



# WEEKLY WIRE

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## BEN MAHER AND TIC TAC EDGE THE COMPETITION TO CLAIM VICTORY IN THE \$137,000 RESTYLANE GRAND PRIX CSI3\*



Ben Maher and the 18-year-old stallion Tic Tac won the first grand prix on the grass Derby Field at the 2021 WEF. © Sportfot

It was a thrilling finish for the final day of the second week of FEI competition at the 2021 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) as Olympic team gold medalist Ben Maher (GBR) and the 18-year-old stallion Tic Tac, owned by Jane Forbes Clark, edged the competition by just one one-hundredth of a second to take top honors in the \$137,000 Restylane Grand Prix CSI3\* on Sunday, January 24.

On the derby field at Equestrian Village, a total of 45 entries entered the ring to tackle the course designed by Oscar Soberon (USA) with 12 qualifying to return for the jump-off. Maher executed the track flawlessly aboard the SBS stallion by Clinton x Panama Du Seigneur, leaving all eight obstacles in their cups to secure the win in a blistering time of 43.56 seconds, just one one-hundredth of a second ahead of Canada's Eric Lamaze.

"It was my lucky day, and sometimes it just happens like that," he said with a big smile. "Eric is one of the fastest riders in the world, and he was on a great horse, so I think I had the luck of the draw. I was also on an experienced horse. Tic Tac is 18 and doesn't come out very often, but he gives me great confidence and he did everything right for me today."

It certainly came down to the wire with some of the world's best riders

giving the shortened course their best shot. Olympic gold medalist Lamaze also had a veteran partner for the test, finishing a close second aboard 18-year-old Fine Lady 5 for Artisan Farms and Little Creek Investments, in a time of 43.57 seconds.

"Fine Lady is naturally very fast," said Lamaze. "I've had a few classes where we went too fast and paid for it, and I asked myself, 'Why did I go so fast?' I was trying to keep a good rhythm. I knew who was coming behind me; Ben is one of the best riders in the world. I knew I rode a fast course."

Rounding out the top three was another rider known to be quite speedy, Conor Swail (IRL), with 13-year-old Holsteiner mare GK Coco Chanel for Vanessa Mannix. The pair gave it a solid try, keeping all the jumps up in a time of 44.04 seconds to slide into third place.

"I thought the track was good today," said Swail. "It was a little different from some of the other competitions we've been jumping in, less numbers down the lines, but it was creative, and we got a very good result. It wasn't huge, but it was challenging, so I have to give the course builder credit for that!"

Like many of the riders competing this week, Maher spoke highly of

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## WEEK 2 HUNTERS JUMP TO HIGH SCORES



Scott Stewart and Catch Me scored a perfect 100 in the Antares Sellier France High Performance Hunter Stake class and won the division championship. © Sportfot

On Thursday of WEF 2, 12 horse-and-rider combinations competed for the tricolor ribbon in the Green Hunter 3'9", sponsored by Equine Tack & Nutritionals. After two competitive days of showing, Scott Stewart, of Wellington, FL, and Richard Prant's Love Note earned the championship title. The duo received a first, two seconds, third, and fourth place ribbons.

"He was great. He got to gallop around nicely," Stewart said of the eight-year-old Westphalian gelding by Kalaska De Semilly. "I know him very well, and I can trust him because he is so brave."

Penny Lombardo, of Loxahatchee, FL, rode Charismo to reserve champion. Lombardo and Joyce L. Kutcher's Charismo earned first, second, third, fourth, and fifth place ribbons in the Green Hunter 3'9" division.

Stewart's successful day did not stop with Love Note. The rider then piloted Gochman Sport Horses LLC's Catch Me to a perfect score of 100 and the championship ribbon in the High Performance Hunters, sponsored by Antares Sellier France.

"That horse has really come close to getting a 100 a lot of times.

We have gotten a lot of high 90s before," recalled Stewart. "I think today's course really suited him and suited the possibility to get that score. Getting a 100 was always in the back of my mind with him. Certainly that was on my mind today after he went really well in the first class. He is just so nice. He can go around with a loop in the rein and let you gallop around the course."

"I've had a lot of really nice rounds, and lots of nice rounds on him that I thought maybe could have been close," he continued. "When I left the ring I thought maybe it could happen, but I was in shock when it actually happened! I think that horse really deserves it. He tries 100% every time he goes in."

