



WEEKLY WIRE



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ASHLEE BOND RECORDS FIRST FIVE-STAR GRAND PRIX WIN IN \$401,000 DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REAL ESTATE GRAND PRIX CSI5*



Ashlee Bond and Donatello 141 raced to their first five-star win in the \$401,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate Grand Prix CSI5*. ©Sportfot

Ashlee Bond (ISR) recorded her first career five-star grand prix victory riding Donatello 141 in the \$401,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate Grand Prix CSI5*, on Saturday, March 7, at WEF.

Forty riders went to post in the "Saturday Night Lights" feature, four of which found the path to a clear round to advance to the jump-off over a course designed by Alan Wade of Ireland. Riding out of the first spot in the jump-off, Bond and Donatello 141 rocketed through the course in 39.64 seconds to set the winning pace.

"My horse felt like he really jumped the first round so beautifully and he is a naturally really fast horse, but he does have a bit of a smaller stride, so in this type of jump-off, Daniel had probably a bit of a bigger advantage," Bond explained. "[Donatello] lightly rubbed the first jump and then I was like, 'Oh okay, I can push it a bit more than I was originally planning to,' and it worked out today."

Following Bond, 23-year-old Lillie Keenan (USA) piloted Chansonette Farm LLC's Fasther through the short course, stopping the timers in 40.61 seconds. They would finish in third place. Bizzie Madden (USA) and Abigail Wexner's Darry Lou put on the speed from the start, but an unfortunate rail for four faults in a time of 39.97 seconds relegated them to fourth place.

"I was really happy with how I rode the first round and I was really upset with myself for how I rode the jump-off," admitted Keenan. "My horse is the best horse I've ever ridden, and I've ridden a lot of special horses. He's ridiculously

talented, brave, and has all of the ability. In the jump-off, I should have gone faster and believed in it a bit more, but I couldn't have been happier.

"Six months ago, I never would have thought I'd be here with this horse," she continued about the 10-year-old KWPN gelding by Vigo d'Arsoilles x Farmer. "Not for lack of his talent and ability, but my riding and my confidence level in this horse. I should have gone faster because I know the horse would have left all the jumps up, but I'm thrilled to be in third behind these two guys."

Riding out of the final spot in the jump-off, fellow Israeli rider Daniel Bluman and Ladriano Z, a 12-year-old Zangersheide gelding by Lawito x Baloubet du Rouet owned by Over The Top Stables LLC, finished just off the pace in 39.96 seconds to settle for second place.

"I don't think I rode very well the first round," said Bluman. "I didn't stick to my plan and I honestly just didn't ride well. There are times you ride amazing and you have one down, and there are times you ride incredibly bad like I did tonight, and the jumps stay up. For the jump-off, I gave it a go, but I didn't want to push the limit. I thought the horse had already covered for me in the first round and so I felt I needed to cover for him in the second round and give him a safe ride."

For Bond, the ability to say she is now a five-star grand prix winner isn't taken lightly. She said, "The feeling is surreal. It hasn't really hit me, the emotions of tonight. Not only was it my first five-star

HAVENS SCHATT AND ANNELIESE KOLASKA RIDE TO TOP HONORS IN THE \$10,000 USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY



Havens Schatt and Highlander continued their winning derby ways in the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby at WEF 9. ©Sportfot

Hunter competition continued at the Derby Field at Equestrian Village on Saturday with the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby. Ninety-one professional, amateur, and junior riders took their turn on the grass field hoping to earn the blue ribbon. The class was split into two sections, one for 48 professionals and a second for the 43 junior/amateur riders. Havens Schatt rode Highlander to victory in the professional division, while Anneliese Kolaska rode Herr Drosselmeyer to the top of the junior/amateur section.

After a competitive first round, the top 12 riders from each division returned to impress the judges one more time in the handy round. Horses and riders were tested with a trot jump and four high options on the grass field.

Schatt, of Georgetown, KY, returned to the handy with a first round score of 92.5, which put her in third place. After scoring a 93 in the handy, Schatt and Highlander rose to the top of the leaderboard with a total score of 185.5. Schatt went into the handy wanting to have a consistent round, knowing that there were two top horse and rider combinations ahead of her.

"I wanted to be as smooth as I could. I just wanted to have a solid round and have a top five finish," Schatt explained. "He was a true professional like he has shown himself to be since I've had him."

