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BEEZIE MADDEN AND BREITLING LS WIN FIRST "SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" GRAND PRIX



Beezie Madden and Breitling LS showed how it's done in the \$137,000 Wellington Regional Medical Center Grand Prix CSI3*. © Sportfot

In the first international grand prix of the 2021 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) circuit, U.S. Olympic team gold medalist Beezie Madden and Abigail Wexner's Breitling LS won the \$137,000 Wellington Regional Medical Center Grand Prix CSI3* on Saturday, January 16, at Palm Beach International Equestrian Center.

There were 44 entries in the grand prix, competing over a course set by Anthony D'Ambrosio (USA) and Andy Christiansen Jr. (ECU) consisting of 13 numbered obstacles. Just three were able to find the clear path to the jump-off in the first of four grand prix events under the lights for the 2021 circuit.

The clear round pathfinder was Sydney Shulman (ISR) on J-Boston S.E., a 12-year-old BWP gelding by Boris VH Kluizebos owned by Jill Shulman. With a rail in the double combination, their four faults in 48.86 seconds landed them in third place.

It was a solid start for Shulman and J-Boston S.E., who have been paired together for a year but have only competed at nine FEI-rated horse shows.

Additionally, Shulman noted, "Tonight was actually his second night class ever. I'd only gotten to do him one time in Tryon this summer, and we went at 6:30 in the first ten in the class, so it wasn't really under the lights. This was his first class here under the lights.

"We're just building up," she continued. "I was thrilled with the way he jumped the first round. He made it really easy for me. He's had a long break and is just getting back into the groove. I wanted to make it a confident experience this time so it can carry us through the rest of the circuit. I was really happy with that result."

Next in was Adrienne Sternlicht (USA), a team gold medalist from the FEI World Equestrian Games Tryon 2018. Riding Bennys Legacy, a 13-year-old Oldenburg gelding by Lupicor x Acordia owned by Starlight Farms 1 LLC, they put in a solid clear trip in a time 45.17 seconds for second place.

With an unfortunate slip in the jump-off in Thursday's qualifier, Sternlicht returned to the grand prix jump-off planning on giving Bennys Legacy a confident ride.

"My horse jumped amazing this week," said Sternlicht, who also won the Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Award, given in memory of Dale Lawler. "I knew there were places that I could open up his stride, like the eight [strides] across the middle came up naturally for my horse but I thought about being a bit conservative on the turns tonight to give him a conservative and confident ride with so much to look forward to this season. He responded really well, so I'm happy to be second tonight and always happy to be second to Beezie."

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HUNTERS CONTINUE TO SHINE AT WEF 1



Cooper Dean rode Figure of Speech to the championship in the Young Hunter 2'9" Five and Under division. © Sportfot

The Green Conformation Hunter division wrapped up on Thursday in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring with the crowning of the champion. Victoria Colvin, of Loxahatchee, FL, rode Parker Peacock's Acclaim to top honors in the division with three firsts, a second, a third, and a fourth-place finish.

"He had been a jumper, so this was his first class as a hunter and he was pretty spectacular," Colvin said of the nine-year-old Oldenburg by Heartbreaker. "He is super, super easy and also has a great personality."

Reserve champion in the Green Conformation Hunters went to Julie Curtin and RPW Show Horses, LLC's Ice. Curtain, of Woodstock, GA, rode Ice to a first, second, third and three sixth-place ribbons.

The Young Hunter 2'9" Five and Under came to an end on Friday morning in the Rost Arena. Cooper Dean, of Fayette, AL, rode Larry Glefke's Figure of Speech to four blue ribbons and one third place to claim the tricolor ribbon.

"He has a bright future!" Dean said of the four-year-old Holsteiner by Casall. "He is a great jumper and a beautiful steel grey [color] with a good body type. He's a good young horse that any professional would want to have."

Middleburg, VA, resident Gavin Moylan and Locarno, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Moylan, received the reserve champion title for the

division. The pair earned a first, second and three third places.

Nineteen equitation riders entered the South Ring on Saturday to compete for the top prize in the Bruno Delgrange Palm Beach Adult Medal. After a first round course and a flat phase, Alexander Goet, of Delmar, NY, rode his own Calvanos to the blue ribbon.