Only a handful of hunter riders have received a score of 100 before, and Stewart is thrilled to join the list.

"I've always dreamed of being able to do it, and I was a little nervous that I was running out of time on this particular horse, especially because I don't show him too much anymore since he is primarily Becky Gochman's amateur horse," explained Stewart. "There's not too many horses like him that can get that score so I feel lucky to be able to ride that type of horse. It doesn't come around very often. When he goes like that, he does everything pretty much on his own. It's a great feeling."

The Platinum Performance USEF Show Jumping Talent Search 2\* took place on Friday morning in Ring 6 with 26 riders competing for the top honors. In the end, Dominic Gibbs, of Colorado Springs, CO, and Mountain King Ranch LLC's Cent 15 impressed the judges in both the over fences and flat phases of the class to take home the blue ribbon.

"My mom and I brought him over from Europe, originally thinking he would be my high junior jumper, but he told us that he likes the equitation," commented Gibbs of the 13-year-old Hanoverian gelding

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**WEF 3 LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE**

WEF 3, which runs January 27-31, will feature live streaming of the main FEI jumper classes free of charge, including the Bainbridge Companies 1.40m Jumpers on Wednesday, the Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m Jumpers on Thursday, Friday's \$37,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 3, the CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic on Saturday, and the \$137,000 NetJets Grand Prix CSI3\* to wrap up the week on Sunday afternoon. 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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**WEF 4 SCHEDULE**

FEI jumpers return to the grass Derby Field at Equestrian Village for classes on Thursday through Sunday, February 4-7. Hunters will have a \$25,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby in the International Arena on Friday, February 5, and the Great Charity Challenge, presented by Fidelity Investments®, will be part of "Saturday Night Lights" on February 6.

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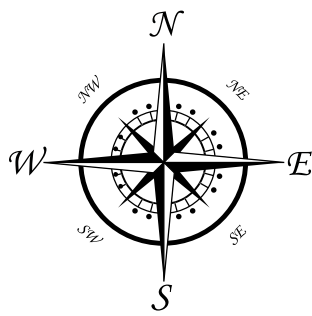
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3. MARGIE ENGLE (USA): 244
4. LILLIE KEENAN (USA): 230
5. ERYNN BALLARD (CAN): 224

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3. Molly Ashe Cawley (USA): 88
4. Lucas Porter (USA): 76
5. Flo Norris (GBR): 75.5



**CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE HUNTER STYLE AWARD:** Winter Stroll, ridden by Nancy Hooker and owned by Richard Prant

**CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE JUMPER STYLE AWARD:** Conquista D'Oz, ridden and owned by Layla Kurbanov



**HERMÈS UNDER 25 GRAND PRIX SERIES** (after 2 qualifying events)



1. Ashley Vogel (USA): 83
2. Tanner Korotkin (USA): 79
3. Charlise Casas (USA): 65.5
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Stephanie Danhagl is three for three in WEF weekly championships and swept the tricolors this week with Brightside and Baker Street in the Palm Beach Equine Clinic Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'6" 18-35 division, presented by Dr. Caitlin Hosea.



Layla Kurbanov and Conquista D'Oz were the Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award winners, presented by Laura Fetterman.



Laura Fetterman also presented the Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award to Nancy Hooker and Richard Prant's Winter Stroll.



Gretchen Hunt of Hunt Ltd. presented the championship to Becky Gochman and Catch Me in the Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'6" 36 & Over division.



Stephanie Ann Cook and Lord Arthur 1916 were the Prestige Italia USA Low Adult Amateur Jumper 18-35 champions, presented by Aurelie Ferrut.



Santauer and Vanessa Hood jumped to the championship in the Lugano Diamonds High Amateur-Owner Jumpers, presented by Melissa Brandes, Director of Equestrian for Lugano Diamonds.

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the opportunity to jump on the stunning derby field, noting the change of scenery from the International Arena at PBIEC as a great way to keep the horses fresh through a lengthy competition schedule.

“For me, the grass arena here is one of the best grass arenas there is in the world,” he said. “That’s why I picked this week to bring a horse of Tic Tac’s age over here. They’re great conditions. I thought it was a great course, and it was nice to see some new jumps out here this year. It’s so refreshing and great to be over here.”

Having already had some success at WEF this winter, including a win in \$6,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m Jumpers during WEF 1, Lamaze echoed Maher’s praise of the turf track.

