



WEEKLY WIRE

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MCLAIN WARD AND CATOKI SOAR TO VICTORY IN THE \$75,000 BAINBRIDGE COMPANIES GRAND PRIX



McLain Ward and Catoki were fastest to win the opening feature of the 2021 WEF, the \$75,000 Bainbridge Companies Grand Prix. © Sportfot

McLain Ward (USA) capped off the first week of competition with top honors on Sunday, January 10, in the \$75,000 Bainbridge Companies Grand Prix at the 2021 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF). Ward and Catoki topped four speedy entries with the only double clear effort of the day to claim the title.

Ward and the 11-year-old Holsteiner gelding owned by Marilla van Beuren, Bob Russell, and Ward challenged a field of 30 entries, putting forth a clear effort over the technical track set by Eric Hasbrouck (USA) to ensure a jump-off. He and Catoki moved swiftly across the shortened course to set the tone for the remaining entries with a fault-free time of 36.846 seconds.

Last to go in the jump-off was Canada's Erynn Ballard, with two big wins under her belt over the past week. A rail at the second to last jump on course proved to be the difference this time around, landing her in the runner up position in 36.994 seconds with Ilan Ferder's 10-year-old mare Kamilla D.

It was 16-year-old Grace Debney of Hampden, MA, who produced the first clear effort of the day with Temple Equestrian's 10-year-old mare Zarina de Vidau, in just her third career Grand Prix. The youngster was the first to return in the jump-off as well, finishing with just one knockdown in 37.126 seconds to round out the top three.

The remaining competitor in the jump-off was Nick Dello Joio (USA) on Gelvesa, a 10-year-old KWPN mare owned by Hi Hopes Farm, LLC.

They had four faults in the jump-off, and with a time of 37.652 seconds, finished fourth.

For Ward, the victory with Catoki was a positive step after a difficult outing in Thursday's Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Premiere Round.

"You just try to slow him down sometimes," said Ward. "He goes every

time to win. Sometimes when you always go to win the class, it can blow up a little bit once in a while. He's been a great campaign winner for us and so competitive. I felt like if I rode well, he would perform well today."

In most cases, Ward sticks to his own game plan but after a fiery start to the week by Ballard, her success crossed his mind.

"I've actually come behind her in both jump-offs, and I think tried a little too hard to beat her," he said. "I thought about that a little bit last night, actually. Catoki, he's either going to win or be close, particularly at this 1.50m level. He's a real tiger."

Ballard, also a regular competitor on WEF's international stage, felt the pressure coming into the week's finale.

"I felt so nervous today, more nervous than any other day this week because I felt like everyone was watching and I had to be good," she said. "My room for error was very small but she made the first round so easy for me. In the jump-off when you're following McLain, you have to try. She's green, I'm going fast, and fast and one down kept me second. So, there's really nothing more I could ask of her this week."

While Ballard has experienced a great deal of success throughout her career, her results from this past week sit near the top of her long list of accomplishments.

"I had a good week two years ago, at Longines Masters in New York.

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HANNAH ISOP AND BELIEVE RISE TO THE TOP IN THE \$25,000 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY



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

On Friday during WEF Premiere week, Hannah Isop rode Believe to the top of the card in the \$25,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby.

The \$25,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby took place in Rings 11 and 12 with 43 riders competing for the blue ribbon. In the end, Hannah Isop and Believe moved up five places in the handy round to secure the victory.

Hunter riders were first tested over a classic round, designed by Danny Moore, which consisted of 12 elements and offered four high option fences. The top 12 horse-and-rider combinations returned to show off in the handy round, which included a trot fence.

Isop, of Pawling, NY, has had the ride on Victoria Hart's Believe for several years. "He is a complete goofball and total love in the barn," said Isop of "Luca", the 15-year-old Hanoverian gelding by Stolzenberg. "He is really one of a kind to ride; I'm quite lucky. Luca is owned by an incredible family, the Harts, and their two daughters ride him as well!"

Isop and Believe received a score of 90 in the classic round, choosing all four high option fences, which put the pair in sixth place. Kelley Farmer, of Wellington, FL, rode Good Choice, owned by Glefke and Oakland Ventures, LLC, to a high score of 96 in the classic round.

"We are all a little rusty coming off of a long break, but I was really quite happy with the horse and my first round," explained Isop. "He went in there confident. It was a course that was very open, so it was well built for his big stride and I could really show off in a couple places."

