



WEEKLY WIRE

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VICTORIOUS GRAND PRIX VALENTINE'S DAY FOR JESSICA SPRINGSTEEN AND VOLAGE DU VAL HENRY



Jessica Springsteen and Volage du Val Henry scored a Valentine's Day win in the \$137,000 Grand Prix CSI3*. ©Sportfot

It was a sweet victory for Jessica Springsteen (USA) and Volage du Val Henry in the \$137,000 Grand Prix CSI3* at "Friday Night Stars" in the Global Ring at Equestrian Village (home to the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival) during week six of the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) on Friday, February 14.

North American ladies dominated the podium in the pinnacle jumper event of week six with Canadian rider Rachel Cornacchia finishing the runner-up aboard Valkyrie de Talma and U.S. rider Ali Wolff rounding out the top three riding longtime mount Casall.

From a starting field of 37, nine horses advanced to the tie-breaker over tracks set by course designer Ana Catalina "Catsy" Cruz Harris (MEX). With only one to follow behind her, Springsteen wowed the crowd by taking over the lead by less than one-hundredth of a second in 36.04 seconds.

"I thought I would still try to go fast in case I knocked one down because she's such a fast mare," said Springsteen of her plan for Volage du Val Henry, an 11-year-old Selle Français mare (Quidam de Revel x Cassini I), owned by Stone Hill Farm. "I thought I had fence one down and got really distracted, but she jumped amazing. I'm really lucky to have her; she's such a talented mare, and she really tried her heart out tonight."

Springsteen has had the ride on Volage du Val Henry since the mare was eight years old and knows her inside and out. "In the beginning, she was a little bit difficult; she had a tricky mouth, and it took me some time to get to know her," said Springsteen. "Things really clicked this fall, and she's just been jumping unbelievable – clear round after clear round. She's so consistent, and I can really rely on her. She's careful, but she has a lot of heart and always tries so hard to win."

Springsteen is in the middle of a WEF season marked with consistent top finishes, a highpoint on her road to the short list for the Olympic Games in Tokyo. "My dream is always to represent the United States in championships, so I am definitely always working toward that. I feel like I have a really good group of horses jumping great right now, so I am hoping to make that short list. I will just keep doing my best."

Springsteen's performance bumped Cornacchia to a close second in her debut season at WEF. She and Valkyrie de Talma, an 11-year-old Selle Français mare owned by Eventyre Farms, stopped the clock at 36.13 seconds.

"This is actually my very first time in Florida," said Cornacchia, who hails from Calgary, AB. "So far I am loving it, and this was a great start! We felt like we had the horses and wanted to

VICTORIA COLVIN AND PRIVATE PRACTICE CAN'T BE BEAT IN \$100,000 WCHR PETER WETHERILL PALM BEACH HUNTER SPECTACULAR



For the second year in a row, Victoria Colvin and Private Practice won the \$100,000 USHJA/WCHR Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular. ©Sportfot

Young hunter professional Victoria Colvin once again proved unbeatable as she returned to pilot her talented 2019 \$100,000 WCHR Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular winner, Private Practice, to the victory in the premier class of WCHR week once again during "Saturday Night Lights" at the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF).

Saturday night's Hunter Spectacular is the highlight of WEF's WCHR Hunter Week, which emphasizes the hunter discipline and gives junior, amateur, and professional hunter riders the chance to introduce their horses to the International Arena.

A field of 37 successful horse-and-rider combinations, consisting of winners in the junior, amateur, and professional categories throughout the week, contested the round-one course designed by Patrick Rodes. Out of the original starting line-up, the 12 pairs with the highest scores were invited to return for the second phase of the two-round classic style competition. Both courses were offered at three heights (3'6", 3'9", and 4"), and judging was split into three distinguished panels consisting of Rick Fancher and Phoebe Sheets in one panel, Mary Lisa Leffler and Mark Jungherr in another, and Lyman Whitehead with Chris Wynn for the third.

When all combinations had contested the first track, the class' 2019 winners, Victoria Colvin and Private Practice, once again sat in the top position with an average score of

90.33. Hot on Colvin's heels, seasoned professional Scott Stewart piloted Private Life into the early second place with 89.16 points. Ten professionals, one junior, and one amateur made up the returning 12 entries.