"The first round was good, and he felt amazing," said Goet of the eight-year-old Westphalian gelding. "It was nice to have a little bit more horse so I could easily get up the bending line, shape him, and then step down in the turns. He is also very fun to flat; he is so comfortable and like riding a cloud at the canter."

Second place honors went to Lauren Reid, of Kiawah Island, SC, and her horse Norway. Wellington, FL, resident Page Tredennick and her own Tomcat earned a third place finish in the medal.

Competition in the Rost Arena began on Sunday morning with the Large Junior Hunter 15 and Under division. Tessa Downey, of Houston, TX, aboard Bella Kay's Symbolic earned the tricolor ribbon with first, second, and third place ribbons.

"He is actually owned by one of my mother's closest friends and was with Beacon Hill Show Stables before," commented Downey of the 13-year-

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WEF 2 LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

WEF 2, which runs January 20-24, will feature live streaming of the main FEI jumper classes from the grass Derby Field at Equestrian Village free of charge, including the \$6,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m Jumpers and \$1,000 Bainbridge 1.40m Jumpers on Thursday; the \$37,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 2 on Friday; the \$37,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50 Classic, \$10,000 Hermès U25 Welcome, and Hermès U25 1.40m class on Saturday; and the \$137,000 Restylane Grand Prix CSI3* and \$25,000 Hermès U25 Grand Prix on Sunday; as well as the \$30,000 National Grand Prix on Sunday from the International Arena on the main grounds of PBIEC. 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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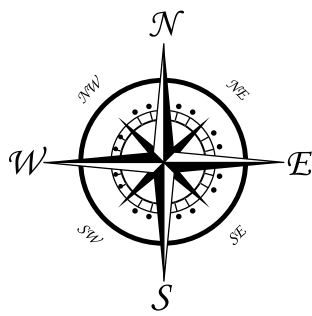
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2. Lillie Keenan (USA): 209
3. Tiffany Foster (CAN): 186
4. Beezie Madden (USA): 125
5. Georgina Bloomberg (USA): 121



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4. McLain Ward (USA): 53
5. Molly Ashe Cawley (USA): 47



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Doctor's Orders, ridden by Victoria Colvin and owned by Brad Wolf

CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE JUMPER STYLE AWARD:

Genius, ridden and owned by Catherine Wheeler

WEF 1 WEEKLY SPONSOR AWARDS

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Adrienne Sternlicht was presented with the Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Award, in memory of Dale Lawler, by Dr. Stephen Norton and Martha Jolicoeur.



Loukas de la Noue and Annie Phillips were the Lugano Diamonds High Amateur-Owner Jumper champions and presented with the award by Melissa Brandes, Director of Equestrian for Lugano Diamonds.



Catherine Wheeler and Genius, winners of the \$10,000 Carol Sollak, Engel & Völkers NAL/WIHS Adult Amateur 18-35 Jumper Classic and division champions, were also named the Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award winners, presented by Laura Fetterman.



Doctor's Orders, ridden by Victoria Colvin and owned by Brad Wolf, won the Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award, presented by Laura Fetterman.

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Wrapping up the jump-off were Madden and Breitling LS, a 15-year-old SLS stallion by Quintero x Accord II. They made quick work of the short course, coming home clear in 41.87 seconds.

Speaking of her plan for the jump-off, Madden said, “Adrienne [Sternlicht] is so good at working out of that big gallop and that horse is naturally quick anyway. I thought, ‘I’m not going to beat her on that part,’ so I tried to do it on the turns and just match her. The eight [strides] across the middle to the double looked a little risky from where I was sitting, but he did it well and I think I beat her from fence one to two and maybe the turn after the double [combination] as well. I thought those were the only places that I could try and catch her.”

While Madden believed that the course suited Breitling, an uncharacteristic “rocky” performance in Thursday’s qualifier led her to ride him “a little on the strong side.”

She added, “I thought I’d just have to have a nice, confident round, and he really responded to it and jumped well anyway. A lot of times it’s hard for them to concentrate when you’re riding them a little strong, but I thought he really rose to the occasion and did that well. I was really happy.”