Schatt has only had Meredith Mateo's nine-year-old Zangersheide gelding by Vigo d'Arsoilles for one month, but the pair has already proven to be winners. Schatt and Highlander won the USHJA National Derby during Week 7 and also earned the Performance Hunter 3'6" championship earlier this week. Schatt did not expect a win in this class, since she did not know how her mount would act on the derby field, but Highlander rose to the challenge.

"Everything I've asked him to do he's won," Schatt said of Highlander. "I guess maybe I should ride that streak for as long as I can! That's what the jumper people say, 'When you're on a roll, keep it rolling!'"

Schatt's future plans with Highlander change from week to week, since the gelding is currently for sale. Her current plans are to gear up for the hunter derbies taking place Week 12 of the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival. "He's trying as hard as he can to find a new family! He's always in there and he's always consistent and tries to please," Schatt commented.

Second place in the professional section by only half a point went to Geoffrey Hesslink and Sabrina Hellman's Luminosity. Hesslink, of Shelbourne, VT, and Luminosity received a first round score of 90 and the highest handy round score of a 95 for a total score of 185. Keri

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FEI NATIONS CUP™ CDIO3* 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™ CDIO3* 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.

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

On Thursday, March 12, 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 10 Lunch & Learn topic is "Modern medicine for the competitive sport horse: How to gain and maintain a healthy and sound show horse. The renowned doctors of Palm Beach Equine Clinic, official veterinarians of the Winter Equestrian Festival and Adequan® Global Dressage Festival, explain how you can help your competitive sport horse achieve and maintain optimal health through advanced technology, innovative approaches, and specialty therapies," sponsored by Palm Beach Equine Clinic. Contact Miranda Tiona at 561-784-1137 or mtiona@equestriansport.com for more information.

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

Come show off your skills in the popular \$3,000 Groom's Class presented by HorseLinc during WEF 10 on Friday, March 13, in Ring 7, time TBD - please check Show Office for final start time and to register prior to the class. Ribbons and prizes will be presented!

"FRIDAY NIGHT STARS" - FEI GRAND PRIX FREESTYLE CDIO3*, PRESENTED BY STILLPOINT FARM

The tenth week of the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival at Equestrian Village will feature some of the best competition of the season as riders represent their countries in the Stillpoint Farm FEI Nations Cup™ CDIO3*. Who will stand on the podium for the "Friday Night Stars" FEI Grand Prix Freestyle, presented by Stillpoint Farm, on Friday, March 13? Come watch the finest dressage competition in North America to find out! General admission is free the whole week, parking is \$10/car on Friday night.

"SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" - \$137,000 HORSEWARE IRELAND GRAND PRIX CSI3* - GATES OPEN 6:30 P.M.

The \$137,000 Horseware Ireland Grand Prix CSI3* will be the featured class during "Saturday Night Lights" in the International Arena on Saturday, March 14, WITH NEW START TIME OF 7:30 p.m. The three-star grand prix will feature some of the world's top horse and riders competing over the biggest jumps. Admission is free and parking is \$20/car with \$30 valet available.

THE VEUVE CLICQUOT SUITES - AVAILABLE SATURDAY NIGHT

Located in the Special Events Pavilion, The Veuve Clicquot Suites are available on Saturday, March 14. 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.

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CHECK OUT THIS WEEK'S
FULL GAME SCHEDULE BELOW.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

11:00 am: Old Hickory Bourbon vs Pilot - Bracket II
3:00 pm: Park Place vs. Tonkawa - Bracket II

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

11:00 am: Quarter final I
3:00 pm: Quarterfinal II

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

11:00 am: Quarterfinal III
3:00 pm: Quarterfinal IV

Join us for the 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 4 April 8-12
Tryon Spring Dressage 1 April 16-19
Katydid CDE @ TIEC April 23-26

SPRING SERIES

Tryon Spring 1 April 29-May 3
Tryon Spring Dressage 2 May 2-3
Tryon Spring 2 May 6-10
Carolina Classic Reining @ TIEC May 6-10
Tryon Spring 3 May 13-17
Tryon Spring 4 May 20-24
Tryon Spring 5 May 26-31
Tryon Spring 6 TR&HC Charity Horse Show June 2-7

