



WEEKLY WIRE



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YOUNG TALENT SCORES \$150,000 NATIONS CUP CSIO4* VICTORY FOR UNITED STATES



With a young team of Andrew Kocher, Brian Moggre, Adrienne Sternlicht, and Lucas Porter, led by Chef d'Equipe Robert Ridland, the United States of America landed the top spot on the podium at the Nations Cup CSIO4*. ©Sportfot

The future of U.S. show jumping was shining bright as a team of up-and-coming athletes dominated the \$150,000 Nations Cup CSIO4* in the International Arena during week eight on Saturday evening, February 29, at WEF.

The "Saturday Night Lights" Nations Cup consisted of two rounds over a course set by the USA's Ken Krome. Teams of four represented the nations of Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, and the United States. After the first round, each team dropped their highest score, and the top-six teams returned in order of highest to lowest total faults in the second round. The winner was determined by the lowest total of each team's top-three riders from each round.

The six teams that returned for the second round included the fault-free United States, Ireland on five faults, Brazil and Canada on a tally of 13 faults apiece, and Australia and Israel with 17 faults each.

Leading the way, the NetJets U.S. Jumping Team consisting of Andy Kocher aboard Squirt Gun, Brian Moggre on MTM Vivre le Reve, Lucas Porter with C Hunter, and Adrienne Sternlicht riding Just A Gamble, carried the leading scores in both rounds and finished the night on just four penalties for the win. The U.S. riders were coached by Chef d'Équipe Robert Ridland.

Irish riders David Blake, Darragh Kenny, Paul O'Shea, and Billy Twomey took the silver-medal position on 13 faults, while Australia's Amy Graham, Scott Keach, Hilary Scott, and Rowan Willis rounded out the podium.

Sitting pretty on a perfect score after Kocher's lone time fault served as the drop score from round one, U.S. riders were primed for a win on home soil. A double-clear performance from 18-year-old Moggre and his 11-year-old Westphalian gelding (Ustinov x Chello II) sealed the victory for his team in his senior Nations Cup debut.

"Everybody wants to jump clear their first time on the team, so for my horse to make that happen for me, I couldn't be more thankful," said Moggre of Flower Mound, TX. "It's quite a surreal feeling. To be on the team here really meant a lot. MTM Vivre la Reve is my top horse at the moment. He's a horse I know like the back of my hand."

Fellow young rider Porter, 22, of Wellington, FL, notched a fault-free ride in the opening round and settled on a single rail in the second riding longtime partner C Hunter, a 13-year-old Zangersheide stallion (Cassini II x Corland).

"I was really thankful to be a part of the team, and I aimed at this Nations

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RODRIGO LAMBRE AND CATOVER CLIMB TO TOP OF PREMIER EQUESTRIAN GRAND PRIX CSIO4*



Rodrigo Lambre and Catover captured victory in the \$214,000 Premier Equestrian Grand Prix CSIO4*. ©Sportfot

Brazilian rider Rodrigo Lambre, topped the \$214,000 Premier Equestrian Grand Prix CSIO4* riding Catover on Sunday, March 1, 2020, to conclude week eight of the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) in Wellington, FL.

USA's Ken Krome set a two-round track for 50 challengers in the final event of the week, and saw eight qualify for a tie-breaking jump-off. Lambre saved the best for last as the final jump-off rider. He and Catover were fast and precise to stop the clock double-clear in 37.73 seconds for the win over Ireland's Shane Sweetnam and Chaqui Z in 38.29 seconds.

"He is amazing," said Lambre of Catover, an 11-year-old Holsteiner stallion (Catoki x Contact Me) owned by Mario Onate. "I have had him since he was eight, and I flat him almost every day but I've only actually been riding him seriously since October of last year in preparation for Tokyo. We all have Tokyo in mind this year; it's our dream. It's a difficult year to qualify for the team in every country, but we have also so many nations cups and so many shows that we can go in, it's promising."

