



WEEKLY WIRE

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ERIN DAVIS-HEINEKING SWOOPS IN FOR \$137,000 ADEQUAN® GRAND PRIX CSI3* VICTORY



Making the most of her short trip to Wellington, Erin Davis-Heineking rode Leonie to the win in the \$137,000 Adequan® Grand Prix CSI 3*. Photo © Sportfot

Erin Davis-Heineking (USA) is making the most of her two-week visit to the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) with a win in the \$137,000 Adequan® Grand Prix CSI3* during "Saturday Night Lights" of week three at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center in Wellington, FL, on Saturday, January 25.

Davis-Heineking rode Leonie to thrill Saturday night's crowd by leading the grand prix from start to finish after posting the first clear round over Kelvin Bywater's (GBR) opening track. She again returned first over the short course and set the pace fault free in a quick 45.51 seconds. At the conclusion of a six-horse jump-off, Davis-Heineking still stood atop the podium, barely inching out Ireland's Shane Sweetnam and Karlin van't Vennehof. They were just fractions off the win in 45.67 seconds.

"I was a little bit in disbelief that I had left a couple of jumps up out there," said Davis-Heineking of her jump-off ride. "It didn't quite go as I planned; I had an idea in my mind of the numbers that I wanted to do, and then right before I went in, my trainer/husband [Christian Heineking] basically said to leave one out from all of those. So, I took a shot at the last line and tried to do the six. I chipped in a seven, and she left it up. I was really proud of her."

Leonie, an 11-year-old Oldenburg

mare (Leo von Faelz x Chacco-Blue) owned by October Hill Farm, Inc., joined Davis-Heineking's string two years ago when she came out of retirement to pilot the mount.

"She was a sale horse of my husband's, and he was trying to get me back in the saddle," she said. "He told me to play around with her at home. I did, and before I knew it, he had talked me into going in a small grand prix close by. I almost won it and got the taste again. Honestly, I never saw myself here two years ago, so it's been quite a ride."

Davis-Heineking competed at WEF in the amateur jumper ranks in her 20s and returned with a bang this week. "I never really imagined that I would win one of these grand prix!"

After finishing the runner-up, Sweetnam is excited about Karlin van't Vennehof's future, saying, "It's her first three-star ever and her first night class ever. She still has a bit of a ways to go with her rideability, but it's getting better all the time."

"When I walked the course tonight, it looked like a very tough course, but she's a good mare," continued Sweetnam of the 10-year-old Belgian-bred mare he owns with Seabrook LLC. "She really gets on with her jump. In the jump-off, maybe I could have been a touch faster, but she did a great job; I'm very happy with her."

U.S. Olympic team silver medalist Kent Farrington rounded out the

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CONTINUING EXCELLENCE IN THE HUNTER RINGS AT WEF 3



Gabrielle Sokolow rode new mount Kindred to the championship in the Large Junior Hunter 15 & Under 3'6" at WEF 3. ©Sportfot

The Green Hunter 3'3" division came to a close on Thursday with the crowning of Maria Rasmussen and R&R as the champions. Rasmussen rode R&R, owned by Jill Abrams, to a first, two seconds, a fourth, and a fifth place ribbon in Equine Tack and Nutritional Ring 6.

Reserve champion of the Green Hunter 3'3" division went to John French, of San Juan Bautista, CA, and Lucky Strike. French and Lucky Strike, owned by Kent Farrington LLC earned two firsts, a fifth, and a seventh place.

Hunter competition in the Rost Ring continued on Friday as Krista Weisman and Concept won the Adult Amateur Hunter Younger (Section A) championship. Weisman rode her horse Concept to two first places and two second places in the division.

Not far behind was Lili Halterman and Kingston who received the title of reserve champion in the Adult Amateur Hunter Younger (Section A) division. Halterman, of New York, NY, rode her horse Kingston to two firsts, second, third, and fifth place.

Saturday morning in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring began with Gabrielle Sokolow and Kindred earning champion in the Large Junior Hunter 15 and Under division. Sokolow and her new mount Kindred won the under saddle and received additional first and second place ribbons to claim the championship title.

Kindred is a new ride for Sokolow, who has had the horse for less than a

week. Sokolow went to Ocala last week to try the horse as a prospect for the junior hunter division. It was clear that the pair was right for each other when they won all three classes and were champion in their first show together earlier this season. "We instantly knew that it was the right match!" commented Sokolow.

