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SHANE SWEETNAM AND ALEJANDRO SPEED TO \$401,000 DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REAL ESTATE GRAND PRIX CSI5* VICTORY



Shane Sweetnam went last and fastest in the jump-off to win with Alejandro. © Sportfot

The first five-star grand prix of the season was a treat for show-jumping fans as Shane Sweetnam (IRL) and Alejandro, owned by Sweet Oak, Spy Coast, & Seabrook LLC, sped to the win in the \$401,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate Grand Prix CSI5* on Saturday, February 13, at the 2021 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF).

There were 40 entries in the grand prix competing over a course designed by Kelvin Bywater (GBR). Nine punched their ticket to a clear round and advanced to the jump-off. Riding first in the order in round one and the first to return were FEI World Equestrian Games™ Tryon 2018 (WEG) team gold medalists Devin Ryan (USA) and Eddie Blue.

Ryan opened up Eddie Blue's large stride and covered the jump-off course in 38.74 seconds while leaving all of the jumps up.

"I felt he was really jumping tonight so I decided to give it a little bit of a shot," said Ryan of the 12-year-old 2009 KWPN gelding by VDL Zirocco Blue x Marlon owned by LL Show Jumpers LLC. "He has a massive stride, but he's not the quickest horse in the air. Shane's horse is a bit quicker across the ground, and Martin rode a better track than I did. I could've maybe left out a few strides in a couple places just by turning back a little tighter. I haven't really been in a jump-off in a while or on a consistent basis, and I think you get a little rusty at that level. I just wanted to put down a nice

effort where they had to chase me a bit early on, and it seemed to work out decently."

The next five riders in the jump-off fell victim to one rail down but clearing the course in fine form was World Number Two Martin Fuchs (SUI) and his 2018 WEG individual silver medalist mount, Clooney 51, a 15-year-old Westphalian gelding by Cornet Obolensky x Ferragamo owned by Luigi Baleri. They brought the winning time down to 37.16 seconds but would have to wait for the final two entries in the ring to determine the outcome.

"I had an extra stride from the third to the fourth fence in the jump-off, which was the original one to two, and that's where I lost it against Shane, who rode a really nice jump-off," recalled Fuchs. "He didn't look like he took that much of a risk; he just let his horse canter and he beat us all today."

It was a solid outing for Clooney 51, who last competed in a five-star event when he won the Rolex Grand Prix in Geneva, Switzerland, in December of 2019. Since then, he only competed in a handful of two-star events in 2020 due to the cancellation of many events in Europe. WEF 5 was his first competition since November.

"When you have a year off of big showing and big classes, everything feels like new again," admitted Fuchs. "I was very nervous today with Clooney even though he has done it all. I wasn't sure how he would perform the first night out again, the first time in a big class, against the best horses in the world. It's really satisfying to see that everything is still in place and that for me as a rider, I still make the right choices and my horse still competes as he did 14 months ago."

U.S. Olympic team gold medalist Beezie Madden and Abigail Wexner's Garant followed Fuchs in the jump-off and put in a smooth clear round in 46.66 seconds to take fourth place.

As the last in the ring for the jump-off, Sweetnam knew exactly what he had to do, and pushing Alejandro for speed as he crossed the starting timers, he didn't let up through the long gallop to the final oxer on course. They landed clear in 37.03 seconds for victory.

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HUNTERS PREPARE FOR WCHR WEEK



Debbie Bass and Carat were the WEF 2'9" Adult Amateur Hunter champions. © Sportfot

Competition for the Green Conformation Hunter division wrapped up on Thursday of WEF 5 in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring. Jimmy Torano, who was also celebrating his birthday, rode Isalou, Inc.'s Laskano to top honors with three firsts, a second, a third, and a seventh place ribbon.

"The horse just wants to win. He doesn't want to let you down," described Torano, of Wellington, FL. "He actually won a Green 3'6" class right before this, so he won three classes in a row today. He has won so many classes for me in the professional divisions, and also for Daryl in the amateur divisions. He is just an easy horse."