Of Catover, Lambre continued, "He's not a really fast horse, but he has a huge stride. I think today was a jump-off that I could use that. I won doing the seven to the last jump, which for many horses was very far. The footing feels better for sure this year and, for me, if my horse is happy, I am happy."

Sweetnam and Chaqui Z, a 14-year-old Zangersheide stallion (Chacco Blue x Quinar Z) finished just off the pace for owner Spy Coast Farm LLC, but Sweetnam was pleased with the performance.

"I was delighted with him. This is only his first time that he's shown here this year, and it's only his first real big class," said Sweetnam. "He felt great, and I think his jump-off was excellent. Even though he's 14, he feels like he's eight. So, I'm really happy with where he is at the moment."

Finishing third in 39.08 seconds, Alexandra Thornton (GBR) is making her return to WEF after five years away from the North American show scene, saying, "I've been based in Europe since 2012, so it's a long way to come. Last time I came, it was a completely different experience. The footing is amazing, which makes a world of difference for the horses. And actually I've extended my trip!"

Thornton piloted Charielle, a 14-year-old Oldenburg mare (Chacco-Blue x Argentinus), which was originally sold to her by Lambre and is now owned by Dunwalke Ltd.

"I don't think he's seen her live since I came and tried her in Mexico four or five years ago!" said Thornton, who's finish guaranteed her the Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Grand Prix Rider Award for week eight. "I think it's really great that Martha offers this award for us. Female riders are often

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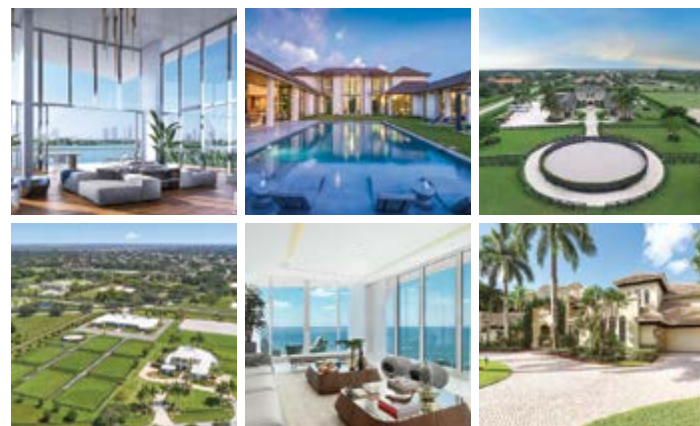
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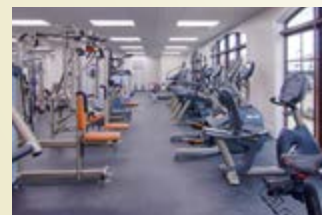
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PBIEC WEEK 9 & 10 UPCOMING EVENTS

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

On Thursday, March 5, 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 9 Lunch & Learn topic is "How to Help Your Horse See His Way to Less Stress: Innovative Equestrian Lighting Solutions" sponsored by EnviroEquine and Equine Bright. Contact Miranda Tiona at 561-784-1137 or mtiona@equestriansport.com for more information.

\$5,000 USHJA PONY HUNTER DERBY

The \$5,000 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby will be held on Friday, March 6, at 10 a.m. on the grass derby field at Equestrian Village (home of the Adequan Global Dressage Festival - 13500 South Shore Blvd.). Watch pony riders show off their skills! General admission and parking are free.

CHALLENGE OF THE AMERICAS

The Challenge of the Americas, known throughout the equestrian world for its spectacular Grand Prix Musical Quadrilles, will continue its fight against breast cancer on Friday, March 6, with gates opening at 5 p.m. at Equestrian Village (home of the Adequan Global Dressage Festival - 13500 South Shore Blvd.). This one-of-a-kind affair showcases the Olympic sport of Dressage and includes the "Who's Who" of top equestrian competitors from the United States, Canada, Latin America, and Europe. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join the Breast Cancer Research Foundation & Play for P.I.N.K. as international riders perform to world-class music and choreography in their efforts to find a cure in our lifetime. General admission tickets are \$20 at the door (does not include entry to the Gala) with children 12 & under free, while tickets and tables are for sale at www.ChallengeOfTheAmericas.com.