The eight-year-old gelding was then brought to Wellington, where he showed earlier in the week with Kate Conover. Sokolow, of Westlake Village, CA, then took over the ride on Kindred again and the pair was able to continue their winning streak. "He has such a great personality and the way he goes around the ring is just so pretty," said Sokolow of her new mount.

Reserve champion of the Large Junior 15 and Under went to Augusta Iwasaki of Calabasas, CA, and Lion. Iwasaki and Lion, owned by Davlyn Farms Inc., received two firsts and a seventh place to claim the reserve title.

Week 3 of the Winter Equestrian Festival came to a close with Sterling Malnik and Rockette claiming the Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 and Under championship in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring. The pair earned two firsts, a second, and a fifth place ribbon.

Right behind Malnik in points was Raina Swani and Stately, owned by Shadowfax Equestrian LLC. Swani, of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, and Stately received second, third, fourth, and eight places to earn reserve champion.

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WEEK 4 FEI JUMPERS AT THE DERBY FIELD

International jumpers move to the Derby Field at Equestrian Village at 13500 South Shore Blvd. Classes that will be held on the Derby Field on January 29 through February 1 include: \$6,000 Bainbridge 1.40M Jumpers (Wednesday, 10 a.m.), \$73,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 4 (Thursday, 10 a.m.), \$73,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic (Friday, 10 a.m.), and the \$214,000 Marshall & Sterling Insurance/Great American Insurance Group Grand Prix CSI 4* (Saturday, 11 a.m.).

\$15,000 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY "HUNT AND GO", PRESENTED BY CCTV AGENT

Hunter riders will have a chance to shine in the International Arena in the \$15,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby "Hunt and Go," presented by CCTV Agent on Friday, January 31, at 1:30 p.m. In the "Hunt and Go" format, exhibitors will complete a typical hunter round and then immediately begin a handy hunter round without exiting the arena to showcase the versatility of the hunter horse.

\$25,000 HERMÈS UNDER 25 TEAM EVENT

The popular Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix Series will hold its \$25,000 Team Event on Friday, January 31, at 4 p.m. in the Global Arena at Equestrian Village (13500 South Shore Blvd.). Watch some of the best young talent in the world compete in this Nations Cup-style event and cheer on your favorite team. General admission and parking are free.

\$214,000 MARSHALL & STERLING INSURANCE/GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE GROUP GRAND PRIX CSI 4*

The grand prix competition during WEF 4 will be featured on the grass derby field at Equestrian Village (home to the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival, 13500 South Shore Blvd.) on Saturday, February 1, at 11 a.m. The best show jumpers of the circuit qualify during the week to compete and show off their skills on the field. This always-exciting competition features the biggest jumps with daring jump-off rides for the best prize money.

"SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" - 11TH ANNUAL GREAT CHARITY CHALLENGE, PRESENTED BY FIDELITY INVESTMENTS*

The Great Charity Challenge presented by Fidelity Investments* (GCC) will be held during the fourth week of the Winter Equestrian Festival on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center. This family-friendly night will feature fun activities for the whole family and admission is free. Riding under the theme of "Broadway Musicals," equestrians will compete in support of 25 randomly drawn charities. The participating organizations and lucky grant recipients awarded that evening will receive a share of the \$1 million-plus purse, with 100% of all proceeds going straight to benefit the charities. Gates will open at 6 p.m. with the first horse in the ring at 7:00 p.m. Free off-site parking is located at the Equestrian Village/Adequan® Global Dressage Festival facility at 13500 South Shore Blvd., with free shuttle rides over to the PBIEC grounds. On-site parking at PBIEC is \$20 per carload. Valet is \$30.

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\$3,000 GROOM'S CLASS PRESENTED BY HORSELINC

Come show off your skills in the popular \$3,000 Groom's Class presented by HorseLinc during WEF 5 on Friday, February 7, at approximately 3 p.m. in Ring 10. Grooms are asked to register in the Show Office prior to the class. Ribbons and prizes will be presented! And, don't forget to save the date for the WEF 10 Groom's Class taking place on Friday, March 13.

MARS EVENTING SHOWCASE

The MARS Eventing Showcase will be held at Equestrian Village on February 8-9 with dressage on Saturday followed by stadium jumping and cross-country on Sunday. More than 20 top Eventing riders are expected to attend this Advanced level competition. Various Hospitality ticket options are available for purchase and include breakfast, lunch and open bar. Visit www.PBIEC.com for more information!