Colvin held the lead from the time she entered the ring as the fifth to go until the time she closed the class, besting her own previous score from round one of 90.33 with an improved 91.83. The victory was Colvin's second in a row with Brad Wolf's 10-year-old Holsteiner gelding (Lordanos x unknown) and her stunning sixth Hunter Spectacular win since 2012.

"Private Practice is an amazing horse," Colvin affirmed. "He's one of my favorite horses, and this class is a blast because we are able to ride under the lights and in the International Arena. They don't host many hunter classes in this arena anymore so to be able to go back in this ring is a lot of fun."

Katie Taylor moved up from the third position to second and was a strong contender for the top honor, but fell just short of Colvin after completing the second round with a total of 178.82 points.

"It's incredible to be representing the west coast here tonight," said Taylor. "I received the e-mail a few months ago that I had qualified to come and do this, and I've always wanted to be a part of this class."

"We were going to send my horse out here for this but it was a lot to send

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PBIEC WEEK 7 UPCOMING EVENTS

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

On Thursday, February 20, 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 7 Lunch & Learn topic is "Brooke USA: Supporting the UN's Global Sustainable Development Goals," sponsored by Brooke USA. Contact Miranda Tiona at 561-784-1137 or mtiona@equestriansport.com for more information.

ADEQUAN® GLOBAL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL CDI 5*

AGDF's "Friday Night Stars" Series returns in week 7, showcasing some of the world's best dressage riders as they perform freestyles at the top level of competition. The seventh week of AGDF features the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI 5*, presented by CaptiveOne Advisors on Friday, February 21. Held at Equestrian Village at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, gates open at 6 p.m. and competition begins at 7 p.m. General admission is free, parking is \$10 per car, and valet is available for \$20.

AREA SPECIAL OLYMPIC GAMES

The Area Special Olympic Games will take place at Equestrian Village at PBIEC (AGDF show grounds) on Saturday, February 22. The competition will be held in the Van Kampen Arena and will include competitors from all over South Florida. Riders will compete in English and Western Equitation, Trail, Dressage, and Drill Team. General admission is free, and cheerleaders are welcome! Learn more at www.vinceremos.org.

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 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI 5*. Learn more and RSVP at <https://www.equusfoundation.org/wef>.

"SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS"

\$401,000 LUGANO DIAMONDS GRAND PRIX CSI 5*

The top show jumpers in the world return to the International Arena at PBIEC for the second five-star event of the season, the \$401,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI 5*, on Saturday, February 22, at 7 p.m. Admission is free, parking is \$20/car.

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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Competitors participating in the CSI 2* division during WEF 7 will have their \$50,000 Grand Prix sponsored by The Dutta Corp. in association with Guido Klätte on Sunday, February 23. See up-and-coming horses and riders in their highlight class of the week. Admission and parking are free.

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WEF SPORT HORSE AUCTION

Each year the WEF Sport Horse Auction offers an exclusive opportunity for individuals to acquire the next generation of top champions from VDL Stud. Riders, owners, and trainers have the ability to purchase their next star in an exciting live auction atmosphere. The 2020 edition of the WEF Sport Horse Auction is set to take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, at Equestrian Village at PBIEC (Home of the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival - 13500 South Shore Blvd.). General admission is free. For more information on the WEF Sport Horse Auction please visit www.WefSportHorseAuction.com or www.facebook.com/WEFSportHorseAuction.

WEF SPORT HORSE AUCTION

Featuring **VDL Stud**

PREVIEW:
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020
at 3:00 p.m.

AUCTION:
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020
at 7:00 p.m.

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INTERNATIONAL POLO CLUB HAPPENINGS

The first leg of the GAUNTLET OF POLO™ finishes up this week at the International Polo Club Palm Beach. Check out this week's full game schedule below and join us to see who wins the 2020 C.V. Whitney Cup on Sunday!

CHECK OUT THIS WEEK'S FULL GAME SCHEDULE BELOW.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:30 a.m.: Semifinal I - Patagones vs. Las Monjitas
4:00 p.m.: Semifinal II - Pilot vs. La Indiana

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

3:00 p.m.: Final of the C.V. Whitney Cup

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.