The duo came back seventh in the order for the handy round, where they showed off their neat turns and rideability to impress the judges. Isop piloted Believe to an unbeatable second-round high score of 96 to climb to the top of the class with an overall score of 186.

"My plan going into the handy was just to have some fun. The handy was the icing on top for me," Isop commented. "Once he went in and jumped fence one, which was only about three strides off the fence line from the in-gate, I just knew that he was on it. He is able to gallop down to the four-foot oxer and at the same time float back to the trot jump with ease."

Isop hopes to continue the pair's success in more USHJA International Hunter Derbies this season, while also looking forward to owners, Madison and Victoria Hart, taking over the reins on Believe.

Taking home second place honors was Kristy Herrera, of Wellington, FL, aboard Carousel Group's

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WEF 1 LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

WEF 1, which runs January 13-17, will feature live streaming of the main FEI jumper classes from the International Arena free of charge, including the \$6,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m Jumpers and \$1,000 Bainbridge 1.40m Jumpers on Wednesday, the \$37,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 1 on Thursday, the \$37,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50 Classic on Friday, the \$137,000 Wellington Regional Medical Center Grand Prix CSI3* on Saturday night at 7 p.m., and the \$30,000 National Grand Prix on Sunday. Visit PBIEC.com, click on the "Video Streaming" tab on the left, and then click on "Live Stream-Featured Classes" to view.

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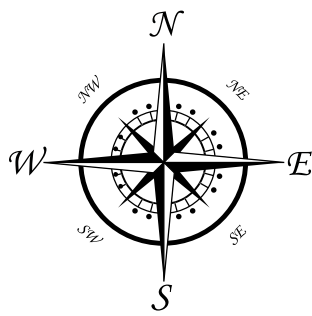
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WEF PREMIERE WEEK



LEADING LADY JUMPER RIDER, sponsored by Martha Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman Real Estate (after 2 qualifying events)

1. Erynn Ballard (CAN): 98
2. Lillie Keenan (USA): 73
3. Ashley Vogel (USA): 66
4. Grace Debney (GBR): 64
5. Ashley Fleischhacker (USA): 63

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1. Erynn Ballard (CAN): 24
2. Liza Finsness (USA): 22
3. Amy Millar (CAN): 21
4. Jordan Coyle (IRL): 20
5. Spencer Smith (USA): 19



CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE HUNTER STYLE AWARD:

Commentary, ridden by Julie Curtin and owned by Amy Perez

CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE JUMPER STYLE AWARD:

Ballerine de Ravel, ridden and owned by Caroline Mawhinney

WEF PREMIERE SPONSOR AWARDS

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Commentary, ridden by Julie Curtin and owned by Amy Perez, won the Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award, presented by Laura Fetterman.



Caroline Mawhinney and Ballerine de Ravel were presented with the Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award by Laura Fetterman.



Natalie Dean and Dotcom d'Authuit were presented with the championship in the Lugano Diamonds High Amateur-Owner Jumpers, presented by Melissa Brandes, Director of Equestrian for Lugano Diamonds.



With a win on Thursday and a second place finish on Sunday, Erynn Ballard took a strong lead in the standings for the Leading Lady Jumper Rider Award, sponsored by Martha Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman Real Estate, in memory of Dale Lawler. The award was presented by Dr. Stephen Norton and Martha Jolicoeur.

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I won the speed challenge and was third in the grand prix, but you never forget weeks like this," she stated. "You know that you're not going to have them every time. You certainly can't take them for granted."

For Debney, it was also a week filled with success including a win in Sunday morning's \$10,000 Show Jumping Hall of Fame High Junior Jumper Classic, presented by Griffis Residential followed by her third-place finish in the Grand Prix. Her goal for WEF 2021 is to continue to be consistent and she's certainly off to a rapid start.

"It definitely has built up my confidence," said Debney. "I didn't have such a great round early on Thursday in the [WEF] Challenge [Cup], but I think that really honestly helped me prepare for this class a little bit because I don't like to come in too confident. I think me and this horse's relationship has come very far. [Last year at WEF], I was jumping low juniors. We've definitely come a long way so it feels really good that we've done so well today."

For Ward, it's exciting to be surrounded by up-and-coming United States show jumping talent. When asked about the bright future of many of the young American riders competing at WEF, he beamed with pride.