“I think they should have as many competitions out here as they can,” he said. “It is the best footing in the world, the horses love jumping here, and for me that’s real show jumping out there. We appreciate all of the effort that is made to keep us safe from COVID. These are difficult times, so we should all be grateful for that.”

## FINAL RESULTS

**\$137,000 RESTYLANE GRAND PRIX CSI3\***

1. **TIC TAC:** 2003 SBS stallion by Clinton x Panama Du Seigneur BEN MAHER (GBR), Jane Forbes Clark: 0/0/43.56
2. **FINE LADY 5:** 2003 Hanoverian mare by Forsyth x Drosselklang II ERIC LAMAZE (CAN), Artisan Farms and Little Creek Investments: 0/0/43.57
3. **GK COCO CHANEL:** 2008 Holsteiner gelding by Clarimo x Lerano 2 CONOR SWAIL (IRL), Vanessa Mannix: 0/0/44.04
4. **GOLDWIN:** 2012 BWP gelding by Emerald x Divine Idylle GTW De Tinmont LAURA KRAUT (USA), Stars and Stripes: 0/0/44.64
5. **CHACNA:** 2007 Hanoverian mare by Chacco-Blue x Narew XX ENRIQUE GONZALEZ (MEX), Enrique Gonzalez: 0/0/45.38
6. **AKUNA MATTATA:** 2008 Holsteiner mare by Quinar x Landwind II NICOLE SHAHINIAN-SIMPSON (USA), Silver Raven Farms: 0/0/46.20
7. **COCOLINA:** 2011 Oldenburg mare by Conthargos x Carolina NATALIE DEAN (USA), Marigold Sporthorses, LLC: 0/0/46.53
8. **EMMERTON:** 2009 KWPN gelding by Silvio I x Artuna DARRAGH KENNY (IRL), SHL Farm: 0/0/46.65
9. **ZAIA DI SAN GIOVANNI:** 2009 mare by Cornet Obolensky MAC CONE (CAN), Chadburn Holdings, Inc: 0/0/49.02
10. **COLESTINA H:** 2010 German Sport Horse mare by Colestus x Cardenio 2 DANIEL BLUMAN (ISR), Blue Star Investments: 0/4/45.52
11. **CADIZ:** 2010 KWPN gelding by Vigo D'arsouilles x Bardesther CIAN O'CONNOR (IRL), Ronnoco Jump Ltd: 0/4/48.49
12. **KAMILLA D:** 2011 SCSL mare by Kashmir von Schuttershof x Canturo\*Bois Margot ERYNN BALLARD (CAN), Erynn Ballard: 0/4/48.55



## Meet The Riders of WEF: Stella Propp



### Q: What is one of your first WEF memories?

**A:** My first WEF memory is from when I was around seven or eight years old, doing the short stirrup with my pony, Captain Jack, in Ring 7! I remember it so vividly. We were champions and then we did the Parade of Champions. Honestly, I miss those days and that division so much. There was no pressure, and it was always so fun.

### Q: Who do you train with and what horses are you excited to show this year?

**A:** I train with Brienne Goutal-Marteau! One horse I'm showing is Zernike K in the Medium Junior Jumpers. He is one of the most special horses I've ever ridden, and I always feel so confident on him. I also have a hunter, Ashton, who I show in the Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17 division and I just got him a few weeks ago, so it's an exciting new partnership! The third horse I have is Brasilia, who is a younger jumper, so right now I show her in the Modified Children's Jumpers. I'm so excited about her because it's my first jumper that I actually get to help develop!

### Q: Are there any specific classes that you are really looking forward to this season?

**A:** I'm definitely looking forward to Week 6! This is my last junior year, which is really sad, and hunter week has always been one of my favorites. I just love getting to show the hunters in the International Ring; I think it's so special. I'm also looking forward to hopefully moving up to the High Junior Jumpers with Zernike K by the end of the season.

### Q: If you could ride any famous horse who would it be?

**A:** I love Brienne's horse, Viva Columbia. She is unbelievable and looks so smooth! I have flatted her once and I've always dreamed of jumping her and showing her one day!

### Q: Who is your favorite professional to watch?

**A:** Besides Brienne, I think McLain Ward is phenomenal. He is so talented and always has his game face on. For hunter riders it would definitely be Victoria Colvin. I have always aspired to ride like her! I love the hunters. It will always be my favorite division, so to watch her is so inspiring. She never misses a distance!