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Tryon Welcome 2	March 26-29	National/Hunter A/Jumper 3
Tryon Welcome 3	April 3-5	Regional 1/Hunter B/Jumper 3
The Fork @TIEC	April 3-5	National BN-A/CCI 2*S,3*S,4*S
73rd Tryon Block House Races	April 11	National Steeplechase Association
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

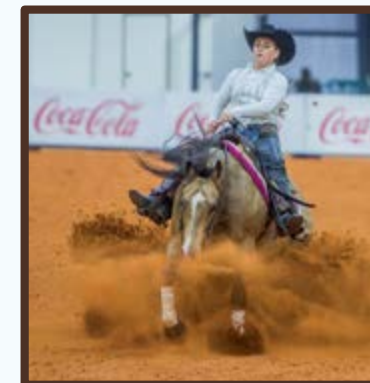
Tryon Fall Dressage 1 & 2	September 11-13	National
Blue Ridge Mountain Horse Trials @ TIEC	September 12-13	National BN-A
Tryon Fall 1	September 18-20	Regional 1/Hunter B/Jumper 3
Tryon Fall 2	September 23-27	Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 6
Tryon Fall 3	Sept. 30-Oct. 4	Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 6/FEI CSI 2*
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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WEF SPORT HORSE GRADUATES SHOW BIG RESULTS IN 2019

By Dinette Neuteboom

From one of the world's best breeding farms of show jumping horses in the north of Holland to the Winter Equestrian Capital of the World in the south of Florida, the relationship between the world-renowned VDL Stud and the Winter Equestrian Festival has proven to be a successful one. In the eight-year history of the WEF Sport Horse Auction, many VDL horses sold in the auction have risen to the top of the sport. And that's not only at the highest level of show jumping, but also in the hunter and equitation ring, with professional and amateur riders.

Janko van de Lageweg is one of three sons of the VDL family. He focuses on the U.S. market and the WEF Sport Horse Auction. "In our breeding operation, we aim for the best jumping quality, but we also want our horses to be rideable, honest, and willing. So, we need modern, careful, and fast horses with blood and a good attitude. For the highest level of the sport you also need a lot of scope, for amateur riders you need horses that are forgiving, for the hunter ring you need a pretty horse with a beautiful technique. We try to have all these types of horses in our breeding operation so we can provide what the market needs."

Looking at the amount of VDL-bred horses showing all over the world and the accomplishments they have had, from the equitation ring to the Olympic Games and from the hunters to the high amateur jumpers, the VDL Stud has proven to be one of the world's main producers of quality show jumpers.

Here is a look at three WEF Sport Horse Auction graduates who stood out in 2019:

SKARA GLEN'S MACHU PICCHU



Last summer, Skara Glen's Machu Picchu (Silverstone x Matterhorn) finished second in the five-star grand prix in Tryon under his Irish rider Paul O'Shea and won a grand prix in Lexington, Kentucky. He and O'Shea represented Ireland in Nations Cups in Dublin and Sopot. At the FEI Jumping Nations Cup Final

in Barcelona, Machu Picchu helped the Irish team qualify for the Olympic Games in Tokyo with a clear round in the final round. The now 13-year-old gelding was sold as a four-year-old in the auction of 2011 under the name Chester VDL.

"The main goal for Machu Picchu this year will be the Olympic Games in Tokyo," said O'Shea. "He will jump a bit at WEF and then go to Europe to try to prove in some Nations Cups that we have maintained our form so we can be on the team." The Olympics would be the second big championship for Machu Picchu after the FEI World Equestrian Games in Tryon in 2018.

"Santos Lamarca and Amanda Flint developed him after the auction, and we bought him when he was seven," O'Shea recalled. "He had been very successful with Amanda and looked to have a fantastic mind, to be extremely careful, and to have a great attitude."

Machu Picchu didn't disappoint. "He wants to do everything he can to leave the jumps up. He is quite strong, but that comes from his big heart to do the right thing, so that's a good problem to have," laughed O'Shea. Skara Glen's Machu Picchu is currently owned by Patricia Hurter of Amber Hill Farm, Bonnie and Frank Cunniffe of Whipstick Farm, and Phyllis and Harry Agnew of the Machu Picchu Syndicate.

FARREL



Another successful jumper graduate is the 10-year-old Farrel (Cardento VDL x Stakkato), ridden by Daniel Coyle and owned by Lothlorien Farm. The Irishman rides many VDL-bred horses for his Canadian employer Ariel Grange. Farrel was sold in the WEF Sporthorse Auction of 2017 as a seven-year-old after finishing sixth at the World Championships for six-year-old Jumpers at Lanaken, Belgium, in the year prior to the auction.