\$10,000 USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY

The \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby will be held on Saturday, March 7, at 8:30 a.m. on the grass derby field at Equestrian Village. Watch some of the best hunters in the nation compete and show off their skills over the beautiful hunter derby course on the grass. General admission and parking are free.

"SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS"

\$401,000 DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REAL ESTATE GRAND PRIX CSI 5*

The \$401,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate Grand Prix CSI 5* will be the featured class during "Saturday Night Lights" in the International Arena on Saturday, March 7, at 7 p.m. The 5* grand prix will feature the world's top horses and riders competing over the biggest jumps in one of four five-star events in the season. Admission is free and parking is \$20/car with \$30 valet available.

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Located in the Special Events Pavilion, The Veuve Clicquot Suites are available on Saturday, March 7. 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. 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.

\$50,000 GRIFFIS RESIDENTIAL GRAND PRIX CSI 2*

It's Grand Prix Sunday at WEF on Sunday, March 8, with the \$50,000 Griffis Residential Grand Prix CSI 2*! Enjoy the afternoon watching younger riders move up the international level and veterans campaigning new horses in this highlight of the two-star division.

SAVE THE DATE

FEI NATIONS CUP™ CDI03* PRESENTED BY STILLPOINT FARM AND U25 NATIONS CUP PRESENTED BY DIAMANTE FARMS AT AGDF

Nations Cup competition returns to the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival on Wednesday, March 11, for senior and U25 teams. The FEI Nations Cup™ CDI03* presented by Stillpoint Farm will host teams from around the world competing for team medals on Thursday and individual medals on Friday, and young riders will compete in the U25 Nations Cup presented by Diamante Farms for team medals on Wednesday and individual medals on Thursday. General admission and parking are free on Wednesday and Thursday, general admission is free and parking is \$10/car for the "Friday Night Stars" freestyle competition.

AMERICAN EQUESTRIANS GOT TALENT FINALE

Let us entertain you at American Equestrians Got Talent (AEGT) Finale and Simply the Best Gala, a fun evening of music, dance, and the performance arts hosted by Joey Niceforo on Sunday, March 15, at 6 p.m. at Equestrian Village (AGDF show grounds - 13500 South Shore Blvd.). The popular talent competition is the culmination of weeks of AEGT audition events held during the season. AEGT is the brainchild of Robert Dover, Chef d'Equipe of the U.S. Dressage Team. The season-long series raises funds for the USEF Emerging Athlete Program for Dressage. The AEGT Finale winner will receive a grand prize of \$10,000. For VIP tables and tickets, go to aegtusa.com.



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Cup since the start of the season here in Florida," said Porter, who was also making his senior Nations Cup debut. "I thought my horse jumped two great rounds tonight. He jumped a really amazing first round and was a bit unlucky with my rail, but I'm really happy with him. We've come a long way together. I look forward to what the future holds with him. He's a really special horse to me and our family."

Pulling through for a clear in the second round to help his team's total, Kocher, 36, of Wellington, FL, and Squirt Gun were pivotal for their team in the rider's second Nations Cup team appearance.

"He's by far the best horse that I have at the moment," said Kocher of the nine-year-old Oldenburg gelding (Diarado x Quick Star) owned by Eye Candy Jumpers. "Last year in the high schooling [jumpers] at WEF, I fell off him

our first time out, so it's incredible what 18 months can do. He's the best horse I've ever had so far in my career."

Coming in with the most team experience under her belt, Sternlicht, 26, hailing from Greenwich, CT, served as the anchor rider and posted a clear round with Just A Gamble, but did not return for the second round thanks to her teammates scores securing the win.

"I'm very thankful for my teammates who made it very easy for me," she said. "I think we're a young team, but have a lot of strong riders who have had consistencies leading up to this event. I think that was showcased in their awesome rides.