### Q: How do you balance school and riding?

**A:** I'm a senior so right now it is actually a little difficult because we have so much work on top of college applications, so I find time management to be very important. I try to get all my assignments early and in advance, and I am lucky that all of my teachers have been incredibly understanding. I think organization, time management, and staying diligent and on top of your work are key. That way you can show the school that you can succeed in both your education and riding.

### Q: What are your favorite things to do on your days off?

**A:** On the few days off I have, I am sad to say that I do a lot of school work! I also love to try to see my friends. I have so many amazing friends from the riding world but sometimes it's difficult to balance that with my friends from school in New York. So I try to see them as much as I can, even if sometimes it just ends up being a FaceTime call. My family and I also usually try to do a Sunday family dinner down here, which is really nice and something to look forward to.

Sabrina Brashares

## VITAFLEX TACK ROOM AWARD PHOTOS

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**Congratulations to our WEF 2 Vita Flex Tackroom Award winners Lion Share Farm.**  
Pictured from left to right: Kyle Gambino, Peter Leone, Gabriella Greco, and Alexandra Murray from Team Leone.



**The WEF 1 Vita Flex Tack Room Award** went to Ken and Emily Smith's Ashland Farms based in Wellington and Lexington, KY. From L to R: Katie Lenkart, Austin Krawitt, and Maria Asuaje, members of the Ashland Farms team.



**The WEF Premiere Vita Flex Tack Room Award** winner was Rick and Cindy McGrath's Wynnwood Farm out of Hershey, PA. Pictured from L to R: Anders Paulson, Madison Hatlaub, Jenna Reid, and Marek Leufkens.

## WEF 3 PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

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*Hollin Sutherland rode Bozeman to the Children's Hunter Older championship during WEF 1.*



*Pablo Gamboa's Kingston and Rachel Rolfs were champions in the ProElite Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper .90m.*

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by Careno. "He has been a wonderful mount for me and has taken me from being an average 3'3" rider to a very seasoned 3'6" rider. He's been a great help for me in my equitation career and a wonderful partner to have."

Second place honors went to Eva Fisherman, of Brookline, MA, and Boldly Stated, owned by Can We Keep It? LLC. Hollis, NH, resident Amira Kettaneh and Leigh Kettaneh's Automatic rode to a third place finish in the class.

Hunter riders entered the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring on Saturday to compete for the tricolor ribbon in the Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'3" 36 and Over division. After two days of competition, Becky Gochman, of Wellington, FL, and Gochman Sport Horses LLC's Mythical received first, second, and fifth places to earn the championship title.

He is really a favorite of our barn," commented Gochman of the 17-year-old Westphalian gelding by Cornet Obolensky. "He comes out and knows his job, and I just have to let him be who he is. We know each other so well by now, so I trust him completely. He is just so special. He's like a big pony, and I'm so thankful for him. He is one of my best friends."

Reserve champion of the division went to Nancy Hooker, of Wellington, FL, and Richard Prant's Winter Stroll. Hooker piloted Winter Stroll to first and second place ribbon.

Sunday marked the final day of hunter competition for the second week of WEF, and 12-year-old Rylynn Conway made sure to end on a high note in the Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 and Under division. Conway, of Fair Haven, NJ, rode Mountain King Ranch LLC's Perseus YC to champion after earning two firsts, two thirds, and a seventh place.

"He loves all people and his treats, which he gets a lot of since he's perfect," said Conway of the 12-year-old Hanoverian gelding by Paparazzo. "I love his jump and how he moves as well."

New York, NY resident Clara Propp rode Aquitaine Equine's Inquisitive to the reserve champion title. The pair took home two firsts and a fourth place.

Sabrina Brashares



## Ashley Vogel Marks Another Win in the \$25,000 FEI Hermès U25 Grand Prix



Ashley Vogel and Bellissimo Z in their winning presentation with Leah Rogers Meierfeld, Senior Equestrian Account Executive for Hermès. © Sportfot

The U25 riders took to the Derby Field at Equestrian Village on Sunday afternoon to contest the first \$25,000 Hermès U25 Grand Prix, and the class of 55 welcomed 10 back for the jump-off on the Oscar Soberon-designed course. The U25 Series will return for WEF 4 with the \$25,000 Hermès U25 Grand Prix Series Team Event.

