and owned by Natalie Horween-Pauska



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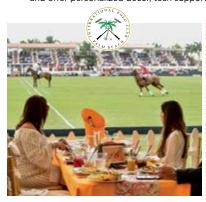
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