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MCLAIN WARD SCORES BRILLIANT VICTORY IN FIDELITY INVESTMENTS® GRAND PRIX CSI5*



McLain Ward and Noche de Ronda topped a thrilling jump-off to win the \$401,000 Fidelity Investments® Grand Prix CSI5*. ©Sportfoto

Two-time U.S. Olympic team gold medalist McLain Ward charged to a win in the \$401,000 Fidelity Investments® Grand Prix CSI5* in front of a packed International Arena riding Noche de Ronda during "Saturday Night Lights" at the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival on February 8 in Wellington, FL.

Forty of the world's best crossed the start timers to Anthony D'Ambrosio's and Andy Christiansen's (USA) first-round track with 12 posting perfect rounds to advance to a jump-off. U.S. Olympic team silver medalist Kent Farrington and Gazelle sat in the leading position on a time of 39.51 seconds when Ward entered the ring. To the roar of a home-country crowd, Ward and Noche de Ronda broke the timers double-clear and the ones to beat in 37.47 seconds.

"That's about all Ronda and I had to give," said Ward. "I think for any of us, at that level, when you get to go after the one that sets the time, you have a bit of an advantage. Normally, you come out by winning or crashing, one or the other. It all came off very nice and the horse really performed spectacular."

Ward got the ride on Noche de Ronda as part of a dream realized for owner Marilla van Beuren. Ward owns the 11-year-old Oldenburg mare (Quintender x Loves Corinth) together with her and Bob Russell. The mare was only jumping 1.35m with Ward a year ago when some

injuries in his string sent her on a plane to the CHIO Aachen Nations' Cup where she jumped double clear and paved the way for herself as a top contender for big events.

"Marilla has been in this game and been an avid fan and follower of the sport for many years, and it was her dream to own a grand prix horse," said Ward. "We found this mare last year with Maarten Huygens that was produced by Manuel Lecuona (MEX). It's been a really wonderful story for us and her. It's nice sometimes when the good guy wins."

The clear crowd favorite judging by the cheers they sent his way as he cleared the final fence of the jump-off, Ward admits that nights like this are still a thrill. "It doesn't get easier, the stress doesn't get less, but it's a little bit like a drug; I love it, and it's killing me at the same time," he said. "I'm very excited about these nights. I'm still nervous for the big nights, but I really find great pleasure in the fight. The victories are nice, but the battle and the fight between Kent and I and several others, in the end, is what gets our blood up."

Farrington and Gazelle lived up to the 14-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare's (Kashmir van Schuttershof x Indoctro) namesake and showcased their footspeed to finish the runner-up. "I got beat today by a top rider on a horse with a giant stride," said Farrington of his second-place performance. "He pulled out all the

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MARILYN LITTLE AND RF SCANDALOUS VICTORIOUS IN \$50,000 MARS EVENTING SHOWCASE



Riders Buck Davidson, Marilyn Little, and Phillip Dutton were joined by Bridgett McIntosh and Zack Berry of MARS Equestrian; Matt Varney and Chris and Rob Desino of Ocala Horse Properties; and Equestrian Sport Productions CEO Mark Bellissimo. Photo © SusanStickle.com

Victory in the \$50,000 MARS Eventing Showcase went to Marilyn Little and RF Scandalous on Sunday, February 9, at Equestrian Village at Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC). Little and RF Scandalous vaulted to the lead in the opening dressage phase on Saturday and held it through Sunday's show jumping and cross-country phases.

From a starting field of 40 horse and rider combinations, 33 advanced to the morning's show jumping phase, held on the beautiful grass derby field. Maintaining her lead from dressage, Marilyn Little (USA) and RF Scandalous added four faults in the show jumping phase and stood on 23.4 penalties.

With a clear round in show jumping, Buck Davidson (USA) and Carlevo moved from fourth place to second and had 28.6 penalties going into cross-country.

Six-time Olympian Phillip Dutton (USA) rode Z to a clear jumping round and sat just behind Davidson in third place following show jumping with 28.7 penalties.

Heading into the cross-country phase, which was designed by Capt. Mark Phillips, 28 combinations contested the track that included a two-stride "triple-brush arrowhead" combination, a water feature, and corners.

Dutton and Z, a 2008 Zangersheide gelding by Asca x Babouche VH

Gehucht Z owned by T. Tierney, S. Roosevelt, S. Lacy, A. Jones, and C. Moran, tallied a clear round to finish with 28.70 penalties, which would land them in third place at the conclusion of the class.

"I think it's obviously very early in the season, but it's great to get out in this atmosphere," said Dutton. "Doing the five-star dressage test was an advantage for us.

"I tried to go give them a run without stretching them too much at this stage of the year," Dutton continued, talking about not only his mount Z, but his second horse Fernhill Singapore. "I was really pleased with both horses and tried to keep them well and not stretch them too much. I think they had a good experience."

Another clear round came from Davidson and Carlevo, and their score of 28.60 would hold up for second place.