"It took me awhile to get to know [Just A Gamble], but I think our partnership really started to solidify," said Sternlicht of her 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare. "She's been very consistent. I would say that she ranks as my second or third horse, and she's been an

unbelievable support system for my top mare, Cristalline, just coming back."

A very proud Chef d'Équipe, Ridland noted of his young team, "This team was chosen right down the ranking list of the applicants, and to see them do that tonight was just amazing.

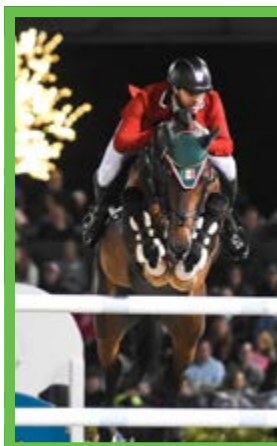
"It really fits into what we've always tried to do; you can have a team of three veterans and two newer riders, but it's all in the same spirit of giving experience when it really counts," continued Ridland. "There's nothing like pressure at home; it's Saturday night with everything on the line, and nobody in the stands cares that this is their debut. They're rooting for the Americans! The American flag was everywhere, and it's a different kind of pressure at home. For these riders to experience that and to have the flag on the saddle pad for the first time, this is invaluable."

Lindsay Brock



Nations Cup Photo Gallery

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11:00 a.m.: Equuleus vs. Dutta Corp - Bracket III/IV
3:00 p.m.: Cessna vs. Coca Cola - Bracket III/IV

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

11:00 a.m.: Postage Stamp Farm vs. La Indiana - Bracket I
3:00 p.m.: Santa Clara vs. Daily Racing Form - Bracket I

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

3:00 p.m.: Old Hickory Bourbon vs. Park Place - Bracket II

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

10:00 a.m.: Las Monjitas vs. Dutta Corp - Bracket III/IV
12:00 p.m.: Santa Clara vs. La Indiana - Bracket I
3:00 p.m.: Equuleus vs. Coca Cola - Bracket III/IV

MONDAY, MARCH 9

11:00 a.m.: Postage Stamp Farm vs. Daily Racing Form - Bracket I
3:00 p.m.: Cessna vs. Patagones - Bracket III/IV

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Tryon Welcome 2	March 26-29	National/Hunter A/Jumper 3
Tryon Welcome 3	April 2-5	National/Hunter A/Jumper 3
The Fork @TIEC	April 2-5	National M-A/CCI 1*S, 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 CDE @ TIEC	April 23-26	National/FEI CAI 1*, 2*

SPRING SERIES

Tryon Spring 1	April 29-May 3	Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 4
Tryon Spring Dressage 2	May 2-3	National
Tryon Spring 2	May 6-10	Premier/Hunter AA/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 5/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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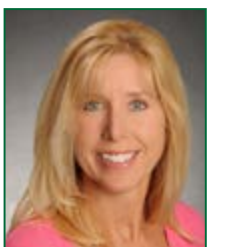


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1. Jessica Springsteen (USA): 592
2. Katherine Dinan (USA): 493
3. Abigail McArdle (USA): 478
4. Adrienne Sternlicht (USA): 477
5. Lillie Keenan (USA): 458

CAPTIVEONE ADVISORS 1.50M CHAMPIONSHIP JUMPER CLASSIC SERIES (after 8 qualifying events)

1. Bliss Heers (USA): 199
2. Erynn Ballard (CAN): 194
3. Peter Lutz (USA): 186
4. Darragh Kenny (IRL): 185
5. Adrienne Sternlicht (USA): 157

HERMÈS UNDER 25 GRAND PRIX STANDINGS (after 7 qualifying events)

1. Sydney Shulman (ISR): 238
2. Tanimara Macari (MEX): 222
3. Jessica Mendoza (GBR): 206.50
4. Isabella Russekoff (USA): 190
5. Flo Norris (USA): 179

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CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE JUMPER STYLE AWARD:

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U25 GRAND PRIX SERIES 2020



WEF 8 Winners



The Omega Alpha Healthy Horse Award Winner at WEF 8 was Impression, owned by Legacy Equine LLC, shown with trainer Jeffrey Decal and rider Victoria Colvin. Courtesy of JRPR Equine News Room.