SUMMER SERIES

Tryon Summer Dressage 1 & 2 June 12-14
Tryon Summer 1 June 12-14
Tryon Summer 2 June 19-21
Tryon Summer 3 June 24-28
Tryon Summer 4 June 30-July 5
Tryon Summer 5 July 7-12
Tryon Summer 6 July 14-19
Tryon Summer Dressage 3 & 4 August 8-9

FALL SERIES

Tryon Fall Dressage 1 & 2 September 11-13
Blue Ridge Mountain Horse Trials @ TIEC September 12-13
Tryon Fall 1 September 18-20
Tryon Fall 2 September 23-27
Tryon Fall 3 Sept. 30-Oct. 4
Tryon Fall 4 October 6-11
Tryon Fall 5 October 13-18
Tryon Fall 6 October 20-25
Tryon Fall Dressage 3 October 23-25

FALL FESTIVAL SERIES

Young Horse Show Finals November 5-8
Tryon Fall Festival 2 November 13-15
US Mounted Games Association (USMGA) November 11-15

National/Hunter A/Jumper 3
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National M-A/CCI 1*S, 2*S, 3*S, 4*S
National Steeplechase Association
Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 3
National/FEI CDI 3*
National/FEI CAI 1*, 2*

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National
Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 4
National
Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 4
Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 5/FEI CSI 2*
Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 6/FEI CSI 3*
Premier/Hunter AA/Jumper 6/FEI CSI 3*

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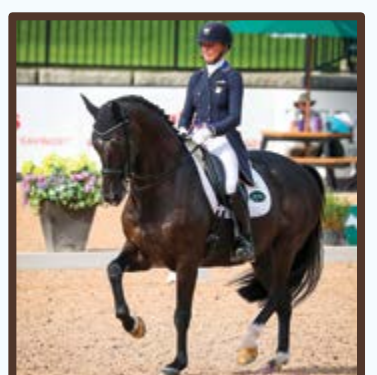
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WEF WEEK 9

LEADING LADY JUMPER RIDER, SPONSORED BY MARTHA JOLICOEUR OF DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REAL ESTATE, IN MEMORY OF DALE LAWLER (after 18 qualifying events)

1. Jessica Springsteen (USA): 694
2. Lillie Keenan (USA): 588
3. Kristen VanderVeen (USA): 500
4. Katherine Dinan (USA): 493
5. Abigail McArdle (USA): 478

CAPTIVEONE ADVISORS 1.50M CHAMPIONSHIP JUMPER CLASSIC SERIES (after 9 qualifying events)

1. Bliss Heers (USA): 239
2. Darragh Kenny (IRL): 218
3. Peter Lutz (USA): 215
4. Tiffany Foster (CAN): 202
5. Erynn Ballard (CAN): 194

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

CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE HUNTER STYLE AWARD:

Undaunted, ridden by Kelley Farmer and owned by Rock Ridge Farms

CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE JUMPER STYLE AWARD:

Brighton, ridden by Tiffany Foster and owned by Artisan Farms



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U25 GRAND PRIX SERIES 2020



WEF 9 Winners



The Vita Flex Tack Room Award winner for WEF 9 was Raquel Batto of Longacre MB, Inc. Photo courtesy of JRPR Equine News Room.



Alexandra Kozlov and Don Diablo won the \$2,500 NAL/WIHS Heathman Farm Children's Jumper 15-17 Classic and were champions in the division. © Sportfot



Impression, owned by Tracy Thompson with Maddie Fox and Chance Arakelian, was the Omega Alpha Healthy Horse Award winner at WEF 9. Photo courtesy of JRPR Equine News Room.



Ardyn Allesie presented the Always Faithful Equestrian Club Medium Pony Hunter championship to Clara Propp and Island Grace. © Sportfot



Daniel Rihan Jr. was presented with the Vestrum Medium Amateur-Owner Jumper championship by Emily Oatis. © Sportfot



The Prestige Italia USA Low Adult Amateur Jumper 18-35 championship was presented by Cassandra Ball and Brooke Plummer to Grace Ann Nolan, who rode Malbay Dreamer. © Sportfot



Stephanie Danhaki and Tufton Avenue scored another tricolor in the Palm Beach Equine Clinic Amateur-Owner Hunter 18-35 3'3", presented by Bethany Lawler and Dr. Meredith Hustler. © Sportfot



Beezie Madden is presented with the Leading Lady Rider Award by Martha Jolicoeur and Dr. Stephen Norton during Douglas Elliman Real Estate week. © Sportfot

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Anneliese Kolaska and Herr Drosselmeyer won the junior/amateur section of the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby. ©Sportfot

Kampsen, of Wellington, FL, and Ocean Road earned a third place finish in the class. Kampsen and Ocean Road, owned by Kampsen and Lexy Reed, earned a 90.5 in the first round and a 92 in the handy for a total score of 182.5.