"It's phenomenal," he said. "It's phenomenal for the future of the sport. It's very rewarding for myself. I'm actually a little bit involved with Grace's situation. Lillie [Keenan], Adrienne [Sternlicht], Lucy Deslauriers; I have a pretty incredible group of young ladies around our operation that I hope are learning, benefiting, and flourishing with our support. I always tell them, as much as they get out of it, I also find energy from working with them and seeing their ambition and young view of the sport. It keeps you hungry."

The Bainbridge Companies has been a sponsor at the Winter Equestrian Festival for 21 years. Chairman and CEO Richard Schechter congratulated all of the riders on a fantastic performance in this circuit's opening Grand Prix.

Kate Pettersen

FINAL RESULTS

\$75,000 BAINBRIDGE COMPANIES GRAND PRIX

- 1. CATOKI:** 2009 Holsteiner gelding by Catoki x Cartello B MCLAIN WARD (USA), Marilla van Beuren, Bob Russell & McLain Ward: 0/0/36.846
- 2. KAMILLA D:** 2011 SCSL mare by Kashmir Van't Schuttersho x Hyacinthe Vd Padenborre ERYNN BALLARD (CAN), Ilan Ferder: 0/4/36.994
- 3. ZARINA DE VIDAU:** 2011 CDE mare by Diamant de Semilly x Carina XXXVII Ch GRACE DEBNEY (USA), Temple Equestrian, LLC : 0/4/37.126
- 4. GELVERA:** 2011 KWPN mare by Quality Time Tn x Wonderful Vera NICHOLAS DELLO JOIO (USA), Hi Hopes Farm, LLC: 0/4/37.652
- 5. CAZAAN:** 2012 Holsteiner stallion by Casall x Zamira M Iii LILLIE KEENAN (USA), Chansonette Farm, LLC: 1/84.554
- 6. DURANGO VDL:** 2008 KWPN stallion by Zirocco Blue VDL x Narona Ashley Fleischhacker (USA), Ashland Show Stables, LLC: 3/86.290
- 7. BULLRUN'S ALMIGHTY:** 2008 Hanoverian gelding by Caspar x Quidame de Revel JORDAN COYLE (IRL), Bull Run Jumpers Six, LLC: 3/86.294
- 8. ZAZU:** 2008 BWP stallion by Kashmir Van Schuttershof x Diabliesse De Muze AUSTIN KRAWITT (CAN), AES Equestrian: 3/86.889
- 9. BELLISSIMO Z:** 2009 ZANG mare by Bamako De Muze x C'est Elle Z ASHLEY VOGEL (USA) Ashley Vogel: 4/80.128
- 10. DEAUVILLE S:** 2006 HOL gelding by Diamant De Semilly x Touch Ofclass TANNER KOROTKIN (USA) Castlewood Farm, Inc: 4/80.908
- 11. IDEAL:** 2012 SWB gelding by Cardento 933 x Paskitt SHANE SWEETNAM (IRL) Sweet Oak Farm & Seabrook, LLC: 4/82.147
- 12. MILLIONMIND:** 2007 ISH gelding by ARD VDL Douglas EMILY WARD (GBR), Steven Barnes: 4/82.589

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Meet The Riders of WEF:

KRISTY HERRERA

By Isabella Polizzotto



Kristy Herrera and Carousel, second place finishers in the WEF Premiere week \$25,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby. © Sabrina Brashares/Jennifer Wood Media, Inc.

Q: What is a fun fact about you and your horse?

A: A fun fact about Carousel is that I jumped his first jump, when he was three years old. That's when we bought him, and he's nine now. I have brought him along this entire time.

Q: From bringing him along this entire time, what's your favorite thing about him?

A: He is so eager to do anything you want in the ring. His attitude is so lovely. I could point him at fire in there, and he would jump it. [Last Friday] was his first big derby, and he gives his heart every time.

Q: What's something you enjoy doing on a ride?

A: I love the handies. I really love how neat and tidy I can be, and I love galloping to jumps. The handy round is my favorite.

Q: What is something you enjoy doing outside of the barn?

A: Outside of the barn, I play the piano actually. I started playing as a young kid doing classical music, so I try to add that in when I can in my free time.

Q: If you could ride anywhere in the world where would you ride?

A: Oh wow. I got to live in Europe for a year, and my favorite show was at Brussels, Belgium. I would probably ride there again if I could.