Traditionally given to an international equestrian competing during CSIO week as recognition of style of riding and sportsmanship at WEF, the Kate Nash Boone Style Award was presented to Kevin Babington. A shift in the award's honor, Michael Meller gave it in recognition of Babington's determination, inspiration, and dedication to show jumping after a life-changing event re-focused his role in the sport last year. Pictured left to right: Dianna Babington, Kevin Babington, Michael Meller, and ringmaster Steve Rector. © Sportfot



The Niall Grimes Perpetual Trophy was presented to Shane Sweetnam as the leading Irish rider during CSIO week by Equestrian Sport Productions President Michael Stone and ringmaster Steve Rector. © Sportfot



Alexandra Thornton, here on Charielle, was named the Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider for WEF 8, presented by Martha Jolicoeur. © Sportfot

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

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Rachel Turk and Skara Glen's Basel owned by Melissa Hirt, won the FarmVet Adult Amateur Modified Jumper championship.



Rylie True and Amanda Gerdt's Farnley Blew Kisses won the championship in the Equitation 11 & Under division at WEF 6 and the reserve championship in the Palm Beach Day Academy Small/Medium Children's Pony Hunters at WEF 8.



Anna Mae Saunders rode Utoo de Roton, owned by Dennis Sisco, to the championship in the Children's Hunter Older division, and she was the reserve champion with Casallo, owned by Erin McGuire.



In the USHJA Hunter 2'3" division, Jennifer Papiernik and Randall Swatek's Word Play were champions..



In a section of the Cross Rail Hunter Younger, Grace Stenbeck-Werner rode High Hopes Hollywood, owned by Harmony Hill LLC, to the championship.

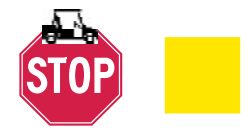


The other champion of the Cross Rail Hunter Younger at WEF 8 was Handsome Honey Do, ridden by Caitlin Sweeney for Arroyo Escondido LLC.

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WEF 8 JUMPER HIGHLIGHTS



Darragh Kenny picked up two major wins at WEF 8, including the \$37,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 8 with Carthano shown here and the \$50,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m National Grand Prix with Important de Muze. ©Sportfot

Adrienne Sternlicht (USA) won the \$5,000 Premier Equestrian Welcome Stake CSIO4* riding Cadans Z to open week eight of WEF. Sternlicht had the accuracy and speed to top a field of 65 over tracks set by course designer Ken Krome (USA). She and Cadans Z, owned by Starlight Farms 1, LLC, stopped the clock at 62.59 seconds over second-place finisher Todd Minikus (USA) and his own Calvalou in a time of 64.02 seconds. Great Britain's Ben Maher rounded out the podium finishes with Ginger-Blue, owned by Jane Forbes Clark, stopping the clock in 67.78 seconds.

Riding for the United States, Andrew Ramsay took fourth aboard Stranger 30, owned by The Stranger Group, with a time of 67.86 seconds, while fellow U.S. rider Abigail McArdle capped the top five riding I&H Boogy Woogy, owned by Parot Horses LLC, in a final time of 68.59 seconds.

Making their debut under the lights during week eight, Brienne Goutal-Marteau (USA) won the evening edition of the \$5,000 Premier Equestrian Welcome Stake CSIO4* riding Tanael des Bonnes for owner Gerald Ford. Israel's Alberto Michan finished the runner-up on Ictus d'Emma, owned by Wolver Hollow, and Samuel Parot Jr. (CHI) rounded out the top three aboard Buga Z for owner Samuel Parot.

Also winning the International Arena on Wednesday, Peter Leone (USA) topped the \$6,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.40m, riding Capito Z, owned by Capito Group LLC.