Madden is known for giving her horses a lengthy winter vacation, but after so many cancellations in 2020 due to the pandemic, she was ready to bring out Breitling early.

“I’m going to pick and choose where I think he’s going to do well,” she said of her 2018 FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final and 2019 Pan American Games double bronze medal winner. “I think for his confidence right now starting out, he probably doesn’t need a five star right away. I’m going to pick some classes where he can get confident, and when he feels really good, I’ll slot him into a five star here and there.”

Jennifer Wood

FINAL RESULTS

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GRAND PRIX CSI3***

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2. **BENNYS LEGACY:** 2008 Oldenburg gelding by Lupicor x Acordia ADRIENNE STERNLICHT (USA), Starlight Farms, LLC: 0/0/45.17
3. **J-BOSTON S.E.:** 2009 BWP gelding by Boris van het Kluizebos SYDNEY SHULMAN (ISR), Jill Shulman: 0/4/48.86
4. **SEA TOPBLUE:** 2011 ISH gelding by Chacco-blue x Sea Top Lady ANDREW BOURNS (IRL), Andrew Bourns: 1/80.42
5. **CREEDANCE:** 2007 Dutch Warmblood gelding by Lord Z x Notaris KENT FARRINGTON (USA), Kent Farrington & Haity McNerney: 4/72.87
6. **NORTHERN LIGHT:** 2011 SWB mare by Plot Blue x Contender TIFFANY FOSTER (CAN), Artisan Farms, LLC: 4/74.56
7. **IGOR VAN DE WITTEMOERE:** 2008 BWP gelding by Cooper Vd Heffinck x Dahlia Vd Heffinck NAYEL NASSAR (EGY), Evergate Stables, LLC: 4/74.74
8. **ALEJANDRO:** 2009 Rheinländer gelding by Acorado's Ass x Contanga SHANE SWEETNAM (IRL), Seabrook, SpyCoast Farm and Sweet Oak Farm: 4/75.36
9. **H5 QUINTOL:** 2005 Oldenburg gelding by Quintender x Cento EDUARDO MENEZES (BRA), H5 Sport Horses, LLC: 4/75.56
10. **CHACCO KID:** 2006 Oldenburg by Chacco Blue x Come On ERIC LAMAZE (CAN), Chacco Kid Group: 4/76.22
11. **UNE DE L'OTHAIN:** 2008 Selle Français by Conterno Grande x Cento HARRIE SMOLDERS (NED), Evergate Stables LLC: 4/76.94
12. **QUIBELLE:** 2009 Hannoverian mare by Frh Quaid x Sherry SPENCER SMITH (USA), Gotham Enterprizes, LLC: 4/76.96

Meet The Riders of WEF: LILLIE KEENAN



Lillie Keenan © Elena Lusenti

Q: What is a fun fact about your horse, Agana van het Gerendal Z?

A: Honestly when I tried him, I didn't want him, and the reason I didn't want him is because I knew that he was very talented. He has been winning since he was four years old with his previous riders. He has always been a winner, but I felt that I didn't necessarily suit him very well. [I was] making a judgment off of the first 10 minutes that I was sitting on him. My mom was so funny, and was like, "You're going to learn to ride him. We are buying this horse because I am in love with him, and he is amazing, and you're going to figure it out." I'm not joking when I say she rides him every single day. My mom has jumped him at home for me. She's this tiny woman that rides him with no spurs and a small whip and he's like a pony. And he's like this big macho stallion whenever he goes out to the paddock, [but] as soon as he sees her, he's a pony. It's really remarkable, and I'm so happy I have her. She made such a difference in the horse's program. Ever since I put her on him really exclusively at home, it's like he grew into his own and he's a happy horse. They say happy horses perform the best.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do on a ride?

A: I love galloping in an open field. That is by far my favorite thing and something I rarely get to do. I love to just be with my horse. I wish we could do that more often, and it is actually part of my program with all of my horses. I take them out of the barn, and they go on trails. We're really lucky in our location because there's a grass trail along a canal out back, and we can go there and just have fun. When you get into the role of just show, show, show, you know, I forget the only reason that I started doing this sport and the only reason I wake up every day and want to do it is because I love horses. So, that's really the fun of it.

Q: What has been your most memorable ride?