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USHJA/WCHR PETER WETHERILL PALM BEACH HUNTER SPECTACULAR HUNT GALA

The 2020 \$100,000 USHJA/WCHR Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular Hunt Gala will be held on Saturday, February 15, ringside in the International Club. Cocktails are served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reserve your table at USHJA.org/WCHRSpectacular!

DANNY AND RON'S RESCUE KIDS LIP SYNC TALENT SHOW BENEFIT

The 11th annual Kids Lip Sync Show benefitting Danny and Ron's Rescue will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2020, at 6 p.m. in the Special Events Pavilion. This year's "The Voice Edition" with new awards will feature special performances by iconic equestrians and children who believe in saving lives as well. To purchase tickets and more information, please visit <https://dannyrnsrescue.org/events>.

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The Ylvisaker Cup wraps up this week with semi-final and final matches at the International Polo Club Palm Beach.

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FULL GAME SCHEDULE BELOW.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

12:00 p.m.: Ylvisaker Semifinal – La Indiana vs. Stable Door Polo
3:00 p.m.: Ylvisaker Semifinal Patagones vs. Coca Cola

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

12:00 p.m.: George Haas Semifinal – Bracket I third vs. Bracket II fourth
3:00 p.m.: George Haas Semifinal – Bracket II third vs. Bracket I fourth

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:00 a.m.: George Haas Subsidiary Final
3:00 p.m.: Ylvisaker Cup Final

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 tailgate. All tickets for Sunday can be purchased online at www.internationalpoloclub.com.

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EXHIBITOR ALERT: NEW HUNTER DERBY IN WEF 8, GROOM’S CLASS RETURNS WEF 5

The \$25,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby is new to the WE8 schedule on Friday, February 28.

In an effort to feature the hunter discipline in new and innovative ways, the Week 8 \$25,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby will span both rings of Pony Island (Rings 11 and 12) to create a traditional derby field environment.

The event will be held over two rounds, both on Friday, February 28, beginning with a classic hunter round. The top 12 scores from the first round will then return to decide the overall winner in a handy round format. Awards will be presented after the first rounds and again for overall placings after the handy round.

To view complete specs for the \$25,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby, visit <https://pbiec.coth.com/category/show-forms>.

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podium on his up-and-coming mount Kaprice, owned by Farrington and Tanma Corp.

“This is the biggest class that she’s ever jumped, so she was going super high in the first round,” he said of the 10-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare. “I was trying to compete in the jump-off going as fast as I thought she’d be comfortable under the lights. Erin had an amazing round. I’ve known her since I was a kid riding in the Midwest, so I’m really excited to see her here in Wellington and coming out with a big win.”

Amanda Derbyshire (GBR) finished fourth riding Cornwall BH for Gochman Sport Horses. They were double-clear in 49.89 seconds, securing Derbyshire the Martha W Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Award for week three. Cameron Hanley (IRL) capped the top five on Kasper Van Het Hellehof for owner Poden Farms with the fastest four-fault jump-off round.

Allyn Mann of Adequan®, a colossal supporter of horse sport, was impressed with the level of competition converging in Wellington this weekend that spanned disciplines. “I think what’s amazing is this afternoon I was across the street watching some of the top dressage horses in the world compete. Then I hopped in a golf cart and took about a five-minute ride to come here to watch some of the top [show jumping] riders and horses in the country compete.

“This place is electric,” he continued. “We’re just all really blessed to be part of it.”

Lindsay Brock

FINAL RESULTS:

\$137,000 ADEQUAN® GRAND PRIX CSI3*

1 LEONIE: 2009 Oldenburg mare by Leo von Faelz x Chacco-Blue
ERIN DAVIS-HEINEKING (USA), October Hill Farm, Inc.: 0/0/45.51

2 KARLIN VAN ,T VENNEHOF: 2010 BWP mare by Fantomas De Muze X Quasimodo Vd Molendreef
SHANE SWEETNAM (IRL), Seabrook LLC and Shane Sweetnam: 0/0/45.67

3 KAPRICE: 2010 BWP mare by Echo van’t Spieveld x Carthago
KENT FARRINGTON (USA), Tanma Corp. & Kent Farrington: 0/0/46.02

4 CORNWALL BH: 2008 Holsteiner stallion by Con Air x Cambridge
AMANDA DERBYSHIRE (GBR), Gochman Sport Horses: 0/0/49.89

5 KASPER VAN HET HELLEHOF: 2010 BWP stallion by Emerald Van’t Ruytershof x Nabab de reve
CAMERON HANLEY (IRL), Poden Farms: 0/4/48.32