Darragh Kenny (IRL) and Carthano cruised to victory in the \$37,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 8 CSIO4* on Thursday. When Kenny entered the ring as one of the final five riders to compete, the time to beat had been set at 64.39 seconds by the USA's Andrew Ramsay and Stranger 30. The pair had held the lead for three-quarters of the class, but Kenny and his new partner, Carthano, overtook them with a time of 63.67 seconds, ultimately securing Kenny the victory. Ramsay and Stranger 30, owned by the Stranger Group, finished in second, while third place with a time of 64.62 seconds went to the USA's Lucas Porter and Diamonte Darco, owned by Sleepy P Ranch LLC.

Finishing fourth in Thursday's WEF Challenge Cup was Great Britain's Ben Maher, who stopped the clock in 66.23 seconds riding Ginger-Blue for owner Jane Forbes Clark. Fifth place with a time of 66.37 seconds went to Canada's Sam Walker and Kel'Star du Vingt Ponts, owned by Castlefield Sport Horses.

Also winning in the International Arena at WEF on Thursday, Natalie Dean (USA) topped the \$10,000 Hermès Under 25 Welcome riding Don's Diamant, owned by Marigold Sporthorses, LLC.

It came down to a minute to win it in the \$37,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m Classic CSIO4* to highlight daytime competition in the International Arena on Friday. Well on his way to making his in-ring debut on the NetJets U.S. Jumping Team this weekend, Brian Moggre, 18, was the only rider to break the one-minute mark over the speed track.

Moggre, hailing from Flower Mound, TX, bested a field of 47 riders to win aboard new mount Nikita Jolie, the horse he owns together with Ken

and Emily Smith of Ashland Farms. Their time of 58.61 seconds bumped Canada's Sam Walker to second place in 60.37 seconds aboard Coralissa for owner Marbill Hill Farm.

Brienne Goutal-Marteau (USA) took third place riding Tanael des Bonnes for owner Gerald Ford in a time 61.41 seconds, while Bliss Heers (USA) finished in fourth in the irons of Antidote de Mars, owned by Bridgeside Farms LLC, with a time of 63.48 seconds. Erynn Ballard (CAN) capped the top five riding Canora Z in 63.60 seconds for owner Emma Waldfogel.

Also winning in the International Arena at WEF on Friday, Peter Lutz (USA) topped the \$6,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.40m Jumper Speed Challenge riding Air Pia Vg Z, owned by Swede Ventures LLC.

Ireland's Darragh Kenny led a twelve-horse jump-off with a speedy finish in Saturday's \$50,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m National Grand Prix riding 12-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding Important De Muze, owned by Kerry Anne LLC. The pair posted a time of 35.96 seconds to best an international field.

Behind Kenny in second place, McLain Ward (USA) rode his own Mundill to a time of 36.555 seconds. Finishing close behind in third place was Jessica Mendoza from Great Britain aboard Dollar Girl producing a clear round with a time of 36.827 seconds for owner Winsor Farms. Fourth place went to Antonio Martinez, Jr. (VEN) and Forman De Virton, owned by Tack Up Stable Corp. with no faults and a time of 37.553 seconds. Rounding out the top five, Molly Ashe Cawley (USA) rode Van De Emma to a time of 39.093 seconds for owner Oakridge Farm.

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GRAND PRIX (Cont. from Page 1)

the minority in some of these grand prix classes, but there were three in the jump-off today who all rode fantastically. To win this award against them was really exciting.”

Luis Pedro Biraben (ARG) finished in fourth riding Colorado 210 for owner Miguel Madero, while Israel’s Sydney Shulman rounded out the top five on J-Boston S.E., a horse she owns together with her mother Jill Shulman.

Representing weekly sponsor Premier Equestrian, the company that installed the Otto Sport Base Mats and geotextile for the new surface in the International Arena, Co-Founder and President Heidi Zorn was impressed with the talent showcased on Sunday afternoon.