Michael Murphy, of Apopka, FL, and Kimberly Stewart's Crush received the reserve champion title in the division. The pair earned two firsts, two seconds, a third place.

On Friday, 16 horse-and-rider combinations competed for the championship title in the WEF 2'9" Adult Amateur Hunters in Ring 12. In the end, Debbie Bass, of Gate Mills, OH, rode her own Carat to top honors in the division after earning two firsts and a second-place ribbon.

"He is great in the 2'9" Adult Amateurs and the 3' Adult Amateurs," said Bass of the 14-year-old

Warmblood gelding. "We even went to Capital Challenge, and he was so good and got great scores. He was a diamond in the rough, which are always the best!"

Janice Cannizzo and her own Lozada received reserve champion in the WEF 2'9" Adult Amateur Hunters. Cannizzo, of Lake Worth, FL, rode Lozada to first, third, fourth, and sixth place finishes.

Hunter competition finished in Ring 7 on Saturday with the naming of the Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17 champion. Libbie Gordon and her own High Society took the title after they received three firsts, a third, and a seventh place ribbon.

"I thought he was such a good boy yesterday; he jumped everything super crisp," commented Gordon. "It's so nice showing in the Grand Hunter Ring. It's such a nice size, and I can really get his stride open which allows him to jump well."

Augusta Iwasaki, of Calabasas, CA, rode Sara Hogan's Hamilton to reserve champion in the division. The pair earned three seconds, a fifth, and an eighth place ribbon.

Equitation competition continued on Sunday with the ASPCA Maclay taking place in Ring 9. The class was split into Section A and Section B with thirty-four riders in each section. Eric Krawitt aboard Saludo took home the blue ribbon for Section A, while Natalie Jayne and Bristol Des Tuileries received top honors for Section B.

"He is an experienced equitation horse and today was my first time riding him in the ring," commented Krawitt. "We got off to a great start and he was super today."

Second place in the ASPCA Maclay Section A went to Chase Finizio, of Boca Raton, FL, and Skyler Field's Commentator. Third place honors went to Anna Robson, of Dallas, TX, aboard her own Checkland.

Jayne and Coral C Stables, LLC's Bristol Des Tuileries also caught the

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WEF 6 LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

The first World Champion Hunter Rider week of the season at the 2021 WEF is on February 17-21 and will run feature classes in the International Arena on the main grounds of PBIEC, including Saturday night's WCHR/USHJA Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular. FEI jumpers will compete on the grass Derby Field at Equestrian Village, with highlight classes including: Thursday - \$6,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m Jumpers CSI3*, Friday - \$37,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 6 CSI3*, Saturday - \$10,000 Hèrmes Under 25 Welcome and \$37,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic, and Sunday - \$137,000 IDA Development Grand Prix CSI3*, \$25,000 Hèrmes Under 25 Grand Prix, and \$25,000 CP Grand Prix. 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 7 - JUMPERS BACK AT UNDER THE LIGHTS WITH CSI5*

FEI jumpers will be back on the main grounds with CSI5* and a concurrent CSI2* competition on February 24-28. The highlight \$401,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI5* will be under the lights on Saturday night, February 27. The hunter highlight of the week is the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby, with the Restylane professional section as well as a junior/amateur section, on the grass Derby Field on Friday, February 26.

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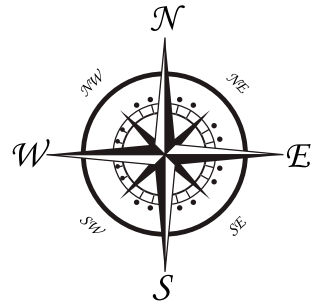
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**PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTER
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Standings and Awards

WEF WEEK 5



LEADING LADY JUMPER RIDER, sponsored by Martha Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman Real Estate, in memory of Dale Lawler (after 12 qualifying events)