6 THEODORE MANCIAIS: 2007 Selle Français gelding by Kashmir van Schuttershof
SPENCER SMITH (USA), Torrey Pines & Ashland Farm: 0/6/61.93

7 FIGOR: 2010 KWPN gelding by Querly-Elvis x Indoctro
TIFFANY FOSTER (CAN), Artisan Farms, LLC: 1/74.04

8 VIVA COLOMBIA: 2005 Oldenburg mare by Couleur-Rubin x Landor S
BRIANNE GOUTAL-MARTEAU (USA), Rose Hill Farm: 1/74.47

9 KEOKI: 2009 Holsteiner gelding by Catoki x Cassini I
DAVID BLAKE (IRL), Pine Hollow Farm: 1/74.60

10 ENJOY LOUIS: 2004 Belgian Warmblood gelding by Coriano x Kannan
CATHERINE TYREE (USA), Mary & Joe Tyree: 1/75.10

11 EVITA: 2009 KWPN mare by Tangelo van de Zuuthoeve
THAISA ERWIN (AUS), Thaisa Erwin: 1/76.80

12 VILLAMOURA: 2009 mare by Diamant de Semilly
SYDNEY SHULMAN (USA), Jill Shulman: 4/66.72

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The Equestrian Sotheby's International Realty Children's Jumper 14 & Under champions were SL Sanhaco and Carolina Simas Rodrigues, presented by Ana Pican.



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Alexa Karet and Robin Greenwood's Astro Boy were the Always Faithful Equestrian Club Medium Pony Hunter champions.



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The Marshall & Sterling Adult Amateur Hunter Older Section B champion was Playbook, ridden by Carolyn Anderson.



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Mia Albelo and Cedan won the \$10,000 Vestrum Medium Junior Jumper Classic.



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In addition to winning the classic and championship in the Lugano Diamonds High Amateur-Owner Jumpers, Caitlin Creel and Friar were awarded the Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award by Laura Fetterman.



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Hallie Grimes rode Ace to the championship in the Griffis Residential High Junior Jumpers.

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While still shy of his 30th birthday (which happens during WEF 10), Daniel Bluman has accumulated an impressive list of career highs, including two Olympic Games performances and three FEI World Equestrian Games appearances for his birth country of Colombia and the country he currently represents, Israel. Daniel is a well-known winner at WEF and spends his time in Wellington with his family, including his wife Ariel, an amateur jumper rider, son Avi, and brand-new addition, son Eli.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST HORSE YOU RODE? WHAT IS YOUR FONDEST MEMORY AS A KID/JUNIOR?

I started riding when I was pretty young, so I have a lot of memories with different horses. I definitely remember the first horse who was mine. His name was Tremetal. I was about six or seven when my uncle picked me up from my house and said that we were going to the barn where my older cousins rode. I rode at a different place at the time. He took me where my cousins were riding because that's where the bigger kids rode. He told me, 'Okay, you're going to start riding here because now you're riding this horse who's your older cousin's, but now he's going to you.' That was my first horse. He wasn't really a good horse. He put me in the ground very often! After that, I actually upgraded a few months later to another one. Her name was Alita. She was actually very sweet and nice.

WHAT'S YOUR BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT IN LIFE SO FAR?

That's a hard question. I'd say being able to find a balance between having a high-level sport experience while also being able to have a family, which is something I've always dreamed about. I would say that's the thing I'm most proud of: To be able to have a balance between the two.

WHAT SUPERPOWER WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE?

I would like to be able to transport myself from one place to another. That definitely would be the most incredible superpower to have. I could be here now, then go home, and then come back tomorrow to show. Same with Europe and everywhere. Not having to go through the airports, airplanes, and traveling. If I could have that superpower, my life would be unreal!

WHAT'S SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I don't think there's anything that hasn't been said before!

WHAT'S THE LAST GIFT YOU GAVE SOMEONE?

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Dylan Clark won the Palm Beach Day Academy Cross Rail Hunter championship at WEF 2 with Empire's Paris.



Sophie Kassel and Opera, owned by Clayton Martines, were the ProElite Low Child/Adult Training Jumper champions.



The Bruno DelGrange Large Junior Hunter 16-17 championship went to Chevito and Sophia Mitchell.



Audrey Lopes and Code Red were the Prestige Italia USA Low Adult Amateur Jumper 18-35 champions.