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Hannah Isop and Believe Are Derby Winners, Hunters Continue Top Performances at WEF 8



Hannah Isop and Believe won the \$25,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby. © Sportfot

Hunter competition began on Friday with over 55 horse-and-rider combinations competing for the top spot in the \$25,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby. It was Hannah Isop aboard Believe who took top honors with high scores in both the classic and handy round of the class.

The class was held in the combination of Rings 11 and 12 on "Pony Island". Hunter riders first competed in a classic hunter round and then the top-12 combinations returned for the handy round. Isop and Believe went into the lead in the first round after receiving a high score of 183 points. The pair was able to maintain their top spot in the handy round with another high score of 199, resulting in a total score of 382.

Isop, of Pawling, NY, and Believe have been partnered for several years. Believe, the 14-year-old Hanoverian gelding (Stolzenberg x Lesley), was originally a jumper in Europe and began his hunter career when Isop took over the reins for owners, the Hart family. "Without the owners this wouldn't all be possible, so I would like to thank the Hart Family. He's got terrific people behind him. Also everyone at Harkaway Farm, it really does take a village," Isop commented.

After receiving champion in the High Performance Hunters during week eight, Isop and Believe were confident going into round one.

"He's got a big stride to him so I could really show off in round one and I thought the ring and the course let me do that," Isop described. "This is a really lovely venue. I'm so happy that WEF decided to open up these rings to the International and National derbies."

The pair was the last of twelve to return for the handy and after a flawless performance, Isop and Believe were able to keep their lead.

"My plan going into the handy was just to keep it cool. As well as having a really big stride, he is incredibly handy and I think that really helped us with this course," Isop explained. "He's plenty scopey, he let me gallop right on down to the last oxer, which was quite big, and I think that actually was our best part of the course!"

Isop plans to continue to show Believe in International hunter derbies, while also getting him ready for owners, Madison and Victoria Hart, to ride him. "He has two fabulous twins that own him. They have started to take over the reins on him, so I'm hoping that their partnership can develop," Isop said.

Second-place honors went to Jennifer Hannan, of Wakefield, RI, and her horse Olympic Fire. The duo received a score of 178 in the first round and 196 in the second for a total score of 374. Victoria Colvin rode William Lyles' Avatar Z to a third-place finish. Colvin, of Loxahatchee, FL, and Avatar Z earned a first round score of 178.25 and a handy round score of 194, for a total score of 372.25.

In hunter rings throughout the week, top performances were shown in the professional, junior, and amateur divisions. The Performance Hunter 3'3" division sponsored by FarmVet came to a close on Thursday with

Melissa Feller and In Love earning the champion title. Feller, of Flemington, NJ, piloted Meritage Stables LLC's In Love to two firsts, two seconds, and an eighth place.

Reserve champion was a tie between Geoffrey Hesslink on Brendan William's Knightly and Tara Metzner on Davlyn Farm Inc.'s Lion. Hesslink, of Shelbourne, VT and Knightly received a first place. Metzner, of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, and Lion also earned a first place in the division.

On Saturday afternoon, Becky Gochman was crowned champion and reserve in the Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'3" 36 and Over division. Gochman received top honors with Last Man Darling after earning two firsts, a third, and a fourth place in the hunter division, sponsored by Equiline.

Gochman also piloted her second mount in the division, Mythical, to reserve champion in the division. Gochman rode Mythical, another Gochman Sport Horses LLC-owned mount, to a first, third, and seventh places.

Two champions were crowned in Ring 11 on Sunday in the Always Faithful Equestrian Club Medium Pony Hunter division, which was held in a California Split format. Champion of Section A went to Alexa Lignelli, of New York, NY, aboard The Lignelli Family's EMC Entourage. The pair received two firsts, two seconds, and fourth place ribbons.

Champion of Section B of the Medium Pony Hunter division went to Olivia Sweetnam and Eva Mackenzie's Not So Secret. Sweetnam, of Wellington, FL, and Not So Secret received two firsts, a second, a third, and fifth places.