1. Laura Kraut (USA): 626
2. Adrienne Sternlicht (USA): 608
3. Margie Engle (USA): 558
4. Tiffany Foster (CAN): 557
5. Lillie Keenan (USA): 478.5



CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE HUNTER STYLE AWARD:
Inquisitive, ridden by Clara Propp and owned by Aquitaine Equine

CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE JUMPER STYLE AWARD:
Hester, ridden by Lucy Deslauriers and owned by Lisa Deslauriers



HERMÈS UNDER 25 GRAND PRIX SERIES

(after 3 qualifying events)

1. Flo Norris (GBR): 117.5
2. Ashley Vogel (USA): 115
2. Lucy Deslauriers (USA): 115
4. Jessica Mendoza (GBR): 110.5
5. Helen Graves (USA): 103.5

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1. McLain Ward (USA): 264
2. Darragh Kenny (IRL): 211
3. Jordan Coyle (IRL): 192
4. Abdel Said (EGY): 187
5. Jessica Springsteen (USA): 178

FINAL RESULTS

\$401,000 DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REAL ESTATE GRAND PRIX CSI5*

- 1. ALEJANDRO:** 2009 Rheinländer gelding by Acorado's Ass x Contanga SHANE SWEETNAM (IRL), Seabrook, SpyCoast Farm and Sweet Oak Farm: 0/0/37.03
- 2. CLOONEY 51:** 2006 Westphalian gelding by Cornet Obolensky x Ferragamo MARTIN FUCHS (SUI), Luigi Baleri: 0/0/37.16
- 3. EDDIE BLUE:** 2009 KWPN gelding by VDL Zirocco Blue x Marlon DEVIN RYAN (USA), LL Show Jumpers LLC: 0/0/38.74
- 4. GARANT:** 2011 KWPN gelding by Warrant x C'est La Vie ELIZABETH MADDEN (USA), Abigail Wexner: 0/0/46.66
- 5. DON JUAN VAN DE DONKHOOVE:** 2009 SBS stallion by Bamako de Muze x Heartbreaker JESSICA SPRINGSTEEN (USA), Stone Hill Farm: 0/4/37.11
- 6. PACINO AMIRO:** 2012 Irish Sport Horse mare by Pacino x Carnone Dancing Queen BERTRAM ALLEN (IRL), Aiden Gregory: 0/4/37.18
- 7. BARDOLINA 2:** 2009 Holsteiner mare by Clarimo x Landos MARIO DESLAURIERS (CAN), Wishing Well Farm LLC: 0/4/37.61
- 8. HESTER:** 2005 Belgian Warmblood gelding (Wandor van de Mispelaere x Palestro vd Begijnakker) LUCY DESLAURIERS (USA), Lisa Deslauriers: 0/4/37.65
- 9. WINNING GOOD:** 2009 NRPS gelding by Winningmood van de Arenberg x Sir Corland EMILY MOFFITT (GBR), Poden Farms: 0/4/44.26
- 10. DIEU MERCI VAN T & L:** 2009 SBS stallion by Toulon x Morāna ERIC LAMAZE (CAN), Rein Family, LLC and Little Creek Investments Inc: 1/80.54
- 11. GIARDO:** 2011 KWPN gelding by Indoctro x Jimtown LAUREN HOUGH (USA), Harris Equestrian LLC: 1/80.84
- 12. EXPLOSION W:** 2009 KWPN gelding by Chacco Blue x Baloubet du Rouet BEN MAHER (GBR), Poden Farms: 4/75.01

GRAND PRIX

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"Obviously Clooney is one of the best horses in the world, and I watched Devin who rode at the start and saw his numbers, so I just thought about having a good rhythm from the start and I tried to do the same as Devin," said Sweetnam of his jump-off plan. "I have a very quick horse, and he's quick in the air. It was very close at the end, so you had to have a bit of luck to get there and it happened today."

Sweetnam started riding Alejandro, a 12-year-old Rheinländer gelding by Acorado's Ass x Contanga, two years ago.