A: That's a good question and one I get asked a lot, and I don't have a very clear answer because as a junior I had a lot of successful events. I had a successful career because I had a lot of really nice horses and an unbelievable coach. For me, sometimes the most valuable thing is when it's a horse you've developed a partnership with and work for. I would say probably the two high points were winning the Nations Cup in Dublin with Super Sox, and also jumping clear in the final round of the Nations Cup Final course in Barcelona with him. Those are probably the two biggest highlights. But I would say that the most rewarding thing is working with a horse. To be able to feel like you were a part of their journey to their highest potential, it's a huge responsibility, but it's the most rewarding feeling.

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old Hanoverian gelding by Carezzo. "I love his color. He is always so shiny, and he has such a great personality too!"

Kat Fuqua, of Atlanta, GA, and her own Grand Remo received reserve champion honors in the division. Fuqua rode Grand Remo to two firsts and an eighth place finish.

Sabrina Brashares



Tessa Downey and Symbolic were the Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & Under champions.
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INTERNATIONAL JUMPERS RETURN TO WEF



Hilary McNeerney and Singuletto won the \$30,000 Pilates Rocks Grand Prix. © Sportfot

Eric Lamaze (CAN) and Chacco Kid returned to the ring in fine form scoring their first victory of the season in the \$6,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m Jumpers. In the WEF 1 opening class in the International Arena, Lamaze and the 15-year-old Oldenburg gelding owned by the Chacco Kid Group executed the two-round course flawlessly, stopping the timers at 26.97 seconds.

First to go in the order, Laura Kraut (USA) and Goldwin owned by Stars and Stripes, held the lead for most of the class after putting forth a clear effort in a time of 27.55 seconds. Rounding out the top three was Lillie Keenan (USA) aboard Cazaan owned by Chansonette Farm, LLC, who crossed the finish line in 27.80 seconds.

Fierce competition was on display in the \$37,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 1 with Lillie Keenan (USA) and Agana Van Het Gerendal Z besting a field of 73 combinations on Thursday. Last to go, Keenan piloted the 11-year-old Oldenburg stallion owned by Chansonette Farm, LLC around the track flawlessly for a double clear effort in a time of 39.95 seconds.

Returning to the International Arena for the second round, Sweetnam (IRL), aboard Indra Van De Oude Heihoef for The Blue Buckle Group, was the first to execute the jump-off without fault, finishing the day in second place with a time of 40.51 seconds. Cassio Rivetti (BRA) guided Genesis for Neil Jones Equestrian Inc to a third-place finish in the class with a clear effort in 43.15 seconds.

Molly Ashe Cawley (USA) flew to the top of the podium aboard Berdien in the \$37,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Jumper Classic on Friday. Cawley aboard the 10-year-old KWPN mare for Louisburg Farm navigated the course with precision to edge the current leader by more than five seconds as she crossed the finish line fault free in 36.54 seconds.

Last to return for the jump-off, Ireland's Paul O'Shea gave Cawley a run for her money as he and Chacantus owned by Eye Candy Jumpers put forth a valiant effort with a clear round, stopping the timers at 38.95 seconds. It was 2008 Olympic individual gold medalist Eric Lamaze (CAN) rounding out the top three aboard Dieu Merci Van T & L for Rein Family, LLC, and Little Creek Investments Inc, with a double-clear effort in 41.83 seconds.

Hilary McNeerney (USA) aboard Singuletto won the \$30,000 Pilates Rocks Grand Prix on Sunday afternoon to close out 2021 WEF competition for the week. A total of 48 entries contested the opening round of the Pilates Rocks Grand Prix with nine moving on to the jump-off over a shortened track set by Anthony D'Ambrosio (USA) and Andy Christiansen Jr. (ECU). Last to go in the second round, McNeerney had her work cut out for her with three double clear efforts already on the board in the International Arena. She and her own 12-year-old Holsteiner gelding put the pedal to the metal and crossed the timers in a blistering 41.274 seconds.

It was veteran Canadian rider Tiffany Foster finishing just off the winning time in the runner-up position aboard the 10-year-old mare Vienna for the Artisan Farms, LLC with a double clear effort in 41.378 seconds. It was a clean sweep of the podium for female riders as Gabriela Reutter (CHI) piloted 11-year-old Maharees Rock owned by Lumiere Horses Inc to a third-place finish in 44.482 seconds.