Kolaska returned to the handy round in third place with a first round score of 87. Kolaska and her horse Herr Drosselmeyer earned a high score of 90 in the second round for a total score of 177.

Kolaska has been partnered with the 12-year-old Oldenburg gelding by Cevin Costner for three years and trains with Ed Copeland. Herr Drosselmeyer was originally purchased as Kolaska's 3'6" equitation horse that could also do the hunters.

"I got him for the equitation so I could jump around and say I did it, but the hunters are our thing!" Kolaska explained. "He's perfect! He's such a nice ride and he loves the derbies!"

After having an unfortunate rail with her first horse, Kolaska went in on Herr Drosselmeyer hoping for a consistent round. "I went into my first round on him wanting to have a nice smooth round and hopefully make the second round," said Kolaska.

Going into the handy, Kolaska knew that she would have to step up her game in order to move up three spots into first place. She remarked, "In my handy I was considering playing safe, but I decided to go all out and it paid off!"

Second place honors in the junior/amateur section went to Sterling Malnik, of Ocean Ridge, FL, and her horse Charlie. The pair received scores of 88 and 85 for a total round score of 173. Sydney Degrazia rode her horse Cadmo Van De Pluum to third place. Degrazia, of Rochester, NY, and Cadmo Van De Pluum earned consistent scores of 85.5 and 86 for a total of 171.5.

Sabrina Brashares

FINAL RESULTS: \$10,000 USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY

PROFESSIONAL SECTION

HORSE, RIDER, OWNER

ROUND 1 SCORE, ROUND 2 SCORE | TOTAL

- 1 Highlander, Havens Schatt, Meredith Mateo**
92.50, 93.00 | 185.5
- 2 Luminosity, Geoffrey Hesslink, Sabrina Hellman**
90.00, 95.00 | 185.00
- 3 Ocean Road, Keri Kampsen, Keri Kampsen and Lexy Reed**
90.50, 92.00 | 182.50
- 4 Dandan, Molly Sewell, Lucky Dey Farm**
92.00, 89.50 | 181.50
- 5 Monterrey, Kelli Cruciotti Vanderveen, Kelli Cruciotti Vanderveen**
89.00, 92.00 | 181.00
- 6 Mostly Sunny, Havens Schatt, Caroline Moran**
91.00, 89.00 | 180.00
- 7 St Tropez, Keri Kampsen, Laura Cramer**
88.75, 91.00 | 179.75
- 8 Inclusion, Kelli Cruciotti Vanderveen, Chris Jansen**
88.50, 88.00 | 176.50
- 9 Sebastian, Tiffany Morrissey, Stacey Shore Werner**
93.50, 80.00 | 173.50
- 10 Sugarman, Jennifer Bliss, Harris Hill Farm, LLC**
89.50, 76.00 | 165.50
- 11 Face The Music, Jennifer Bliss, Harris Hill Farm, LLC**
93.00, 72.00 | 165.00
- 12 Avatar Z, Victoria Colvin, William Lyles**
94.00, 64.00 | 158.00

JUNIOR/AMATEUR

HORSE, RIDER, OWNER

ROUND 1 SCORE, ROUND 2 SCORE | TOTAL

- 1 Herr Drosselmeyer, Anneliese Kolaska, Anneliese Kolaska**
87.00, 90.00 | 177.00
- 2 Charlie, Sterling Malnik, Sterling Malnik**
88.00, 85.00 | 173.00
- 3 Cadmo Van De Pluum, Sydney Degrazia, Sydney Degrazia**
85.50, 86.00 | 171.50
- 4 Golden, Christian Dominguez, David Oliynyk**
84.00, 87.00 | 171.00
- 5 Geneva, Lea Rucker, Lea Rucker**
86.00, 84.00 | 170.00
- 6 Conway, Michael Baum, Camille Branca**
83.50, 86.00 | 169.50
- 7 Concord, Lindsay Mutschler, Lindsay Mutschler**
86.50, 81.00 | 167.50
- 8 Christopher, Anna Foster, Anna Foster**
87.50, 78.00 | 165.50
- 9 Hip Hop VDL, Nicholas Pongracz, Karen Soper**
85.00, 79.00 | 164.00
- 10 Cornando, Alexandra Sharp, Alexandra Sharp**
82.00, 80.00 | 162.00
- 11 Coronation, Sterling Malnik, Sterling Malnik**
83.00, 78.00 | 161.00
- 12 Dia Caspar, Rebecca Patterson, Rebecca Patterson**
80.50, 59.00 | 139.50