Notching their second U25 victory of the week, Ashley Vogel (USA) and her 2009 Zangersheide mare Bellissimo Z (Bamako de Muze x C'est Elle Z) flew through the jump-off timers in 39.10 seconds, solidifying the blue ribbon during their first week ever competing on the Derby Field.

Trailing just behind the duo was Lucy Deslauriers (USA) aboard the Luja LLC's 2011 Selle Francais gelding Billy de Beaufor (Allegreto x HH Rosine De Beaufor), finishing with 39.43 seconds on the clock. Third place went to the USA's Tanner Korotkin and Deauville S, a 2006 Holsteiner gelding (Diamante de Semilly x Touch of Class) owned by Castlewood Farm Inc., who concluded their jump-off in 40.56 seconds.

"Bellissimo Z was jumping incredibly today," Vogel began, "just like yesterday. Yesterday was a good warmup for her. I wasn't expecting a win to happen

twice, but she's amazing and I'm really lucky to have her! I haven't really jumped FEI before 'Bell,' so getting in the ring with her, it's just a great confidence builder. She knows what she's doing, and that really helps going into a jump-off with a lot of fast horses. In the jump-off, she's naturally quick on her feet, so I hunted a little bit and had a lot of confidence in her so I know that she will leave the ground even if there are small gaps. She jumped great."

It was also the pair's first week ever jumping on the grass field together, and Vogel enjoyed the experience overall. "I think it's cool getting a chance to jump on the grass," said Vogel. "It's different and new, and it's my first time jumping out here, so I have really enjoyed it. Clearly my horse has too!"

While Saturday's welcome class didn't go the way Deslauriers planned, she used it as a learning experience and rode through Sunday's course with a solid game-plan. "He was great today," stated Deslauriers. "We've been building up to the FEI level and doing some ranking classes, and we will try to be competitive throughout this series through WEF. We didn't have our best day yesterday, and that was definitely a wakeup call, but I just tried to regroup and put in a confident effort today, and I was really happy with how it turned out."

Going into the jump-off Deslauriers knew she was up against some quick competition. She explained, "The plan was to be as fast as I could and keep the jumps up. I knew Ashley was coming behind me, and she's been really consistent on that horse and it has a huge stride. I tried to use my horse's foot speed a little bit rather than his stride to make up time, but I definitely got lucky in a few places and he helped me out."

Third place finisher Korotkin held the lead for the majority of the class and credited his experienced partner Deauville S for the day's accomplishments. "My horse is incredible," he admitted. "He showed a couple of years ago with Laura Kraut and he's been all over the world, so he's got a ton of experience. He's got a unique brain and his own style of going, but he knows where he's going and is always heading toward the next jump. In the jump-off I was planning on being as quick as possible and we got a little lost, but he's a great horse and is giving me a ton of experience."

Korotkin also expressed his appreciation for the Under 25 Series as a whole. He concluded, "It's a great series because it gives so many young riders a great experience going in to a bigger level, showing against competitors that are our own age. Then, when we head into the five-star ring, we're more prepared to do so."

In the \$10,000 Hermès U25 Welcome on Saturday, Ashley Vogel (USA) and Bellissimo Z flew through the timers in 67.49 seconds, besting a competitive class of 54 entries. Second place was awarded to the USA's Tanner Korotkin on Deauville S, a 2006 Holsteiner gelding (Diamant de Semilly x Touch of Class) owned by Castlewood Farm Inc., who completed the track in 68.87 seconds. Third place went to Charlise Casas (USA) and Always Faithful Equine LLC's 2008 Holsteiner gelding Diamond M (Numero Uno x Zarina M), ending on 70.21 seconds.

In the \$1,000 Hermès U25 1.40m on Saturday, Sophia Studd (DEN) and the 2009 Danish Warmblood mare Holsteins Matina (Party Dance x Mont Clarissa) owned by Marie Botved Studd captured the win, crossing through the timers in 67.70 seconds. Hunter Champey (USA) and Caprice, a 2007 KWPN mare (Kashmir Van Schuttershof x Jalisca Houtheem Z) owned by MDHT Equestrian, LLC, took second place in 78.65 seconds. Third place went to Eric Krawitt (CAN) piloting Godfather B Bellesbat (Numero Uno x Ustasia), a 2011 KWPN mare owned by AES Equestrian.