"[Carlevo is] certainly good at this stuff," said Davidson of the 2007 Holsteiner gelding by Eurocommerce Caresino x Levernois owned by Carlevo LLC. "Show jumping is getting better and the owner and I sat down and thought about maybe selling him, but we figured he'd be good for these kinds of things. He's a nice horse to have in the barn, [and] he's a really sweet horse. He's good in all three phases, and he was very good this weekend."

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PBIEC WEEK 5&6 UPCOMING EVENTS

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

On Thursday, February 13, the Lunch & Learn Series continues for the 2020 season. Held every Thursday 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 6 Lunch & Learn topic is "When Natural Disasters Strike: Who responds? Are you and your trainer prepared? How can you effectively help in times of need?" sponsored by The Foundation for the Horse and Havensafe Farm. Contact Miranda Tiona at 561-784-1137 or mtiona@equestriansport.com for more information.

\$37,000 EQUINIMITY WEF CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 6

The \$37,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 6 moves over to Equestrian Village at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, home of the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (13500 South Shore Blvd.) on Thursday, February 13, at 11 a.m. in the Global International Arena. General admission and parking are free.

\$137,000 GRAND PRIX CSI 3*

The grand prix competition during WEF 6 will be featured during "Friday Night Stars" at Equestrian Village (13500 South Shore Blvd.) in the Global International Arena on Friday, February 14, at 7 p.m. The best show jumpers of the circuit qualify during the week to compete and show off their skills in the \$137,000 Grand Prix CSI 3*. Admission is free and parking is \$20/car with \$30 valet available.

\$37,000 CAPTIVEONE ADVISORS 1.50M CLASSIC

The \$37,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic is the jumper feature on Saturday, February 15. It will be held at 12 p.m. on the grass derby field at Equestrian Village at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, home of the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (13500 South Shore Blvd.). General admission and parking are free.

"SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" - \$100,000 USHJA/WCHR PETER WETHERILL PALM BEACH HUNTER SPECTACULAR

The \$100,000 USHJA/WCHR Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular returns to WEF as the highlight hunter event of the season on Saturday, February 15, at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss the best professional, amateur, and junior hunter riders go head-to-head over a beautiful hunter course set in the International Arena. Admission is free, parking is \$20/car.

BUY YOUR HUNT GALA TICKETS!

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 www.USHJA.org/WCHRSpectacular.

SUNDAY JUMPERS ON THE DERBY FIELD

Enjoy a beautiful Sunday watching jumpers on the grass derby field at Equestrian Village (13500 South Shore Blvd.) on Sunday, February 16, with the \$25,000 Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix at 9 a.m. and the \$25,000 CP Grand Prix at 1 p.m.

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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WEF SPORT HORSE AUCTION VIEWING

On Tuesday, February 18, at 3 p.m., there will be a presentation of VDL horses for the WEF Sport Horse Auction presented under saddle and jumping in the International Arena at the WEF show grounds of PBIEC. Refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided and a cash bar is available in The International Club.

EQUUS FOUNDATION "FOR THE LOVE OF HORSES" BENEFIT

The 2020 EQUUS Foundation "Saturday Night Lights" Benefit, presented by Boston Private will be held on Saturday, February 22, in The Wellington Club. Cocktails will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and ringside viewing of the \$401,000 Grand Prix CSI 5*. Learn more and RSVP at <https://www.equusfoundation.org/wef>.

THE VEUVE CLICQUOT SUITES - AVAILABLE SATURDAY NIGHT!

Located in the Special Events Pavilion, The Veuve Clicquot Suites are available on select Saturday Night Lights events throughout WEF - reserve your seats for the \$401,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI5* on Saturday, February 22. Prime viewing, a full buffet, and premium bar options in a semi-private suite catered by White Horse Catering, this is the place to host friends and family or even a corporate get-together. Each suite accommodates up to 22 people. Availability is on first-come, first-served basis, so book now before they all fill up! Contact 561-784-1136 to book your Suite today.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

12:00 p.m.: Las Monjitas vs. Coca Cola
 3:00 p.m.: Park Place vs. Cessna

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

10:30 a.m.: Postage Stamp Farm vs. Old Hickory Bourbon
 12:30 p.m.: Pilot vs. Tonkawa
 3:00 p.m.: Santa Clara vs. Dutta Corp

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

3:00 p.m.: U.S. Polo Assn. 40-Goal Polo Challenge on Field 1

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

10:00 a.m.: Patagones vs. Daily Racing Form
 12:00 p.m.: Equuleus vs. Coca Cola
 3:00 p.m.: Cessna vs. La Indiana

Join us for the fun-filled 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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GROOM'S CLASS WINNER: LUIS RODRIGUEZ



*\$3,000 Groom's Class, presented by HorseLinc winner Luis Rodriguez.
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Luis Rodriguez outshined the competition in the annual \$3,000 Groom's Class presented by HorseLinc during Week 5 of the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival. The class, which took place Friday at Ring 10, includes a division for both hunters and jumpers.

Varsity was the horse that Rodriguez showed off by grooming to the top spot of the hunter section. Rodriguez has been grooming for 12 years and currently works for Jennifer Hannan of Ocean Echo Farm. Varsity, owned by Jane Fisher, competes in the Green Hunter 3' division with Jennifer Hannan.