"After we bought him, he immediately won the final of the seven-year-old jumpers at WEF," remembered Coyle. "Then we were pretty sure that we had a very good horse. After that, we just took one step at a time. He's

such a small horse with a big heart, but he's just figured out how to jump bigger now without putting himself under too much stress."

Coyle's and Grange's patience has paid off. Farrel had a very successful season in 2019 with a win in the World Cup Qualifier in Langley, British Columbia, and more than 10 top-10 finishes at FEI-rated competitions. The sky seems to be the limit for this little super star.

DISCOVERY-O



And then there is Discovery-O (Douglas x Indoctro), the 12-year-old chestnut gelding who was sold as a four-year-old in the 2012 auction. Discovery-O had a great jumping career in the United States with Chrissy Serio. "Because of Discovery's talent and great mind, I could do some FEI

classes," said Serio. "Discovery got me there. He is the most amazing horse I have ever ridden. He gives you a feeling that you can jump anything. He tries hard, he is very careful, but if he needs to, he will take down a jump and keep going. That's very important to me because I have definitely missed on him.

"We may not have won everything, but he gave me the opportunity to get in that ring," added Serio.

After his jumping career with Serio, Discovery is currently leased out to junior rider Ellie Ferrigno. The pair is doing well in the jumper ring, but have also shown their aptitude in the equitation divisions. Although it was a one-time event, one of the pair's first big accomplishments was the win in the Platinum Performance/USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Finals East. Discovery and Ferrigno will continue their partnership in the jumper ring in 2020.

"I love VDL horses and the WEF Sport Horse Auction is awesome," said Serio. "It's fun, they bring nice horses over for different levels and goals, and I trust them. You get good quality from them, and they are honest about it; they tell you what you'll get."

For more information on the WEF Sport Horse Auction and this year's crop of top young horses available from VDL Stud, please visit www.WEFsportHorseAuction.com.



2020 WEF Sport Horse Auction Horses



VDL IOWA

2012 gelding by Indoctro x Chin Chin competing 1.40m International Seven-Year-Old classes



VDL INDIGO

2013 stallion by Inshallah de Muze x Stakkato competing 1.35m



VDL ICELY

2013 mare by Harley VDL x Douglas - competing 1.30m



VDL IVORY

2013 mare by Falaise de Muze x Ukato - competing 1.30m



VDL ICOKARDE

2013 gelding by Chacco Blue x Sir Shutterfly - competing 1.30m



VDL JILLZ

2014 mare by Denzel van't Meulenhof x Calvinos competing 1.30m



VDL KALLAN

2015 gelding by Kannan x Indoctro - competing 1.10m



VDL STELLA

2012 mare by Cardento x Baloubet du Rouet - competing 1.30m Brazilian Six-Year-old classes

WEF 6 Award Winners



Martha Ingram and Airport 48 topped 35 entries to win the \$5,000 WCHR Amateur-Owner 3'3" Hunter Classic. © Sportfot



Victory in the \$5,000 Peggy Cone Memorial WCHR Adult Hunter Classic went to Bode Well and Tracy Scheriff-Muser. © Sportfot



The Omega Alpha Healthy Horse Winner at WEF 6 was Un Soir De Sion with Rebecca Conway. Photo courtesy of JRPR Equine News Room.



Vanessa Mannix is presented with the Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Award by (left to right) Sharon Loayza, Hayden Ernst, and Waverly Ernst, representing Martha Jolicoeur. © Sportfot



In Section A of the \$5,000 WCHR Junior Hunter 3'3" Classic, Raina Swani and Knightly took the win. © Sportfot



The WEF 6 winner of the Vita Flex Tack Room Award was Don Stewart Stables from Ocala, Florida. Photo courtesy of JRPR Equine News Room.



The Section B winners of the \$5,000 WCHR Junior Hunter 3'3" Classic were Sterling Mainik and Charlie. © Sportfot