"I got him when he was quite green and raw, and we have built a great relationship," shared Sweetnam. "[The break because of] COVID was good for him because it gave him time to chill out a bit, without traveling and doing bigger classes. Since then, he's really been on form and placed in the top three or four in every grand prix he has done."

"At the start of circuit, I blew the three-star under the lights," he continued. "I was too far off the last fence, so I was mad at myself. It wasn't really his fault, so I made up for it today and he made the difference."

Don Langdon, Managing Broker at Douglas Elliman Real Estate, said he was elated with how their competition has gone this week at WEF.

"This is our sixth year of sponsoring the CSI5* event, and every year is just more enjoyable than the last," he said. "I know in sports it's very challenging to get into a 'zone' at the right time and with all the challenges we've had this year, for the three of you to have a night like tonight, you must feel really good. I can tell you from a spectator's point of view, we were all so excited through the whole night. Number one, we were excited to be out, and number two, to watch the event with the way it started off with Devin and finished with Shane and Martin. You competed so well. I don't know if we give as much kudos of the athleticism of the three of you riders as we should, but I'm happy I was there."

Concluding the night, Fuchs noted, "I also want to say thank you very much for [Douglas Elliman Real Estate's] support in sponsoring this amazing grand prix. For us riders, it's great that we get to come here to Florida and show at WEF. At home in Europe, there are only CSI2* classes and not really the level that we would like to compete at. For me, this is a great opportunity that I get to jump here and that we have so many generous CSI5* classes, so thank you from all the riders."

Jennifer Wood

WEF 5 WEEKLY SPONSOR AWARDS



Lucy Deslauriers was the WEF 5 Leading Lady Jumper Rider, 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. © Sportfot



Kelly Tropin and Chablis were the Palm Beach Equine Clinic Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'6" 18-35 champions, presented by Dr. Caitlin Hosea. © Sportfot



Laura Fetterman also presented the Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award to Lucy Deslauriers and Hester. © Sportfot



Inquisitive and Clara Propp were presented with the Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award by Laura Fetterman. © Sportfot

A LOOK AT MARTHA JOLICOEUR'S LEADING LADIES

The inaugural Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Award, created to honor women in horse sport, was first presented at the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) in 2011. Jolicoeur, herself a former international show jumping competitor and now one of Florida's leading realtors, developed the idea as a way of recognizing female athletes in an Olympic sport where men and women compete as equals.

"When I was competing, one of my biggest goals was to try and earn the leading lady rider accolades because it usually meant you were having a banner show," said Jolicoeur, who claimed the American Grand Prix Association (AGA) Rookie of the Year title in 1985.

Jolicoeur's Leading Lady Award, which she presents in memory of fellow realtor and horsewoman Dale Lawler, puts the spotlight on women who achieve success at one of the most competitive show circuits in the world - the Winter Equestrian Festival. Each week, points are tabulated from the WEF Challenge Cup and feature grand prix event to determine the Leading Lady. The Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Award is then presented following the grand prix during each week of WEF. In addition, the female competitor who accumulates the most points throughout the 13-week circuit earns the Overall WEF Leading Lady Rider Award.

The list of Leading Lady Award winners over the past decade reads like a who's who of show jumping sport. U.S. Olympians Margie Engle and Lauren Hough, two-time Olympic team gold medalist Beezie Madden, and international riders such as three-time World Cup Final winner

Meredith Michaels-Berbaum of Germany and two-time Canadian Olympian Tiffany Foster have all claimed the Overall title.

"It's always great to be recognized for consistency throughout the week, and the prizes that Martha offers are super," said Madden, who was the first rider to claim back-to-back Overall Leading Lady titles in 2011 and 2012. "It's nice to have a unique award to keep things interesting, and I've always loved winning this title."

The woman who has won the most weekly Leading Lady titles is a legend in her own right. Florida's own Engle even enjoyed her first facial thanks for one of Jolicoeur's innovative prizes.