Reserve champion of Section A went to Vivian Golden and Renaud Farm, LLC's Hidden Springs Waltz. Golden, of Reading, PA, rode Hidden Springs Waltz to two firsts, a second, and an eighth place. Sweetnam also received reserve champion of Section B on Sweet Oak Farm's On Your Mark. The pair earned first, second, fifth, and sixth place ribbons in the division.

Sabrina Brashares



Melissa Feller and In Love won the FarmVet Performance Hunter 3'3" championship at WEF 8. © Sportfot



Becky Gochman swept the Equiline Amateur-Owner Hunter 36 & Over 3'3" division with Last Man Darling (shown) and Mythical. © Sportfot

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Sydney Shulman Unbeatable in Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix Series Semi-Final



Sydney Shulman won the \$37,000 Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix Series Semi-Final with Azilis du Mesnil and maintained her series lead. © Sportfot

Sydney Shulman (ISR) held onto her spot at the top of the Hermès Under 25 leaderboard by winning the \$37,000 Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix Series Semi-Final CSI04* aboard Azilis du Mesnil under the lights in the International Arena during week eight on Friday, February 28, at the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) in Wellington, FL.

Fifty-five horses challenged courses set by USA's Ken Krome with less than a half a second separating the top four in a 12-horse jump-off. Israel's Shulman and Azilis du Mesnil did just enough to top the standings in the end with a time of 31.59 seconds for owner Jill Shulman.

Shulman's good luck charm for the night was the Lebourgeois family, who bred Azilis du Mensil and made the trip from France to watch their horse compete.

Of her jump-off, Shulman said, "I planned to do five, which is the leave out, from jumps two to three. I did not get it done as well as I would have liked, but I was really grateful for Ginger in that moment because she really took the wheel. It was a little bit of a blind run to the double, but she was very careful and got out of the way. These are all great riders in this class, and the top three are really competitive, so it just worked in our favor today."

Less than three-tenths of a second stood between Shulman and Tanimara Macari (MEX), who was last to go in the tie-breaking round riding Feminka for owner Jorge Macari. She and the 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare (Verdi TN x Numero Uno) came up just shy of the victory in 31.84 seconds.

"This time it was all or nothing; my trainer said, 'We have to go for it this time!,'" said Macari. "It worked out. Not as much as we thought it would, but second is great. [Feminka and I] have been growing together since she was seven. Every time that we're in there, she fights for me to her fullest. We're really partners."

"This is my first year doing the complete [Under 25] season, and I think it's a great opportunity to prepare yourself for the bigger classes," continued Macari of her history in the division.


"I love this series because it's a great stepping stone for horses and riders," said Shulman, 25, who is making the most of her final year in the Under 25 ranks. "I did it for my first year when I was 16. You get to jump on the grass, under the lights, and as a team, so it's a great system that they have setup."

Shulman celebrated a reunion with Azilis du Mensil after jumping the 10-year-old Selle Français mare (Tinka's boy x Jarnac) in her first-ever night class in the same event just one year ago. "She has progressed nicely, so it's nice to see her come back now and win," said Shulman of the mare she calls "Ginger" in the barn. "She's super game. She definitely has a mind of her own, but if you go with her and let her do her thing, she usually fights with you, not against you."

Rounding out the podium, 23-year-old Jessica Mendoza (GBR) piloted her own Diamants Aurora to third in a time of 31.89 seconds.

"Sydney had a very quick round, and I didn't think I could beat it, but I thought I'd give it a go," said Mendoza, who has been competing in Under 25 classes for three years. "This is actually my mare's third jump-off with me, so I thought this time I'd really try and give her a quick ride, and she was amazing."

Also posting a double clear, Flo Norris (GBR) took fourth in 31.96 seconds riding Con Pleasure 4, owned by Cisca Norris. Capping the top five, Sophie Gochman (USA) and Carola BH stopped the clock at 33.70 seconds for owner Gochman Sport Horses LLC.

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