Safe Sport Town Hall

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Friday, February 21 | 11:00 a.m.
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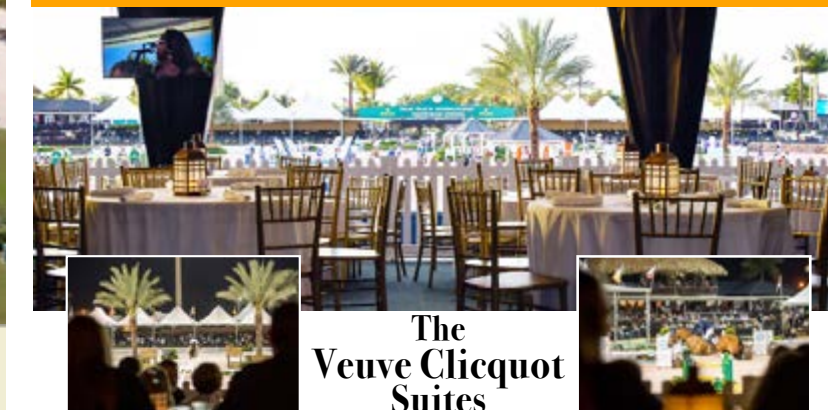
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February 8, February 22 • March 7, March 28

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WCHR WEEK WINNERS PHOTO GALLERY

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The \$2,500 Medium Pony Hunter Classic victory went to Alexa Lignelli and EMC Entourage.



Olivia Sweetnam and Armani won the \$2,500 Small Pony Hunter Classic.



In the \$2,500 NAL Children's Hunter 15-17 Classic, Claire Healy and Ulysses picked up the victory.



Rylie True and Farnley Blue Kisses won the \$2,500 Small/Medium Children's Pony Hunter Classic.



Maya Rahaim rode Armani II to the \$2,500 NAL Children's Hunter 14 & Under Classic win.



Sterling Malnik took home another win, this time in the \$2,500 Large Pony Hunter Classic with Prestige.



The \$2,500 Large Children's Pony Hunter Classic win went to Sydney Raidy and Blue Me Away.

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WEF 6 JUMPER HIGHLIGHTS



Rich Fellers, in his first week competing at WEF since 2012, won the \$37,000 Douglas Elliman 1.45m Classic CSI3* riding Lux Lady. ©Sportfot

U.S. Olympian Richard Fellers, hailing from Sherwood, OR, is making the most of his time on the east coast with a victory in the \$37,000 Douglas Elliman 1.45m Classic CSI3* riding Lux Lady to open week six at WEF on Wednesday, February 12.

Over the speed portion of the course, Fellers and Lux Lady stopped the clock at a quick 24.70 seconds to capture the win over Todd Minikus (USA) and Amex Z, owned by Bit By Bit Group, who finished in a time of 25.38 seconds. Ireland's Darragh Kenny rounded out the top three riding Billy Dorito for owner Vlock Show Stables LLC in 25.72 seconds.

Just off the podium, Jordan Coyle (IRL) and Centriko Volo took fourth in 25.85 seconds for owner Celtic Park LLC, while fellow Irish rider Paul O'Shea capped the top five in 26.48 seconds on Skara Glen's 7 Pillars, owned by Skara Glen Stables. Also, winning in the Global Ring on Wednesday, Chile's Samuel Parot Jr. topped the \$6,000 Bainbridge 1.40m Classic.

Brazil's Yuri Mansur bested four Irish jump-off contenders to take the top spot in the \$37,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 6 CSI3* on Thursday. It was a face-off between Irish riders for the top call before Mansur and his mount Everglade Santo Antonio saved the best for last, breaking the timers in 37.03 seconds to win by fractions of a second over Darragh Kerins (IRL) riding Carlos JD Z. Kerins set the pace as the trailblazer in the jump-off with a time of 37.76 seconds.

Billy Twomey (IRL) took third riding Chat Botte E.D., owned in partnership with Sue Davis, with a time of 39.34 seconds, while Darragh Kenny (IRL) finished fourth on a single rail in 35.45 seconds. Conor Swail (IRL) rounded out the top five riding GK Coco Chanel with a four-fault performance over the short course in 36.94 seconds for owner Vanessa Mannix. Wednesday's victor and 2012 U.S. World Cup champion Rich Fellers qualified Kimberly Bruce's Ninou 2 for the jump-off but elected not to return and settled for sixth place.

In Saturday's 1.50m class held on the picturesque Derby Field at Equestrian Village, a talented group of 43 top horse-and-rider pairs took on the challenge with only six advancing to the jump-off. The length and scope of obstacles including a triple in the middle of the course, set by Ana Catalina "Catsy" Cruz Harris (MEX), proved to be a big test for many.