This is the third year in a row that a groom from Ocean Echo Farm has won the hunter division of the coveted Groom's Class at the Winter Equestrian Festival. Last year the top honors went to Abelardo Sanchez and Patricia Fulchino's Best Regards.

One of Rodriguez's favorite aspects of grooming is being with the horses. "I like spending time with the horses. It's relaxing," Rodriguez described.

In terms of tips and tricks to be a successful groom, Rodriguez believes that a good work ethic is most important and can go a long way. "You have to work hard," Rodriguez explained. "Just keep going; if one thing doesn't work, try something else."

Sabrina Brashares



HUNTER PREPARE FOR WCHR WEEK, EQUITATION RIDERS CONTINUE COMPETITION



*Jennifer Bauersachs and Another Love were the champions of the High Performance Conformation Hunters.
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Hunter competition during Week 5 of the Winter Equestrian Festival continued on Thursday with Jennifer Bauersachs and Another Love claiming champion in the High Performance Conformation Hunters. The duo won the model and the under saddle and also received two firsts, a second, and a fourth in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring.

Reserve champion of the High Performance Conformation Hunters went to Christopher Payne and Fibonacci, owned by Still Water Farm LLC. Payne, of Cincinnati, OH, and Fibonacci received one first place, four seconds, and a sixth place to earn the reserve title.

Friday morning began with Cara McFadden riding Contigo 37 to the win in the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal in the Equine Tack and Nutritionals Ring 6. The pair rose to the top in the jumping phase with a score of 84 and were also first in the flat phase of the class.

Second place in the Medal went to Chase Finizio, of Boca Raton, FL, and his horse Empire. The pair scored an 83 to finish right behind McFadden. Sterling Malnik, of Ocean Ridge, FL, rode her horse Charlie to a score of 79.5 to earn third in the class.

Equitation competition started Saturday morning at the South Ring with Sterling Malnik riding to the win in the THIS Children's Medal 14 and Under. Malnik rode her mount, Charlie, to a score of an 84 in the jumping phase and then rose to the top in the test.

Second place went to Elodie Watrous and Quintus Rubin, owned by Joyride Eq, LLC, who scored an 85 in the jumping phase. Watrous, of Wilmette, IL, and her mount were able to maintain their second place spot after the test. Third place was awarded to Alea Lasaponara, of Campbell Hall, NY, and her horse Claas C'Obolensky, who received an 83 in the first round and rose one spot to earn third after the test.

On Sunday morning, Hollin Sutherland and Cambridge captured the championship of the Children's Hunter Older division in Ring 7. Out of 23 entries, Sutherland and her horse earned two firsts, two seconds, and an eighth place.

Not far behind in points were Claire Healy, of Cincinnati, OH, and her mount Jade. Healy piloted Jade, owned by Shaw Johnson Price, to two firsts, second, third, and a seventh place ribbon.

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The Fork @TIEC	April 3-5	National BN-A/CCI 2*S,3*S,4*S
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Tryon Welcome 4	April 8-12	Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 3
Tryon Spring Dressage 1	April 16-19	National/FEI CDI 3*
Katydid Spring Driving @TIEC	April 24-26	National/FEI CAI 1*, 2*

SPRING SERIES

Tryon Spring 1	April 29-May 3	Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 6
Tryon Spring Dressage 2	May 2-3	National
Tryon Spring 2	May 5-10	National/Hunter A/Jumper 4
Carolina Classic Reining @ TIEC	May 6-10	National
Tryon Spring 3	May 13-17	Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 4
Tryon Spring 4	May 20-24	Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 6/FEI CSI 2*
Tryon Spring 5	May 26-31	Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 6/FEI CSI 3*
Tryon Spring 6 TR&HC Charity Horse Show	June 2-7	Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 6/FEI CSI 3*

SUMMER SERIES

Tryon Summer Dressage 1 & 2	June 12-14	National/FEI CPEDI 3*
Tryon Summer 1	June 12-14	Regional 1/Hunter B/Jumper 3
Tryon Summer 2	June 19-21	Regional 1/Hunter B/Jumper 3
Tryon Summer 3	June 24-28	Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 6/FEI CSI 2*
Tryon Summer 4	June 30-July 5	Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 6/FEI CSI 3*
Tryon Summer 5	July 7-12	Regional 1/Hunter B/Jumper 6/FEI CSI 2*
Tryon Summer 6	July 14-19	Regional 1/Hunter B/Jumper 6/FEI CSI 3*
Tryon Summer Dressage 3 & 4	August 8-9	National

FALL SERIES

Tryon Fall Dressage 1 & 2	September 11-13	National
Blue Ridge Mountain Horse Trials @ TIEC	September 12-13	National BN-A
Tryon Fall 1	September 18-20	Regional 1/Hunter B/Jumper 3
Tryon Fall 2	September 23-27	Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 6
Tryon Fall 3	Sept. 30-Oct. 4	Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 6/FEI CSI 2*
Tryon Fall 4	October 6-11	Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 6/FEI CSI 3*
Tryon Fall 5	October 13-18	Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 6/FEI CSI 5*
Tryon Fall 6	October 20-25	Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 6/FEI CSI 2*
Tryon Fall Dressage 3	October 23-25	National/FEI CDIW

FALL FESTIVAL SERIES

Young Horse Show Finals	November 5-8	
Tryon Fall Festival 2	November 13-15	Regional/Hunter B/Jumper 3
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MARS EVENTING SHOWCASE (Cont.)