Q: What's something you would like to do in the future?

A: In the future I would like to see Carousel go to derby finals.

FINAL RESULTS \$25,000 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY

- 1. Believe / Hannah Isop / Victoria Hart**
90.00 / 96.00 | 186.00
- 2. Carousel / Kristy Herrera / Carousel Group**
91.00 / 92.00 | 183.00
- 3. Diacando / Victoria Colvin / Harris Equestrian LLC**
89.50 / 93 | 182.50
- 4. Good Choice / Kelley Farmer / Glefke & Oakland Ventures, LLC**
96.00 / 86.25 | 182.25
- 5. Carento / Elizabeth Towell Boyd / Sherri Crawford**
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86.50 / 92.50 | 178.50
- 8. Face The Music / Jennifer Bliss / Harris Hill Farm, LLC**
90.00 / 87.00 | 177.00
- 9. Bacchus / Michael Britt-Leon / Kelly Sims**
87.50 / 84.00 | 171.50
- 10. Commentary / Julie Curtin / Amy Perez**
89.75 / 79.00 | 168.75
- 11. SVF On My Own / Maria Rasmussen / Sunset View Farm LLC**
89.00 / 69.00 | 158.00
- 12. Rainer / Brianne Goutal-Martreau / Aquitaine Equine**
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Carousel. The duo received a score of 91 in the first round and a 92 in the handy round, for a total score of 183. Loxahatchee, FL, resident Victoria Colvin rode Harris Equestrian LLC's Diacando to a third-place finish. Colvin and Diacando earned an 89.5 in the classic round and a 93 in the second round to end with a total score of 182.5.

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Holly Orlando and Fable opened up the 2021 WEF circuit with a championship in the Equine Tack & Nutritional's Green Hunter 3'6" division. © Sportfot

Competition in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring began on Thursday morning with Holly Orlando, of Wellington, FL, and James Anderson's Fable taking home top honors in the 3'6" Green Hunters, presented by Equine Tack and Nutritional's. The duo received a high score of 89 for a blue ribbon on the first day of the division, as well as a second-place finish in the under saddle. They added another two second places as well as a third to their total tally.

Reserve champion of the division went to Cincinnati, OH, resident Christopher Payne and Still Water Farm LLC's Reign. Payne piloted Reign to a first, two seconds, and a fourth-place ribbon.

In the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring on Friday, Ali Sirota Kelman of Irvington, NY, piloted Listen To Me to the championship in the Karina Brez Jewelry Adult Amateur Hunter Middle Section A. They placed first, second, and third over fences and won the under saddle. The reserve championship went to Bridget Hallman of Oyster Bay, NY, on Halston. They won two over fences classes and were second under saddle.

Equitation competition began on Saturday morning with the Ariat National Adult Medal taking place in the South Ring. The class saw twenty-seven riders and called back the top six for a test. Returning to the test in third place after receiving a score of 84 in the first round, Julia Gildea, of Waltham, MA, and Holly Hill Farm's Tristram 7 moved up two places to taking home the blue ribbon.

Tess Lenihan, of Chester, VT, rode Sophie Lenihan's Wayfarer to a second-place finish in the class. The pair received a first round high score of 86. Third place honors went to Miela Gross, of Waltham, MA, aboard Eleanor Cox's Dark 'N Stormy. Gross and her mount earned an 81 in the first round.

On the final day of competition for the WEF Premiere Week, the Adult Amateur Hunter Older Section B, presented by Marshall & Sterling wrapped up in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring. Chris Brown, of Boynton Beach, FL, piloted his own Rebel to the championship with two firsts, two seconds, and a sixth-place ribbon.

Reserve champion of the division went to Kristen Baran, of Toronto, ON, on her own Caramia. Baran rode Caramia to a first, three seconds, and a fourth-place finish.

By Lauren White



Cormac Hanley, courtesy of Cormac Hanley.

Q: You just opened your own business, Corley Hill, this summer. How does it feel to be at WEF for the first time in that role?

A: I'm excited to be taking on this new role this year. I've had an amazing last couple years at WEF and hoping the success will continue.

Q: What have you learned as a new equestrian business owner?

A: Starting my own business has taught me patience and persistence are key values. You can't rush success, especially with horses. Also, having someone to share the experience with and support you is important. I'm lucky to have my girlfriend, Kaely Tomeu, by my side. We do everything together.