In the jump-off, Petronella Andersson of Sweden aboard 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare Davarusa (Zavall VDL x Zavarusa H) clinched the win with a fault-free round and a time of 38.44 seconds for StepheX Stables. She edged out Ireland's Paul O'Shea on Skara Glen's 7 Pillars, who came in second with a time of 39.52 seconds. In third place was Lacey Gilbertson (USA) aboard Bijzonder, owned by Seabrook LLC, in 39.89 seconds. Fourth place went to Andrea Torres Guerreiro (COL) on Fifty Shades, owned by Santa Catalina Farm, with four faults and a time of 37.61 seconds, followed by Bliss Heers (USA) and Goodbye, owned by Bridgeside Farms LLC, with four faults in 37.66 seconds.

Also winning on the Derby Field at Equestrian Village, Sydney Shulman (ISR) won the \$10,000 Hermès Under 25 Welcome riding Ardenne Printaniere, owned by Jill Shulman.

Peter Lutz kept the horse sport fans who lined the Derby Field banks guessing by posting the fastest jump-off time of the day as the last to compete from a field of 26 in the \$25,000 CP Grand Prix to close out week six jumper competition.

Six horses advanced to the jump-off to vie for a piece of the top prize. Lutz and Quinta 106 cantered onto the field as the last to go and executed a clean, tight turn to the final line to secure the win in 36.908 seconds. The time bumped Jazz Johnson Merton (USA) into second place with a time of 37.698 seconds aboard her own Corona SB.

It was banner day for Lutz-Manfredi Show Jumping, based out of Bedford, NY, with Mary Manfredi (USA) rounding out the podium in third with her longtime mount Magnus Orfeo. They stopped the clock at 39.951 seconds in the jump-off.

Jessica Mendoza (GBR) took fourth riding Dollar Girl for owned Windsor Farms, and Shannon Clifford (CHI) capped the top five on Ilusionist II, owned by Texas de Limache LLC.



Peter Lutz and Quinta 106 won the \$25,000 CP Grand Prix. © Sportfot

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INTERNATIONAL RIDER PROFILE

Abigail McArdle



Abigail McArdle and Victorio 5 ©Sportfot

Abigail McArdle first made headlines when she won the North American Young Rider Championship in 2012. She won last year's \$100,000 USEF U25 Show Jumping National Championship and has had a strong start to the 2020 WEF season, taking the win in the \$37,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 3 CSI3* with Victorio 5. Read below to learn about the first horse she rode, her biggest accomplishment, her favorite part about WEF, and more.

Do you remember the first horse you rode?

Yes, the first horse I ever rode was when I was three years old out in Montana! My family would always go out to a dude ranch and ride western up through the mountains.

What is your favorite memory riding as a junior?

My favorite memory as a junior was when I had a horse named Cosma 20, and I won the Young Rider Championship on her. It was really special because she jumped all clear rounds. It's something that I will never forget!

What do you consider your biggest accomplishment in life so far?

I think choosing this path and seeking my professional career in riding and trying to be the best that I can be.

If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

The ability to go back and redo things. I'm a bit of a perfectionist and I dwell on certain mistakes, so if you could go back and rewind, I think that would be the superpower I'd want.

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

I love animals, all kinds of animals! I had a lot of odd pets when I was younger. I had pet ducks that lived in our garage when I was a little kid and I always wanted pet pigs and stuff like that, so maybe when I'm older I'll have more animals.

If you could ride any horse that you don't already, who would it be?

I always loved Fit for Fun because she reminded me of my horse, Cosma 20, but at a higher level.

What is your favorite part about WEF?

I think because it's so many weeks. There's always something to look forward to, there's always another class and there's always another try. It's not just one week where you make it or break it. It's a great season!

GRAND PRIX (Continued from Page 1)

step it up a little bit this winter, so we decided to make the trip here. It's just an amazing venue, the whole concept of this horse village is incredible.”

Celebrating her third anniversary with Valkyrie de Talma, Cornacchia believes that the mare is really coming into her own of late.

“I didn't watch anybody go; I just stuck to my plan, and it worked out,” she said of the only double-clear performance behind Springsteen's. “I jumped my very first 1.40m junior/amateur class on this horse, and now we're at this point. It's pretty exciting. She has a lot of heart. She's a super talented mare, and I feel incredibly lucky to have the ride on her.”

Cornacchia will compete at WEF for the remainder of the season with a goal to compete in the CISS* ranks.