Davidson felt that the MARS Eventing Showcase was “a fantastic opportunity” to prepare his horses early in their competition season, especially with a cross-country course that let the riders learn where their horses sit going into a big season of the five-star event in Kentucky in April and the Tokyo Olympic Games later this summer.

“I think it was fast enough without kind of going crazy,” Davidson said of the course. “It was a unique event that feels a little bit more like a cross-country school than it does a big competition. I think it is a good thing for the young horses to be able to get this atmosphere and deal with all the other things going on. Full credit to [Mark Phillips] and everybody here that put on a great show. The footing was perfect and it was a fun week.”

Little and RF Scandalous ended with 4.80 time penalties on the cross-country course, but despite that, her early lead gave her the buffer to hold onto the victory with a total of 28.20 penalties.

“I’m disappointed that the performance in the cross-country wasn’t better, but this is a three-phase event, and she also did put in two wonderful performances,” said Little. “Although she did have a rail this morning [in show jumping], the score wasn’t indicative of the performance because she’s just come so far. To me, to know what she was dealing with out there on course, I have so much respect for her.

“I wish that this afternoon had gone better, and yet, in sports sometimes we have wonderful days. We deserve to have a great placing and it doesn’t happen,” Little continued. “I was disappointed in the performance this afternoon, but the horse still deserves all of the accolades and all of the credit because her heart was so huge. It was just a rough day out there. But she still came in and she still stood in the stall very proud of herself. That is what sports are about.”

It was a highly competitive class, with the top four finishers within one point of each other. Fourth place went to Elisabeth Halliday-Sharp (USA) on Deniro Z with 29 penalties.

Little was circumspect about her win, acknowledging that while cross-country didn’t go as planned, it was still important for her to come away with victory.

“I’ve been so blessed to have the ride on a horse that just goes out there, and she tries every time,” said Little of the 2005 Oldenburg mare (Carry Gold x Richardia x Lario) owned by Jacqueline B. Mars and Phoebe and Michael Manders. “For me, in many ways, this is a hometown show. It’s just really one of the greatest honors of my life to ride a horse for Mrs. Mars, who I think of as one of the greatest horsewomen this country has ever known and certainly one of the greatest sportsmen and supporters of our national program. I’m so grateful that Mars Equestrian took on the sponsorship here, because I do think it’s an important event and a very meaningful one for me. I’m glad that Scandalous could be the winner of her event. It means a lot.”



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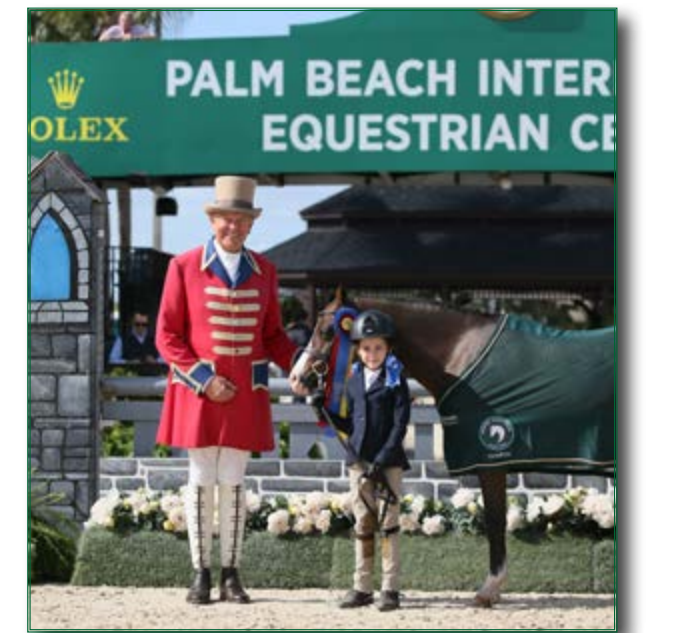
Tiffany Morrissey and Sebastian, owned by Stacey Shore Werner, were the FarmVet Performance Hunter 3'3" Hunter champions.



Nancy Batchelor's Con Couer won the Cross Rail Hunter Older division.



Dylan Clark and Empire's Paris won a section of the Cross Rail Hunter Younger champions.



The other Cross Rail Hunter Younger championship for WEF 5 went to iFlirt and Grace Stenbeck-Werner.