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WEF 9 JUMPER HIGHLIGHTS

Kristen VanderVeen (USA) rode Bull Run's Faustino de Tili to her first victory of the week in the \$37,000 Douglas Elliman 1.45m CSI5* to open week nine of WEF. In Wednesday's highlight class, the best was saved for last, as VanderVeen and Bull Run's Faustino de Tili were the final of 60 entries to navigate the two-phase course set by Alan Wade (IRL). Using the stallion's big stride to her benefit, VanderVeen shaved more than a second off the previous leading time, crossing the timers in a winning 32.18 seconds.



Kristen VanderVeen and Bull Run's Faustino de Tili took home two five-star ranking class wins at WEF 9. ©Sportfot

When Vanderveen and her 15-year-old Belgian Warmblood stallion entered the ring, the time to beat had been set at 33.27 seconds by both Jordan Coyle aboard Picador and Andrew Kocher with Fashion V, who sat tied atop the leaderboard.

With the victory going to Vanderveen, Coyle and Picador, owned by Elan Farm, and Kocher and Fashion V, owned by Eye Candy Jumpers, finished tied for second. Fourth place went to Mexico's Santiago Lambre aboard Ibabco, while VanderVeen rounded about the top five with Bull Run's Divine Fortune.

Also earning wins in the International Arena on Wednesday were Luis Larrazabal, who topped the \$8,000 Griffis Residential 1.40m CSI2* riding Fiesta V for owner Ana Holguin and Canada's Tiffany Foster, who bested the \$1,000 Bainbridge 1.40m CSI5* riding Vienna, owned by Artisan Farms, LLC.

The USA's Spencer Smith and Theodore Manciais topped a field of 53 entries to win the \$137,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 9 CSI5*. On the way to Thursday's win, Smith, 23, was the first of 12 entries to return for the Alan Wade (IRL) designed

short course, and he and Theodore Manciais crossed the finish in what would prove to be an unbeatable 39.79 seconds.

Coming the closest to catching Smith's time was U.S. Olympian Beezie Madden who finished in second with a time of 39.84 seconds riding Darry Lou, owned by Abigail Wexner. Lamaze was the final to return to give his student a run for his money over the jump-off course, but a time of 40.02 seconds would give Lamaze and Chacco Kid, owned by the Chacco Kid Group, the third-place honor.

Finishing in fourth with a time of 40.19 seconds were Rodrigo Lambre (BRA) and J'adore van het Klinkhof, and fifth place went to Darragh Kenny (IRL) and Classic Dream with a time of 40.47 seconds.

Also earning an FEI win in the International Arena on Thursday was Olivia Chowdry, who topped the \$8,000 Griffis Residential 1.45m CSI2* riding Balkana

du Tillard, owned by Atlas Equine Holdings, LLC.

VanderVeen and Bull Run's Faustino de Tili sped to the top of the \$37,000 Bainbridge 1.45m CSI5*, their second win of the week at WEF 9. VanderVeen and her veteran campaigner were the fastest of 18 clear rounds out of 43 entries in the 1.45m over a course set by Alan Wade of Ireland. They took over the lead from Lucas Porter (USA) and Hope Street, who had set the time to beat at 59.66 seconds. They would finish in third place. Riding out of the 24th spot in the order, VanderVeen and "Frosty" brought the winning time down to 56.54 seconds.

Coming close but just off the pace for second place were Cian O'Connor (IRL) and Baronescha, owned by Reitsportanlage Dagobertshausen GmbH & Co. KG, who finished in 56.65 seconds. Ashlee Bond (ISR) and Little Valley Farms' Boheme de Fleyres were fourth with a time of 60.25 seconds, while Daniel Coyle (IRL) rode Donjo, owned by Ariel Grange, to fifth place in 60.28 seconds.