Kimberlyn Beaudoin



Ashley Vogel and Bellissimo Z won the \$10,000 Hermès U25 Welcome as well as the \$25,000 Hermès U25 Grand Prix. © Sportfot

## WEF 2 JUMPER WRAP-UP

Todd Minikus (USA) and Alberto Michan (ISR) bested a field of 105 entries in the \$6,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.40m Jumpers as the second week of the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) got underway at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC).

Minikus piloted the nine-year-old Zangersheide stallion Napoleon Of Picobello for Louisburg Farm over the two-round course set by Nick Granat (USA), stopping the timers at 23.950 seconds. The pair has been together for the past nine months and are starting to find a rhythm.

Michan and his own Cosa Nostra, an 11-year-old Oldenburg mare, left all the jumps in their cups and crossed the finish line in 24.221 seconds. The victory marked their return to the ring for the first time since showing in the CSI3\* in Wellington in November 2020.

Sydney Shulman (ISR) turned 26 years old in style with a win aboard Azilis Du Mesnil on the Derby Field at Equestrian Village on Thursday, January 21. Shulman and the 11-year-old Selle Francais mare owned by Jill Shulman put forth a clear effort in the two-phase competition, stopping the clock in 30.76 seconds. The dynamic duo are no strangers to the success on the grass after regularly campaigning last season in the Hermès U25 series, capturing the overall title for 2020.

Adrienne Sternlicht (USA) and Cadans Z, a 12-year-old Zangersheide mare owned by Starlight Farms 1, LLC, found themselves in podium position taking home second place honors in a time of 30.80 seconds. U.S. Olympic team gold medalist Laura Kraut and St. Bride's Farm's 12-year-old Selle Francais mare Fleurette rounded out the top three placings in a time of 31.23 seconds.

It was a winning Friday afternoon for Ireland's Bertram Allen who piloted the talented nine-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding Pacino Amiro to a top finish in the \$37,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 2.

The class had a starting field of 78 entries contest the track set by course designer Oscar Soberon (USA) with a total of 12 electing to return for the jump-off. In the second round, many combinations opted to do nine strides to the final fence on course, but Allen and the gelding owned by Aiden McGregory moved swiftly in eight strides to fly over the final oxer and cross the finish line in 39.72 seconds.

U.S. rider Paris Sellon put forth a clear effort over the shortened track aboard the 12-year-old Oldenburg mare Anna Jo for Willow Grace Farm, finishing just over a second off the lead in a time of 40.77 seconds. With the first double clear effort of the day, Enrique Gonzalez (MEX) and his own 14-year-old mare Chacna held on for a third-place finish, stopping the timers at 42.40 seconds.

It was an action-packed Saturday afternoon on the Derby Field at Equestrian Village with McLain Ward (USA) and Contagious climbing to the top of the leaderboard in the \$37,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic CSI3\*.

Twelve horse and rider combinations returned to contest the jump-off, but it was Ward and Beechwood Stables, LLC's 2009 German Sport Horse gelding Contagious (Contagio x For Mary) that gave a clear, quick performance to solidify the victory in a time of 36.83 seconds.

Second place went to Shane Sweetnam (IRL) and Ideal, a 2012 Swedish Warmblood gelding (Cardento x Paskitt) owned by Sweet Oak Farm and Seabrook LLC, who crossed through the timers in 37.26 seconds. Sweetnam also rounded out the top three aboard The Blue Buckle Group's 2008 Belgian Warmblood mare Indra van de Oude Heihoef (Casantos x Favorite Van De Kapel). They completed their jump-off in 37.84 seconds.

It was a day of firsts for Mark Bluman (ISR) as he and his mount, the eight-year-old Noortje Vd Windhevel owned by Over The Top Stables, LLC, flew to the top of the podium in Sunday's \$30,000 CP Grand Prix, their first grand prix class together. They were also first to go in the starting order, first to return in the jump-off, and as luck would have it, they ended the class in first place with a double-clear effort in a time of 42.784 seconds.

Just off the mark in a time of 43.319 seconds was Enrique Gonzalez (MEX) with his own 14-year-old mare Centarew, leaving the jumps in their cups for a second-place finish. U.S. rider Nicholas Dello Joio piloted Gelvesa for Hi Hopes Farm, LLC, into third position with a double clear round, stopping the timers in 44.037 seconds.



Bertram Allen (IRL) and Pacino Amiro won the \$37,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 2. © Sportfot

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