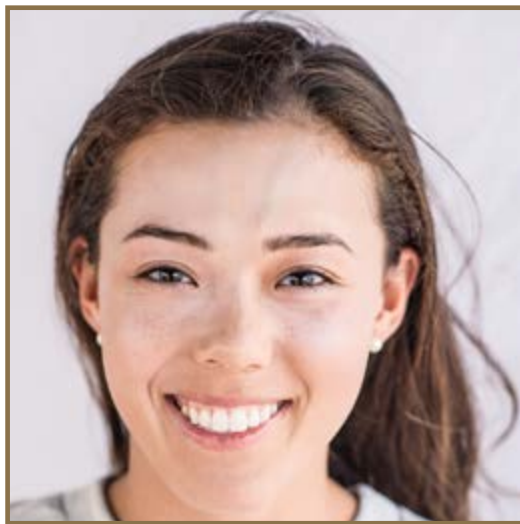
Anderin's Pick Pocket and Sophia Pessoa were the Walk/Trot champions.



Donnalaris, owned by Mary Beth Canfield and ridden by Molly Canfield, was the Maria Mendelsohn, Douglas Elliman Low Junior Jumper champion at WEF 4.

INTERNATIONAL RIDER PROFILE

Karen Polle



Karen Polle ©Elena Lusenti

As one of the most talented young riders in the world, 27-year-old Karen Polle, who grew up riding in the U.S. but represents Japan, is preparing for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. She and her thrilling partner, With Wings, have ascended to the podium three times in the last three years in five-star grand prix events at WEF. As an Hermès Partner Rider, Karen will be a force once again in 2020 with horses With Wings, Kino, and Celine.

Do you remember the first horse you rode? What's a fond memory from your junior years?

The first horse I ever rode was BG, which stood for Bay Girl. She was a schooling pony at the farm I started at. I thought she was the most majestic horse I'd ever seen, but looking back I think she was kind of old and chubby! She was the sweetest horse and perfect for a beginner. She was very kind, understanding, and knew her job was to keep the kid safe. My family didn't know anything about horses. We didn't know show jumping was a sport. I don't think we even knew you could jump horses. We had this country house in New Jersey that we'd go to every weekend because my grandparents live there, and we used to drive past this little stable. One day, I was looking out the window and told my dad, "I really want to try riding a pony." So, he called them and scheduled a lesson for the following weekend. I went and didn't have any equipment or anything. I borrowed a helmet from them and showed up in these super shiny rainboots. I think I just walked in a circle on a lunge line, and I loved it! I came back the next weekend, started taking lessons on Saturday and Sunday, then started summer camp there. I was hooked!

What would you say is your biggest accomplishment in life so far?

I'd say making it to the individual final of the [FEI World Equestrian Games Tryon 2018] (WEG). Only 25 riders got to go, and that was my first championship. I'd never jumped courses that big before. I was definitely intimidated and overwhelmed because all of the top riders were there with their best horses. It was always sort of a secret dream I had to make it to the individual final, and when I did, it was really cool! Related to that, in order to make it, I had to go clear the third day. If I had one down, I wasn't going to make it. That was so much pressure. To go clear that day and make it to the individual final were my biggest accomplishments. The adrenaline you

get from moments like that is unreal! It's really rewarding and doesn't happen often, but it's really cool when it does.

Who would play you in a movie about your life?

I really like Jennifer Lawrence, so I would be honored if she played me!

What superpower would you like to have?

I have a couple that I'd like to have. It'd be flying, invisibility, or speaking every language in the world. I'd probably say flying or speaking every language in the world.

What's something that people don't know about you?

My first language was Japanese by a little bit. I can fluently speak Japanese and English. I took French in school for 13 years, but I can't really speak a word of it!

What horse would you want to ride that you haven't, and why?

For me, it'd be Alice, the world champion. What an honor! I think she's an amazing horse. She can do everything. She jumped the WEG every day like it was nothing. I was really impressed by her athleticism. She's also really fast, so she can win in Grand Prix classes. To be able to do all of that is really cool.

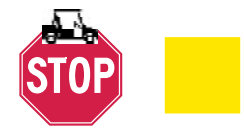
What's your favorite thing about WEF?

I think my favorite thing about WEF is "Saturday Night Lights." I love when you go to the course walk and the sun is setting. When the class starts, the ring is lit up and everything else is dark, and it feels really special. The atmosphere is always very electric. I just love that! I just love the energy. The showgrounds are always so busy, and then everything gets quiet except for the ring. It's so nice. I get so much adrenaline when I jump, especially when it goes well, so I can never sleep afterwards. I go home and am just so hyper!

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MADISON GOETZMANN RISES TO THE TOP IN RUSHY MARSH FARM GRAND PRIX CSI2*

Competition during week five of the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) came to a close under perfect conditions for Madison Goetzmann (USA), winner of the \$50,000 Rushy Marsh Farm Grand Prix CSI2*.

Balancing her freshman year of college at the University of Richmond in Richmond, VA, with her time in the show ring has not slowed 19-year-old Goetzmann down one bit. She and her long-time mount Prestigious topped a field of 44 over tracks built by Anthony D'Ambrosio (USA) and Andy Christiansen (ECU) to highlight two-star competition during week five.