Forty-four entries contested Sunday's \$73,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Jumper Classic, and it was the first to go in the jump-off that set an unbeatable time. Tiffany Foster (CAN) and Brighton, owned by Artisan Farms LLC, blazed to the win in 32.72 seconds. Second place went to Beezie Madden (USA) and Abigail Wexner's Breittling LS, who finished double clear in 32.72 seconds, while Lucas Porter and Hope Street, owned by SPR Fund One, were third in 33.61 seconds.

Lacey Gilbertson and Baloppi Breeze to Victory in \$50,000 Griffis Residential Grand Prix CSI2*



Lacey Gilbertson and Baloppi raced to the win in the \$50,000 Griffis Residential Grand Prix CSI2. © Sportfot*

While strong winds blew at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, an array of talented horse-and-rider combinations aimed for the top spot in the \$50,000 Griffis Residential Grand Prix CSI2*. The final event on Sunday, March 8, at the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) concluded week nine.

With a highly competitive field of 44 starters, 16 competed in the jump-off round. In the second round, there were 11 competitors from the USA, three from Ireland, and one each from Israel, Mexico, and Sri Lanka. Saving the best for last, Lacey Gilbertson (USA) piloted Seabrook LLC's Baloppi to a fault-free round with a lightning fast time of 32.78

seconds, edging out Shawn Casady (USA) aboard Gotcha, owned by Rock Ridge Farms, who had held the top spot for most of the jump-off round with a time of 33.27 seconds. Close behind was Paul O'Shea (IRL) and Skara Glen's 7 Pillars, owned by Hampton Farm and Skara Glen Stables, stopping the timers at 34.33 seconds.

"My horse is adjustable so that worked in our favor in the first round," said 26-year-old Gilbertson. "In the jump-off, my initial plan was to add a stride in every line, but as the class progressed the numbers showed that wasn't the right plan if you wanted to win."

Turning to the second to the last jump, the crowd helped cheer her on to go faster. "It definitely helped keep me going," added Gilbertson.

Having ridden the 13-year-old Danish Warmblood mare for three years, Gilbertson has moved up the ranks from the High Amateur-Owner Jumpers to the Under 25 division, to the international jumpers.

"She's my soulmate," affirmed Gilbertson. "Whatever you ask of her, she tries one hundred and fifty percent to do her best and she is very forgiving and very good at the job."

Gilbertson has been competing at WEF since she was 16 and now calls Wellington home base, which makes it easy to show throughout the winter circuit. "It's always exciting to win at WEF. Everyone is so competitive, and nothing is a given. You have to go full-tilt to win and it's very satisfying," she said.

In second place, Shawn Casady (USA) and Gotcha were tough to beat and led the field for a majority of the jump-off. "I rode my horse as a four-year-old in Europe for Alan Waldman," revealed Casady. "Hardin Towell had a broken foot in the fall, so I started riding her this January and showing at WEF. She has a great personality and knows when she is in the ring. This has been a super win for us and building up to this has been a great experience." Casady currently rides with Hardin Towell and Darragh Kenny at Oakland Stables.

Third place finisher Paul O'Shea (IRL) shared his thoughts on his mount, the talented Skara Glen's 7 Pillars. "This horse has always been good and won at a young age, winning the young horse final at the Hamptons as a seven-year-old," said O'Shea.

Over the last two years the gelding has been consistent in the 1.40m and 1.50m classes. "He became a gelding last year and that was a good thing. He's happier and has better concentration," said O'Shea.

Bringing him back slowly in the ring has been paying off, showing that he is a careful jumper with a great attitude. O'Shea's plan in the jump-off was not to go too wild and even if he had shaved a couple strides, he felt he still wouldn't have beaten Gilbertson.

With a double-clear and a time of 35.10 seconds, Darragh Kerins (IRL) and Limbridge secured the fourth place ribbon with Rebecca Conway (USA) and Con Coleur, close behind with a double-clear and a time of 35.262 seconds, in fifth place.

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INTERNATIONAL RIDER PROFILE

Capt. Brian Cournane



Capt. Brian Cournane © Elena Lusenti

Accepted into highly competitive Cadet School, Irish show jumper Capt. Brian Cournane was posted to the prestigious Irish Army Equitation School, where he quickly developed his natural talent and horsemanship. In the military for more than a decade, he spent 12 years competing primarily in the sport of eventing, while also achieving Grand Prix wins at the national level of show jumping. Cournane retired from the army in 2014, electing to keep his Capt. title. He jumped his First Nations Cup in 2015 in Drammen, Norway, where he posted a double clear, while also continuing to event at the highest level. In 2016, he relocated to Wellington, FL, in the U.S. and fully committed himself to the sport of show jumping. He quickly ascended

the ranks and has become a fixture on the international show jumping circuit with a strong string of horses. Cournane and wife Jules now run their Glenbeigh Farm operation out of Wellington, and Cournane has become a regular member of Team Ireland's jumping squad.