The championship in the FarmVet Performance Hunter 3'3" Section B went to Sebastian, ridden by Tiffany Morrissey and owned by Stacey Shore Werner.



Lauren Bialy and Billboard were the Low Children's Hunter champions at WEF 2.



Isabella Roman (right) and Happily Ever After won the Palm Beach Day Academy Small/Medium Children's Pony Hunter as well as the Short Stirrup Hunter championship at WEF 3, while Amelia Burnside (left) and Blue Moon's Glass Slipper were the Short Stirrup Hunter reserve champions at WEF 3 and champions at WEF 2.

WEF 4 NEED TO KNOW: FOOTING
with Travis Gould of JTWG, Inc.



Before competition began at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center for the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival, a major change was made in the International Arena and warm-up ring. Equestrian Sport Productions hired a team of knowledgeable footing professionals to redesign the material and base of the arena to withstand the upcoming competition. One of those footing experts was Travis Gould of JTWG Inc.

Gould has been part of the equestrian industry since he was a child and now works on perfecting arena design and footing. JTWG Inc. provides all equestrian surfaces from mats for placement in stalls or an aisle, to installing and maintaining arenas.

Gould worked closely with a group of other professionals in order to create the perfect surface. The team included David Burton of Equestrian Sport Productions, Bart Poels from Bart Poels Equestrian, and Bill Hawe of iEquitek. "Our main goals were high performance, kindness to the horses, safety, tolerance of extreme weather, and ease of maintenance," described Gould.

The process of redesigning the footing and recreating the base was intricate and detail-oriented. Gould explained, "While the footing is what people see, it was really the entire system which needed to be redesigned. This included the base, the sub-base, drainage, [and more]."

The team began at the lab, in the hopes of exceeding the performance criteria of other international competition venues. "Our process was that every component that was to be a part of that arena was first tested in the lab, then measured in a test bed, then verified with professional test rides," said Gould. Since their expectations were so high, Gould and the other professionals had to actually invent their own footing. The team created 14 custom footings while searching for the perfect match. They then set up "test pads" for professional riders to use over a period of time to see how the footing held up.

Once the team finalized all the components, the installation process was simple. "When all the materials were in place, it was assembled in rapid fashion," commented Gould.

When creating good footing, Gould believes that it is important to understand what the arena will be used for. "Is it going to be an ultra competition arena like the International [Arena], or a training arena at a small farm? With higher levels of performance come a

higher level of required maintenance and extreme attention to details," he said.

Another factor that Gould believes is important to consider is that footing predictability can be difficult. He noted, "One needs to consider that every arena is different, not just in the goals of the arena, but the materials are quite often different. Many people don't understand this and think that high-quality footing is an off-the-shelf product."

In terms of how often footing should be redone, Gould believes that is dependent on how it was designed initially, what maintenance went into it, and how heavily the arena was used. Measuring and tracking performance and quality is an ongoing process that Gould and the rest of the assembled team are doing in the International Arena. "We will do little things along the way to keep it 'in tune,' rather than wait for a huge crisis and have to replace the entire thing," said Gould.

Overall, Gould is extremely pleased with the feedback he has heard about the footing in the International Arena. "Many of the very top international riders have said this is the first extreme performance arena they have ridden on which is also kind to their horse. The feedback from the riders has been phenomenal!"

Sabrina Brashares

WEF 3 JUMPER HIGHLIGHTS



Tiffany Foster and Northern Light captured victory in the \$37,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic. ©Sportfot

U.S. Olympic team gold medalist McLain Ward opened week three at the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) with a win riding Catoki in the \$37,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m CSI3*. With a second and a half to spare, Ward and the 10-year-old Holsteiner gelding (Catoki x Cartello B) bested a field of 48 over Kelvin Bywater's (GBR) two-phase course. Their time was enough to win over runner-up Darragh Kenny (IRL) aboard Billy Dorito, owned by Vlock Show Stables LLC, who posted a time of 31.22 seconds.

Rounding out the podium finishes, Catherine Tyree (USA) finished third riding BEC Lorenzo in 31.81 seconds for owner Mary Tyree. Jessica Springsteen took fourth on Stone Hill Farm's Tiger Lily in 32.54 seconds, while Great Britain's Jessica Mendoza capped the top five riding Dublin, owned by Windsor Farms.

Additional International Arena winners on Wednesday included Jessica Mendoza (GBR), who topped the \$6,000 Bainbridge 1.40m CSI3* riding Stella Levista, owned by Caroline Mawhinney, and Flore Giraud (FRA),

who claimed the \$6,000 Bainbridge 1.40m riding Voyou du Bobois for owner Delphine Giraud.