"Going into the jump-off, I had my competitive edge on and my horse is very fast and reliable in the jump-off," said Goetzmann. "It was a really great track for my horse; the stride options were forward, and he's a smaller horse so having those strides set that way with tight turns right after really gave me an advantage. I knew I had a good shot and I gave it my all. He goes in every time and wants to win. I'm lucky to have him!"

Goetzmann has progressed to FEI competition with Prestigious, a 13-year-old Westphalian gelding (Con Cento x Corofino) after they got to know each other in the 1.30m division. "We found him in Kuwait where he was jumping 1.20m with an amateur and we took our time moving up, but the last two years we have been focusing on the two-stars. His scope is incredible, and I remember when I was younger thinking it might take a little longer than I thought to get to this level."



Balancing school and competition, 19-year-old Madison Goetzmann won the \$50,000 Rushy Marsh Farm Grand Prix CSI2* with Prestigious. © Sportfot

With the help of Goetzmann's trainers John Madden and U.S. Olympic team gold medalist Bezie Madden, the progression has been easier than she ever expected. The 2020 season, however, marks the first time Goetzmann is studying outside of Wellington for the season and has to balance travel into her schedule.

"I've been coming to WEF since I was eight years old and my public school at home was very understanding, so this is the first winter that I'm going back and forth," said Goetzmann, who hails from Skaneateles, NY. "My first show since September was week three and we were clear in both 1.45m three-star classes. I was nervous, but I think Prestigious made it easy for me. I have so much confidence in him because we have such a strong partnership."

Jumping into the runner-up position, Chloe Reid (USA) finished second riding Souper Shuttle, owned by Live Oak Plantation LLC. They posted a jump-off time of 38.21 seconds, just fractions of a second off Goetzmann's pace. Still less than a second behind the leader, Brazilian Olympic champion Rodrigo Pessoa rounded out the podium finishing in third on Carlito's Way 6, owned by Artemis Equestrian Farm LLC, in 39 seconds flat.

Ireland's Cameron Hanley took fourth aboard Kasper van het Hellehof for Poden Farms, while Maria Costa (USA) capped the top five on Valentino V Z, owned by Ravello Farms LLC.

👉 Lindsay Brock

WEF 5 JUMPER HIGHLIGHTS



Kent Farrington won the \$137,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 5 with Austria 2. © Sportfot

Mexico's Santiago Lambre opened week five of the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) with a win in the \$37,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m CS15* riding Doloris on Wednesday. Coming off a CSI2* grand prix victory during the opening FEI week of WEF, and the runner-up ribbon in last week's CSI4* grand prix, Lambre christened week five with another podium finish. Topping 66 horses over a course designed by Anthony D'Ambrosio and Andy Christiansen, Jr., Lambre and his 12-year-old KWPN mare (Harley VDL x Colorado D) posted a blistering fast jump-off time of 24.82 seconds.

Ireland's Darragh Kenny finished second to Lambre in 25.74 seconds riding Carthano for Oakland Ventures LLC, while fellow Irishman Jordan Coyle rounded out the podium in 25.74 seconds on Elan Farm's Essener Crixus. Todd Minikus (USA) and Amex Z finished fourth for Bit By Bit Group, while Israel's Daniel Bluman capped the top five on Entano, owned by Over the Top Stables LLC.

Also earning wins in the International Arena at WEF on Wednesday, Kristen Vanderveen (USA) topped the Bainbridge 1.40m CS15* riding Sebastian for Mattie Hatcher, and Hayley Barnhill (USA) won the Rushy Marsh Farm 1.40m CSI2* riding RMW Georgie for owner Mary Shirley.

Riding out of the 12th spot in a jump-off field of 19, Kent Farrington (USA) sped through the timers to win the \$137,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 5 CS15* riding Austria 2, owned by Take the High Road LLC, on Thursday.

The first round of the WEF Challenge Cup had 52 entries, and with 19 clear over the course designed by Anthony D'Ambrosio and Andy Christiansen Jr., speed was all-important. The early lead was set by Capt. Brian Cournane (IRL) and Penelope Cruz, owned by Cournane and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stiller, at 43.15 seconds, which would hold up for fifth place. The leading time dropped down to 41.56 seconds when Olympic individual gold medalist Eric Lamaze (CAN) piloted The Chacco Kid Group's Chacco Kid around the short course. They would end on a podium finish in third place. Karl Cook (USA) and Caillou 24, owned by Helen Signe Ostby, slotted into fourth place with a jump-off time of 41.70 seconds.

But it was Farrington and Austria 2 as the next pair into the ring that would set a blazing time of 40.68 seconds that would remain untouched for the remaining seven trips. Coming closest to Farrington was Adrienne Sternlicht (USA) on Starlight Farms 1 LLC's Just A Gamble, who posted a time of 40.98 seconds for second place.

Irish rider Bertram Allen showcased the foot speed of his mount Lafayette van Overis on their way to a win in the \$37,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.45m CS15* on Friday. Twenty-one horses jumped clear over Anthony D'Ambrosio (USA) and Andy Christiansen Jr.'s (USA) speed track from a starting field of 53. Allen and the nine-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding (Kashmir van Schuttershof x Tauber van het Kapelhof) posted a time of 59.91 seconds that bested Mexico's Santiago Lambre aboard his own Doloris by less than a second for the top spot. Lambre settled for the runner-up spot in 60.71 seconds.