Do you remember the first horse you rode? What did you compete in?

The first thing I rode was a donkey; it wasn't even a horse! The first competition I was in was a hunter trial in Tipperary, and I was riding a colored horse that we called a batty. It was black and white so that's why we call them that. I think I was 12 or 13 years old.

What is your fondest memory of riding as a kid/junior?

I'm from Kerry, so I had great fun riding on the beaches and going on trail rides in Kerry in the forest. We went into rivers and down banks and ditches, and we had lots of sand dunes we would ride up and down that were steep.

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

I've got a great wife and two great kids, so that's first and foremost. I've been very lucky to be part of the Irish team and we won the Nations Cup in Langley, Vancouver a couple years ago. But the best achievement is my wife and kids for sure.

What two things would you want to have with you on a deserted island (food and water are available)?

Ice cream for sure! And I guess a fishing rod as well.

Who would play you in a movie about your life?

Tom Cruise! He's pretty cool.

What superpower would you like to have?

Invisibility, I think. You could mess with a lot of people and I just think it would be fun.

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

I did a lot of running when I was in the army; I competed and won a lot of competitions in cross-country running. I don't do it anymore, but it was fun back then.

What is the last gift you gave someone?

It was for Valentine's Day. I got my wife flowers.

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

I would have to say Clooney. He is an amazing horse. His consistency is incredible, he has jumped so many clear rounds, and he seems to have a great attitude in the sport. He's also very resilient. He's been around for years now, and he still is very successful.

What is your favorite part about WEF?

We live here, so it's so nice to be close to the show and have our family nearby. That is the best thing. The competition is obviously outstanding; it's the best in the world, but it's so nice to be here and be able to take my dirt bike in and out to home. We spend so much time traveling the rest of the year so it's nice to have home and your family close by for a bit.



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GRAND PRIX (Continued from Page 1)

grand prix win here, but it was my first five-star grand prix win ever. I've gone clear in a few, but winning it was not there yet."

Bond rode Donatello 141, who is owned by her family's Little Valley Farms, in the horse's first five-star grand prix just a few weeks ago, but this was the first time she felt ready to push for speed. Thanks to their three-year relationship, Bond knew what she could ask for over the short course at this 1.60m level.

"He's always been really level-headed and the height of the jump has never bothered him," she explained. "As a young horse, every time I asked him to move up, it just took him a couple of tries and then it's like he locks it in to his computer and does it easily. I just know him really well, so I took a risk. There were only four in it, so I figured if I'm fourth, I make good money so might as well gun it."

"We got him at the beginning of his six-year-old year in March," she said of the nine-year-old Westphalian gelding by Diarado x Lamoureux. "He did not turn left. He would just exit the ring, which was fun. My dad [Steve Bond] spent a lot of time working on his turning. He used to be my worst turner; now he's become my best."

For both Bond and Bluman, the strong result of two Israeli teammates was very meaningful.

"For a country that was not even part of the sport in the big picture a few years ago, to be getting the results were getting right now is very strong," confirmed Bluman. "It hasn't hit me that we ended up one-two in one of the most important grand prix in the United States and in North America, but it's great and we're trying to do things well."

"I think it's incredible," said Bond. "It's what we've all dreamed of Israel to become and for it to happen like Daniel said, so quickly, is really impressive. I feel like the future is really bright for our team; we might not have the depth that other countries have, but the riders that we do have are really special and we have some really special horses so I expect great things from our country, like tonight."

"This is a big night and I know it's hard to quiet the mind and get in the zone, but you should be very proud of yourself," said Don Langdon, Managing Broker, Florida of Douglas Elliman Real Estate to the top three riders. "I hope you sleep very well, or celebrate and then sleep well, and know we are proud of you and hope to continue to sponsor you for years to come."

For their win, Bond and Donatello 141 were presented with the Herman "Kappy" Kaplan Perpetual Memorial Trophy, as well as received a two-night stay at the Brazilian Court Hotel in Palm Beach.