Posting the fastest four-fault jump-off round of the evening, Wolff and Casall rounded out the podium. Their eight-year partnership has produced many top finishes with more to come. “I know him pretty well; we try to use him sparingly, but he still has a lot left in the tank,” she said of the 15-year-old Holsteiner gelding. “I always have to go in riding my own ride, and he's gotten quicker and quicker through the years.

“I should have added one, but I kind of went for it because I knew there were a lot of strong competitors behind me,” continued Wolff of her heartbreak rail that fell in the double combination. “We'll practice that for next time. [Casall] gets a little bit of a break and will come back out at the end of the circuit.”

Both finishing on four faults over the short course, Todd Minikus (USA) placed fourth riding Amex Z, owned by Bit By Bit Group, in 33.95 seconds, while Jim Ifko (CAN) rounded out the top five on Un Diamant des Forets in 33.98 seconds.

Lindsay Brock

FINAL RESULTS: \$137,000 GRAND PRIX CSI3*

1 VOLAGE DU VAL HENRY: 2009 Selle Français mare by Quidam de Revel x Cassini I
JESSICA SPRINGSTEEN (USA), Stone Hill Farm: 0/0/36.05

2 VALKYRIE DE TALMA: 2009 Selle Français mare by Diamant De Semilly x Reggae De Talma
RACHEL CORNACCHIA (CAN), Eventyre Farms: 0/0/36.13

3 CASALL: 2005 Holsteiner gelding by Casall ASK x Capitol I
ALI WOLFF (USA), blacklick Bend Farm: 0/4/33.19

4 AMEX Z: 2009 Zangersheide Mare by Andiamo Z x Landaris
TODD MINIKUS (USA), Bit By Bit Group: 0/4/33.96

5 UN DIAMANT DES FORETS: 2008 Selle Français stallion by Diamant De Semilly x Grace Des Forets
JIM IFKO (CAN), Eventyre Farms: 0/04/33.99

6 STALANDO 2: 2008 Oldenburg gelding by Stakkatol x Landlady 55
MARTIN FUCHS (SUI), Gospodardstwo Rolne Andrezej Oplatek: 0/4/34.405

7 HH CALLAS: 2007 Oldenburg mare by Albatros x Quattro B
MEGAN MCDERMOTT(USA), Counter Balance LLC: 0/8/38.22

8 TRADITION DE LA ROQUE: 2007 Selle Français mare by Kannan x Oberon du Moulin
LAUREN FISCHER (USA), Lauren Fischer: 0/12/39.96

9 TOY BOY: 2008 BCP gelding by Unknown x Unknown
JORGE MATTE CAPDEVILA (CHI), Jorge Matte Capdevila: 0/EL

10 CATINKA 25: 2009 Oldenburg mare by Catoki x Luxano
VANESSA MANNIX (CAN), Vanessa Mannix: 1/75.64

11 VERTIGE DE VIGNUEL: 2009 Selle Français gelding by Ogano Sitte x Axion du Gue
NICOLETTE HIRT (USA), Nicolette Hirt: 1/75.84

12 CACHAREL: 2007 KWPN mare by Vingino x Clinton
KELLY SOLEAU-MILLAR (USA), Bridge Brook Arms and Donna Vanderwoude-Dyment: 1/76.39



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Carlos Hank Guerreiro Dominates the Field for Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix Victory

The sixth week of the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) closed with victory for Mexico's Carlos Hank Guerreiro in the \$25,000 Hermès Under 25 Grand on the grass Derby Field at Equestrian Village (home to the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival) on Sunday, February 16.

Fifty of the futures stars of show jumping took to the grass Derby Field with nine jumping double-clear over a course designed by Ana Catalina "Catsy" Cruz Harris (MEX). It was 19-year-old Guerreiro who bested the competition with nearly two seconds to spare riding H5 Quantador, owned by H5 Stables.

"I love this field," said Guerreiro, who trains with Brazilian Olympian Eduardo Menezes and has been competing in the Under 25 division for four years. "I find that it's a bit of different feeling, but I grew up riding on a lot of grass arenas and I really like big, open spaces. I love this week!"

Guerreiro has had the ride on H5 Quantador 3 since the 12-year-old Westphalian gelding's seven-year-old season. "Paul Schockemöhle sent him to me to be sold, but in the end they let me keep him," recalled Guerreiro. "I



Carlos Hank Guerreiro and H5 Quantador 3 won the \$25,000 Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix at WEF 6. © Sportfot

always say, it's the best deal I have ever had. He's always been really talented, and his mind took a bit to get together, but I really love him. He shines in the jump-offs, so the faster the better."