Allen pulled off a bookend podium performance by also finishing third riding Quiet Easy 4 for the Gjelsten Family with a time of 60.78 seconds. Kristen Vanderveen (USA) took fourth on Mattie Hatcher's Sebastian with a time of 60.80 seconds, while Richard Fellers (USA) capped the five on Steelbi in 61.46 seconds for owner Kathleen Waldorf.

Also winning in the International Arena, Brazilian Olympic champion Rodrigo Pessoa topped the \$37,000 Rushy Marsh Farm 1.45m CSI2* riding Carlito's Way 6 for owner Artemis Equestrian Farm LLC.

It was a busy and successful day in the saddle for Canadian Tiffany Foster who rode one of her two mounts to the winner's circle and placed sixth with her second horse in the \$73,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic CS15*.

From a field of 53, only seven advanced to the jump-off as they commanded a tricky first round course set by D'Ambrosio and Christiansen. Foster and Brighton had a blazing time in the jump-off, stopping the timers at 34.59 seconds.

In second place was Ireland's Bertram Allen aboard Lafayette Van Overis in a time of 34.90 seconds, followed by Lucas Porter (USA) on Hope Street in 35.134 seconds. Fourth place went to Shane Sweetnam (IRL) on Deleyn in 35.20 seconds, and fifth was Alexandra Thornton (GBR) riding Charielle to a jump-off time of 36.77 seconds.



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FINAL RESULTS: \$50,000 RUSHY MARSH FARM GRAND PRIX CSI2*

- 1 PRESTIGIOUS:** 2007 Westphalian gelding by Con Cento x Corofino MADISON GOETZMANN (USA), Madison Goetzmann: 0/0/38.15
- 2 SOUPER SHUTTLE:** 2011 Hanoverian mare by Stakkato x La Zarras 2 CHLOE REID (USA), Live Oak Plantation LLC: 0/0/38.21
- 3 CARLITO'S WAY 6:** 2010 Holsteiner gelding by Casal x Lordanos RODRIGO PESSOA (BRA), Artemis Equestrian Farm LLC: 0/0/39.00
- 4 KASPER VAN HET HELLEHOF:** 2010 BWP stallion by Emerald Van't Ruytershof x Nabab de reve CAMERON HANLEY (IRL), Poden Farms: 0/0/39.89
- 5 VALENTINO V Z:** 2009 Zangersheide stallion by Verdi x Converter MARIA COSTA (USA), Ravello Farms LLC: 0/0/40.09
- 6 DIAMANTS AURORA:** 2010 Hanoverian mare by Dirado x Chacco Blue JESSICA MENDOZA (GBR), Jessica Mendoza: 0/0/40.20
- 7 JASMIJN:** 2009 Belgian Warmblood mare by Diamant de Semilly x Montender JONATHAN MCCREA (USA), Windsor Show Stables: 0/0/41.25
- 8 PERFORMANCE EP:** 2009 Oldenburg mare by Lord Pezi x Grandeur SARAH SEGAL (USA), Robert Segal: 0/0/41.99
- 9 CHAGRAND:** 2009 Oldenburg gelding by Chacco-Blue x Conterno Grande MICHAEL BURNETT (USA), Michael Burnett: 0/4/39.77
- 10 CASCO 11:** 2009 Holsteiner gelding by Caspar x Colman LAUREN TISBO (USA), Tequestrian Farms LLC: 0/4/40.02
- 11 LEGOLAS TER WILGEN:** BWP stallion by Emmerton x Chin Chin EMILIE CONTER (BEL), Stephex Stables: 0/4/40.62
- 12 GABLITZ P:** 2011 KWPN gelding by Ukato x Cartano ANDREW WELLES (USA), Anne Arredondo Brekke: 0/4/42.99

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS GRAND PRIX

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stops and took a big risk to win and pulled it off. It was a good win for McLain.

“I’m very happy with my horse; I’m very unhappy with second!” joked Farrington. “When we’re going against each other, these are the best riders in the world. My hat’s off to him for a big win.”

Canadian Olympic champion Eric Lamaze rounded out the podium riding Chacco Kid, owned by Chacco Kid Group. Their time was within a second of Farrington’s on a final tally of 39.69 seconds.

“Anthony did a great job [with the course] tonight,” said Lamaze. “He provided some entertainment in the jump-off! I always say, ‘It’s how your distances come out of the corner.’ If they come up and they’re quick, you take them. But, sometimes they don’t come. For McLain, they were there.

“It was a great class, and I’m so grateful to have this horse,” continued Lamaze of his 14-year-old Oldenburg gelding (Chacco Blue x Come On). “He’s a real fighter and he’s careful. He’ll try his heart out for you. When you feel that underneath you, you can enter a lot of classes.”