Bourns Family Formula Delivers Winning Horses

It was more than a fun twist of fate which saw three horses that graduated from Bourns Sport Horses' program finish in the top four of the \$137,000 Wellington Regional Medical Center Grand Prix CSI3* at WEF 1. Benny's Legacy, ridden by Adrienne Sternlicht, were double clear for second place, J-Boston S.E. and Sydney Shulman made the jump-off for third place, and Andrew Bourns rode Sea TopBlue to fourth place with just one time fault in the first round.

Bourns runs Bourns Sport Horses with his parents, Richard and Deirdre, with a base in Ireland as well as Wellington. "It was very satisfying that three of the top four finishers in the grand prix all have a connection to our program. They were found and produced by my parents and I," said Andrew. "It's very much a team effort for my family. My parents are the eyes and ears looking for horses, and I'm the lucky one who gets to ride them."

Benny's Legacy was purchased as a foal by Bourns' close friend Benedict "Benny" Kuehnle, who tragically passed away shortly after purchasing him. The Bourns family bought Benny's Legacy from Benny's father Hans when the now 13-year-old Oldenburg gelding (Lupicor x Voltaire) started to show potential.

While developing his talents at Bourns Sports Horses European base, Benny's Legacy was campaigned by their stable rider, Jenny Rankin, who rode him up to the five-star level and helped Ireland win two Nations Cups within seven days in 2019. Soon after that outstanding performance, he was spotted by McLain Ward. Ward instigated the partnership with new owner Adrienne Sternlicht, who very quickly found the key to Benny. Within weeks of Benny's arrival into the United States, the pair won not one, but two FEI World Cup qualifying grand prix classes. Ever since then, Benny has been a top performer for Adrienne and the Bourns family are delighted with the success the pair are achieving.

Shulman's horse J-Boston S.E., a 12-year-old BWP gelding (Boris van het Kluizebos x Guido), was purchased by the Bourns family as a green horse from a trusted friend in Sweden. Andrew competed him in Wellington, and the horse went on to show with Ilan Bluman before becoming one of Shulman's top horses.

Sea TopBlue, a 10-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding by Chacco-Blue, is a horse that grew up at the Bourns' farm in Ireland and was also shown by Jenny Rankin before Andrew took over the ride nearly two years ago.

"My mom spotted him as a foal and bought him from a very good breeder, Jim Meade, from County Clare," said Andrew. "He spent his early years happily grazing on our farm in Ireland. My mom has a great eye for a horse, and despite her recent incapacity, she certainly hasn't lost her ability to find amazing horses. Both my parents continue to search for young talent to secure top horses for our customers in the years to come. We have an exceptional crop of young horses being developed back in Europe, and I can truly say that the best is yet to come."

Keep an eye out for these top horses for the remaining weeks of the 2021 Winter Equestrian Festival!



Benny's Legacy and Adrienne Sternlicht placed second in the "Saturday Night Lights" grand prix at WEF 1. © Sportfot



Sydney Shulman rode J-Boston S.E. to third place in the grand prix. © Sportfot

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Andrew Bourns and Sea TopBlue had just one time fault in Saturday night's grand prix. © Kaitlyn Karssen Photography.

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Christina Plichta swept the Karina Brez Jewelry Adult Amateur Hunter Middle Section A division with Rightfully So and King's Mark, presented by Karina Brez.



Rachael Hake rode Sarah Ingle's Beyond Lucky to the championship in the USHJA Hunter 2'6" (First Year Shown) division.



L'Esprit, ridden by Rachel Rolfs and owned by Elizabeth Polk, was the ProElite Low Children's/Adult Amateur Training Jumper champion.



Zoey Burton rode Prom Queen to the Short Stirrup Hunter championship.



For the second week in a row, Victoria Roman and Sunbeam, owned by Ticket To Ride LLC, were champions in the Younger Cross Rail Hunters.



Jean Sheptoff and Verdict were champions in the Hunt Ltd Amateur-Owner Hunter 36 & Over 3'6" division.