Guerreiro and his speedy mount stopped the clock at an unbeatable 36.18 seconds for the win.

Of the Under 25 division, Guerreiro said, "I think it's really a crucial division to have as a step between the big five-star or international classes and the amateur or junior divisions. It really brings together a lot of different levels. It's very useful for the experienced riders and the younger generation."

After Guerreiro, less than a second separated the next four riders, led by Zoe Conter (BEL) in second place with a time of 38.27 seconds riding H-Cassino, owned by Stephex Stables. Third went to Charlise Casas (USA) on Diamond M, owned by Always Faithful Equine LLC. Mexico's Tanimara Macari finished fourth on Feminka for Jorge Macari, and Emilie Conter (BEL) capped the top five aboard Legolas Ter Wilgen, owned by Stephex Stables.

↳ Lindsay Brock

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Standings and Awards

WEF WEEK 6



LEADING LADY JUMPER RIDER, sponsored by Martha Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman Real Estate (after 12 qualifying events)

1. Lillie Keenan (USA): 453
2. Jessica Springsteen (USA): 445
3. Tiffany Foster (CAN): 360
4. Abigail McArdle (USA): 358
5. Kristen Vanderveen (USA): 357



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1. Bliss Heers (USA): 199
2. Peter Lutz (USA): 159
3. Darragh Kenny (IRL): 143
4. Eric Lamaze (CAN): 137
5. Adrienne Sternlicht (USA): 136



HERMÈS UNDER 25 GRAND PRIX STANDINGS (after 5 qualifying events)

1. Sydney Shulman (ISR): 182
2. Tanimara Macari (MEX): 154.50
3. Flore Giraud (FRA): 153.30
4. Carlos Hank Guerreiro (MEX): 144
5. Emily Ward (GBR): 134



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HUNTER SPECTACULAR (Cont.)

him just for the week," she continued. "I jumped 10 single jumps with [Kindred] this morning and just loved everything about him, so they were kind enough to let me show him tonight," Taylor commented of Gabrielle Sokolow's eight-year-old Warmblood gelding.

Third-place honors were awarded to veteran hunter professional Scott Stewart aboard his trusted mount, Private Life, with a total combined score of 177.82.

"I was really pleased with Private Life. He hasn't shown since the National Horse Show and he had a month off after that so we had to get him fit again," explained Stewart of Dr. Betsee Parker's nine-year-old KWPN gelding (Verdi x Pinot Rosso). "Tonight, his best round was his final round but he's always very dependable and he's still fairly young so I'm excited to have him."

 Summer Grace



Along with winning the Antares High Performance Hunter championship, Amanda Steege and Lafitte de Muse won the 2019 USHJA Hunter Horse of the Year title. © Sportfot



Second place in the Hunter Spectacular went to Katie Taylor riding Kindred for Gabrielle Sokolow. © Sportfot



Scott Stewart and Dr. Betsee Parker's Private Life finished in third place. © Sportfot

FINAL RESULTS:

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Round 1 total | Round 2 total | Overall total

1 Private Practice, Victoria Colvin, Brad Wolf
90.33 | 91.83 | 182.16

2 Kindred, Katie Taylor, Gabrielle Sokolow
88.66 | 90.16 | 178.82

3 Private Life, Scott Stewart, Dr. Betsee Parker
89.16 | 88.66 | 177.82

4 Seaside, Augusta Iwasaki, Eliza Kimball
85.50 | 91.33 | 176.83

5 Big Shot, Jenny Karazissis, Dulcie Lou Morris,
86.00 | 89.33 | 175.33

6 Heaven's Dream, Kate Conover, Isabella Griffin
86.83 | 88.41 | 175.24

7 Carento, Elizabeth Towell Boyd, Sherri Crawford
84.50 | 89.66 | 174.16

8 Luminosity, Geoffrey Hesslink, Sabrina Hellman
85.83 | 88.16 | 173.99

9 Ocean Road, John French, Keri Kampsen & Lexi Reed
85.16 | 87.00 | 172.16

10 Tufon Avenue, Stephanie Danhaki, Stephanie Danhaki
84.66 | 86.91 | 171.57

11 In Writing, Kelley Farmer, Larry Glefke & Wendy Hofmeister
85.66 | 85.75 | 171.41

12 Park City, Holly Orlando, Privet Farm LLC
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