Nicole Shahinian-Simpson (USA) sat in the lead for a time, but settled for fourth aboard Akuna Mattata for owner Silver Raven Farms in 40.75 seconds, while Paris Sellon (USA) capped the top five riding Cassandra, owned by Willow Grace Farms, in 41.15 seconds.

Lindsay Brock



FINAL RESULTS: \$401,000 FIDELITY INVESTMENTS® GRAND PRIX CSIS*

- 1 NOCHE DE RONDA:** 2009 Oldenburg mare by Quintender x Loves Corinth MCLAIN WARD (USA), Bob Russell, Marilla van Beuren, and McLain Ward: 0/0/37.47
- 2 GAZELLE:** 2006 Belgian Warmblood mare by Kashmir van Schuttershof x Indoctro KENT FARRINGTON (USA), Kent Farrington & Robin Parsky: 0/0/39.51
- 3 CHACCO KID:** 2006 Oldenburg gelding by Chacco Blue x Come On ERIC LAMAZE (CAN), Chacco Kid Group: 0/0/39.69
- 4 AKUNA MATTATA:** 2008 Holsteiner mare by Quinar x Landwind II NICOLE SHAHINIEN-SIMPSON (USA), Silver Raven Farms: 0/0/40.75
- 5 CASSANDRA:** 2008 Swedish Warmblood mare by Caressini L x Cardento PARIS SELLON (USA), Willow Grace Farms: 0/0/41.15
- 6 FIGOR:** 2010 KWPN gelding by Querly-Elvis x Indoctro TIFFANY FOSTER (CAN), Artisan Farms LLC: 0/0/41.49
- 7 KARLIN VAN ,T VENNEHOF:** 2010 BWP mare by Fantomas De Muze X Quasimodo Vd MolendreefSHANE SWEETNAM (IRL), Seabrook LLC and Shane Sweetnam: 0/4/38.48
- 8 JUST A GAMBLE:** 2009 BWP mare by Toulon x Corofino ADRIENNE STERNLICHT (USA), Starlight Farms 1 LLC: 0/4/39.71
- 9 DICAS:** 2009 Rheinlander gelding by Diarado x Cassini I MARGIE ENGLE (USA), Storm Ridge Capital LLC, Show Horses, Garber & Gladewinds Partners LLC: 0/4/40.34
- 10 KOSS VAN HEISTE:** 2009 Belgian Warmblood gelding by Breemeersen adorado x Contact vd HeffinckCONOR SWAIL (IRL), Eadaoin Collins: 0/4/40.84
- 11 ANTIDOTE DE MARS:** 2010 Selle Français stallion by Diamant de Semilly x Jarnac BLISS HEERS (USA), Bridgeside Farms, LLC: 0/4/42.30
- 12 DIABLEUR:** 2008 KWPN gelding by Berlin x Major de la Cour ERYNN BALLARD (CAN), Emma Waldfogel: 0/Elim.

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WEF 5 Award Winners



Kelly Mullen on Flashdance was named the Omega Alpha Healthy Horse Award winner at WEF 5.



The Equestrian Sotheby's International Realty Children's Jumper 14 & Under championship went to Kate Neily riding Toujours, presented by Kirsten Kopp



The Vita Flex Tack Room Award at WEF 5 was awarded to Makoto Farm, with Elizabeth Reilly accepting the award.



Taylor Cawley won both sections of the Always Faithful Equestrian Club Medium Pony Hunter riding Farnley Corsair for Glade Run Farm LLC and By4Now for Robin Greenwood, presented by Pat Mann, Ardyn Allesie, and George Schumacher.



For the first time in her career, Adrienne Sternlicht was named the Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider for WEF 5, presented by Martha Jolicoeur and Dr. Stephen Norton.



Ravello, ridden by Elizabeth Boyd and owned by Summit Farms LLC, won the Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award presented by Laura Fetterman.



Stephanie Danhaki and Tufton Avenue won the Palm Beach Equine Clinic Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'6" 18-35 championship, presented by Beth Lawler and Dr. Santiago Demierre.



Presented by Maggie Lora, the Prestige Italia USA Low Adult Jumper 18-35 championship went to Chipie BFZ, ridden by Madison Papariello.

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WEF WEEK 5



LEADING LADY JUMPER RIDER, sponsored by Martha Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman Real Estate (after 10 qualifying events)

1. Lillie Keenan (USA): 453
2. Tiffany Foster (CAN): 360
3. Abigail McArdle (USA): 358
4. Jessica Springsteen (USA): 350
5. Kristen Vanderveen (USA): 344

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1. Bliss Heers (USA): 162
2. Darragh Kenny (IRL): 143
3. Eric Lamaze (CAN): 137
4. Adrienne Sternlicht (USA): 136
5. Peter Lutz (USA): 134



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1. Emily Ward (GBR): 134
2. Catherine Wachtell (USA): 129.50
3. Sydney Shulman (ISR): 125
4. Isabella Russekoff (USA): 109.50
5. Sam Walker (CAN): 108.50



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Ravello, ridden by Elizabeth Towell Boyd and owned by Summit Farms LLC

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