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- 5 KEOKI:** 2009 Holsteiner gelding by Catoki x Cassini I DAVID BLAKE (IRL), Pine Hollow Farm: 1/84.03
- 6 ANTIDOTE DE MARS:** 2010 Selle Français stallion by Diamant de Semilly x Jarnac BLISS HEERS (USA), Bridgeside Farms, LLC: 4/77.73
- 7 DINKY TOY VD KRANENBURG:** 2009 SBS mare by Ugano Sitte x Kimball LORENZO DE LUCA (ITA), StepheX Stables: 4/80.55
- 8 HESTER:** 2005 Belgian Warmblood gelding (Wandor van de Mispelaere x Palestro vd Begijnakker) LUCY DESLAURIERS (USA), Lisa Deslauriers: 4/80.85
- 9 BACARA D'ARCHONFOSSE:** 2007 Belgian Warmblood mare by Asca Z x Kannan CASSIO RIVETTI (BRA), Sloan Lindeman-Barnett: 4/81.59
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Zara McGuigan rode Stars Above to the Walk/Trot championship at WEF 8.



Katie Haley rode Isabel Kurek's Talk To Me, shown with trainer Michele Cowan, to the Take2 Thoroughbred Hunter championship.



Emily Williams and Alexander Hamer's Sundown won the Young Hunter 3' (5 Year Old & Under) championship.



The Walk/Trot champion was Anderin's Pick Pocket, ridden by Sophia Pessoa.



Stephanie King and Lexus won the \$10,000 NAL/WIHS Adult Amateur 18-35 Jumper Classic at WEF 9.

Clara Propp Pilots News Day to the Win in the \$5,000 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby



Clara Propp and News Day won the \$5,000 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby. © Sportfot

Friday morning began with pony riders taking on the Derby Field at the Equestrian Village. It was Clara Propp and News Day who took top honors in the competitive \$5,000 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby. After receiving a high score of 86 in the first round, the pair maintained their lead with a score of 80 in the handy round for a total score of 166.

More than 50 ponies competed in the classic round on the grass field. The class was divided into 17 small ponies, 23 medium ponies, and 11 large ponies, with a height adjustment for each size. After the first round was complete, the top 12 pony and rider combinations returned for their chance to show off in the handy round.

Propp, of New York, NY, and News Day, owned by Aquitaine Equine, were the last to return for the handy round after they earned the highest score in the classic round.

The 12-year-old gelding by Clovercroft's Abba Adonai has been in the Propp family for several years and originally showed in the Large Green Pony Hunters with Propp's older sister, Stella. Once Stella outgrew ponies, Clara took over the reins and continued News Day's successful show career.

"He's absolutely amazing in and out of the show ring!" Propp commented. "He can be a little quick, but in the show ring he acts perfectly. You can tell he's a show pony."

Propp and News Day are no strangers to the USHJA Pony Derby and competed in the class last year, where they earned a seventh place finish. Propp was thrilled that she was able to come back this year to earn the win with two beautiful, consistent rounds. "He was absolutely perfect. I did this last year and he was so good. I couldn't have been happier with how he was and how I was!" Propp explained.

Going into the handy round, Propp knew that she wanted to remain calm and show off enough to stay in the lead. "I tried to make all the tightest turns. I didn't want to let my nerves get to me and I just rode how I always ride," Propp described.

Second place honors went to Vivian Golden, of Reading, PA, the owner and rider of Dressed To Go. The pair received scores of 82 and 83, for a total score of 165. Kat Fuqua aboard Chic in Time earned a third place. Fuqua, of Atlanta, GA, and her pony Chic in Time produced scores of 81 and 82, which added up to a total score of 163.

Sabrina Brashares

FINAL RESULTS: \$5,000 USHJA PONY HUNTER DERBY

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ROUND 1 SCORE, ROUND 2 SCORE | TOTAL

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- 2 Dressed To Go, Vivian Golden, Vivian Golden**
82.00, 83.00 | 165.00
- 3 Chic In Time, Kat Fuqua, Kat Fuqua**
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- 5 Deja Blue, Lily Epstein, Lily Epstein**
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- 6 Hidden Springs Waltz, Vivian Golden, Renaud Farm, LLC**
74.50, 79.00 | 153.50
- 7 Swag, Madison Keese, Madison Keese**
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