Abigail McArdle and Victorio 5 topped a field of 85 entries to win the \$37,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 3 CSI3* on Thursday. They were one of 11 entries to navigate the first-round course without fault and elect to return to face-off over the short course.

When McArdle returned to the ring, the time to beat had been set at 45.39 seconds by Lucas Porter (USA) and C Hunter, owned by Sleepy P Ranch, but quick foot speed and a skillful slice to one fence in particular would ultimately clinch the victory for McArdle with an unbeatable time of 43.98 seconds. Porter's time held up for second place, while third place with a time of 46.98 seconds went to Jessica Springsteen (USA) and RMF Tinkerbell, owned by Rushy Marsh Farm LLC.

Cameron Hanley (IRL) took fourth aboard Kasper van het Hellehof in 58.10 seconds for owner Poden Farms, while Quentin Judge (USA) capped the top five riding HH Quator, owned by Double H Farm to the fastest four-fault jump-off round.

Another Thursday winner was Tomas Yofre, who rode Jamaica in the \$8,000 Bainbridge 1.45m Jumpers.

Ward claimed his second win during week three of the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) in the \$37,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.45m CSI3* aboard Catoki. He and the 10-year-old Holsteiner gelding (Catoki x Cartello B) are a new partnership, but they have wasted no time getting to the winner's circle. The duo topped a field of 59 over Kelvin Bywater's (GBR) speed track by a nearly two-second margin over Mexico's Santiago Lambre and his own Doloris. Ward stopped the clock in 57.54 seconds, while Lambre settled for second in 59.12 seconds.

Adrienne Sternlicht (USA) and Just A Gamble finished in third on a time of 59.19 seconds for Starlight Farms 1 LLC, while Israel's Ashlee Bond took fourth aboard Belo Horizonte, owned by Little Valley Farms, in 59.46 seconds. Quentin Judge (USA) rounded out the top five riding HH Qualido 3, owned by Double H Farm, in 60.17 seconds.

Also winning in the International Arena at WEF on Friday, Beezie Madden (USA) topped the \$6,000 Bainbridge 1.40m riding Jiva, owned by Abigail Wexner, and Jessica Mendoza (GBR) claimed the \$6,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.40m CSI3* riding Stella Levista, for owner Caroline Mawhinney.

In the International Arena at WEF on Saturday, Caitlin Creel (USA) topped the \$15,000 SJHOF High Amateur/Owner Jumper Classic, presented by Lugano Diamonds, riding her own Friar M.

Canadian Olympian Tiffany Foster guided new mount Northern Light to a win in the \$37,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic to close out week three of the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) on Sunday, January 26.

From a starting field of 66, 10 horses advanced to course designer Kelvin Bywater's (GBR) jump-off track. Returning second, Foster put the foot speed of Northern Light, a nine-year-old Swedish Warmblood mare (Plot Blue x Contender) to good use and stopped the clock clear in 42.47 seconds over runner-up Catherine Tyree (USA) and BEC Lorenzo, owned by Mary Tyree.

Tyree posted a time of 42.56 seconds to finish fractions of a second off the lead, while Great Britain's Emily Moffitt jumped into the top three with Carlson 86 on a clear jump-off performance in 43.41 seconds for owner Poden Farms. Canadian Olympic champion Eric Lamaze took fourth riding Coco Bongo in 44.17 seconds for owner Artisan Farms, LLC, and Jonathan McCrea (USA) capped the top five on Aristoteles V, owned by Windsor Show Stables, in 44.28 seconds.

Wrapping up the week's competition on Sunday in the International Arena, Madison Rauschenbach (USA) won the \$10,000 SJHOF High Junior Jumper Classic, presented by Griffis Residential, riding her own Gillette B, while Lacey Gilbertson (USA) topped the \$10,000 Medium Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic, presented by Celebrity Cruises, aboard Viti de Longa, owned by Seabrook LLC.

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4. Brienne Goutal-Marteau (USA): 243
5. Adrienne Sternlicht (USA): 220

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3. Capt. Brian Courane (IRL): 106
3. Celso Ariani (BRA): 106
5. Mario Deslauriers (CAN): 88

Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix Standings

1. Emily Ward (GBR): 86
2. Sydney Shulman (ISR): 82
3. Catherine Wachtell (USA): 78.5
4. Natalie Dean (USA): 75.5
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