Q: What are your goals for WEF 2021?

A: My 2021 goals are to expand the business and get back to the higher level of competition.

Q: Do you have any up-and-coming horses with you this season?

A: At the moment I don't own any horses for myself, but I've had the pleasure of bringing many young, talented horses along, and I'm hoping to build my string and continue to do so.

Q: What do you do on your days off?

A: On my days off, I enjoy relaxing at home watching sports or hanging out with friends.

Q: What superpower would you like to have?

A: If I could have one superpower, I would want to be able to talk to animals. It would be handy in this line of work.

JUMPERS RETURN TO ACTION AT 2021 WEF



Erynn Ballard picked up two major wins in the week, including the \$35,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Premiere Round with Walter White. © Sportfot

The 2021 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) opened up its first day of competition on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC). Ramiro Quintana (ARG) started the show season off on a high note with a victory on the first day in the \$8,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m Jumpers. Riding Orpen Horses' Hernald-Balia, he produced a clear ride in a winning time of 31.67 seconds, with a five second lead on the runner-up. Johan Kachelhoffer (GER) piloted Ursula Esser's Gabrovo to a second-place finish after the pair stopped the timers at 36.85 seconds. Third place honors went to Victoria Colvin (USA) and Justine Bestler's Bipper Du Libaire with a fault-free time of 40.54 seconds.

finish in the \$8,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m Jumpers was Molly Ashe Cawley, who rode Louisburg Farm's Berdien to the win and Harvester, owned by Ilan Ferder, to second place.

The fastest over the speed portion of the the \$2,500 Lugano Diamonds High Amateur-Owner Jumpers course on Friday was Natalie Dean of Palo Alto, CA, and Dotcom d'Authuit, an eight-year-old Selle Francais mare by Diamant de Semilly x Quidam de Revel. They finished the course in 30.354 seconds, almost 1.5 seconds faster than the second-place finisher.

Second place went to Maria Brugal of Wellington, FL, on her own Aragorn van Schuttershof, who stopped the timers in 31.722 seconds. Tori Corts of Wellington, FL, and Falkirk Farm LLC's Bon Jovi were third in 32.314 seconds.

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WEF PREMIERE PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

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Riding Sunbeam, owned by Ticket To Ride LLC, Victoria Roman was champion in the Young Cross Rail Hunter division.



In the Adult Amateur Hunter Middle Section B, Alexandra Beyrer and United Colors, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Caristo, were champions.



Ali Sirota Kelman and Listen To Me were champions in the Karina Brez Jewelry Adult Amateur Hunter Middle Section A.



Evelyn Cordish rode Blue Who to the championship in the Walk/Trot division.

How to Watch WEF's "Saturday Night Lights" 2021 Edition

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We have made it easy for you by providing a fully-produced live stream free of charge, complete with horse/rider graphics and top-notch commentary, that can be accessed by your phone, computer, or tablet. Hook it up to your TV for the ultimate watching experience! With the video feed right at your fingertips, tuning into "Saturday Night Lights" has never been easier. Just remember to be safe if you tune in with friends and family!

To access the live stream, visit PBIEC.com. Click on the appropriate live stream image, which should be one of the first things you see, on the home page slider. This will redirect you right to the page hosting the live stream footage. In addition, you can hover over (or tap on mobile) the "Spectators" tab in the main menu, then click the first menu option, "Live Stream - Featured Classes." This will take you to a catalog of live stream classes for the week. The top left corner will be the most current live stream you can access!

As a reminder, general public spectators will not be allowed on the property this season, so please do not plan to arrive at PBIEC to view the class. For those horse show participants and staff that have credentials and are allowed on-site for show purposes, you must have your credential in order to watch the class live and in-person.

Those watching the event live must have a seat. No loitering will be allowed.

AREAS OF SEATING INCLUDE:

International Club (Pre-sold tables and wristbands will be required for entry.)

Tiki Hut (Tables sold for the full season and wristbands will be required for entry. Tables still available for purchase, email tiki@equestriansport.com for more information.)

Purchased Box Seats (Reserved for riders and trainers only.)

Blue Seats (A very limited amount will be open. Seats will be socially distanced.)

Once again, seating is required. If you do not have a seat, you will be asked to leave. Bringing your own drinks and coolers will not be allowed.

Thank you for your cooperation! We are looking forward to a great WEF season.