"It's always an honor to receive this award, and we really appreciate Martha's dedication to promoting women in horse sport and what makes our sport so special," said Engle, who won the Overall Leading Lady title in 2018.

Canada's Foster agreed, adding, "I think it is awesome that Martha offers this award, and it's also very inspiring for us because she's a leading lady in her own industry."

For the 2021 season Jolicoeur, who is part of the elite Douglas Elliman Real Estate Sports and Entertainment division, and her husband, Dr. Stephen Norton of Norton Dental Arts, will present the leading ladies with a bottle of champagne, a beautiful bouquet of fresh flowers, and a gift certificate for a Hunt Ltd. shopping spree each week.

To learn more about Jolicoeur, visit MarthasProperties.com and be sure to follow her on Facebook and Instagram.

PAST MARTHA JOLICOEUR OVERALL LEADING LADY RIDER AWARD WINNERS:

- 2011 - Beezie Madden (USA)
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- 2013 - Reed Kessler (USA)
- 2014 - Lauren Hough (USA)
- 2015 - Meredith Michaels-Berbaum (GER)
- 2016 - Tiffany Foster (CAN)
- 2017 - Laura Chapot (USA)
- 2018 - Margie Engle (USA)
- 2019 - Amanda Derbyshire (GBR)
- 2020 - Jessica Springsteen (USA)



Great Britain's Amanda Derbyshire (left) accepts the 2019 Overall Leading Lady title from Martha Jolicoeur and Dr. Stephen Norton. © Sportfot

Meet The Riders of WEF: Hallie Grimes



Hallie Grimes and NKH Calango © Jennifer Wood Media

Q: How long have you been showing at WEF, and what is one of your first WEF memories?

A: This is my seventh year at WEF. It was my first horse show outside of Texas, and I just remember thinking it was like Disneyland. There was so much to watch, and I remember being in awe of the kids doing the WEF equitation championship.

Q: How old were you when you began riding, and how did you start?

A: I was three years old the first time I got on a horse, and it was at my grandmother's ranch. They focus on quarter horses there, but I wanted to keep riding at home so my mom found a hunter/ jumper barn.

Q: Who do you train with, and what horses are you showing this season?

A: I ride with Missy Clark and John Brennan at North Run. Ace, NKH Calango (Kevin), and Leasure Z (Fluffy) all rotate between the High Amateur-Owner Jumpers and the Under 25s. I also have Ero Del Pierire (Pierre) and Frankly Stated who does the hunters!

Q: What are some of your favorite things about showing at WEF?

A: There is so much variety! There is an equitation championship, hunter derbies, et cetera. This is my first year jumping the Under 25 series, but I love how they put you in every type of ring. I feel like I am learning a lot through that experience.

Q: Who has had the biggest impact on your riding career and how?

A: From the trainers I've had to teach me, my older peers who guide me, my friends who motivate me, the riders I grew up watching, to my support team back at the barn, I think I am very fortunate to have met people who are so willing to help me, and I will always be thankful to each and every one of them.

Q: If you could ride any famous horse, who would it be and why?

A: I would die to ride Totilas, I'm a huge dressage fan. For a show jumper, either Darry Lou or Ursula XII, but I also love Vindicat and Nougat Du Valet. I grew up watching these young girls in the U.S. campaign around the world, which was a big inspiration to me. They are all such talented horses with so much fight and heart, and that's all you can ask in a horse. At the end of the day, for me at least, it doesn't get better than Kevin, Ace, Fluffy, and Pierre.

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

A: I'm very excited for the Under 25 Semi Final and the Final, and I hope I get to do a USHJA International Hunter Derby!

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

A: Sleep and eat for sure!

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A Q&A with \$2,500 Hygain Feeds Groom's Class Winners

Jumper Section Winner: Samantha Lyster and Shiva

Q: Can you tell us about your horse?

A: She's perfect. My boss has had her for almost seven years, and they do the low adult jumpers together, sometimes the high adults, but she is literally the barn favorite.

Q: How long have you been a groom?

A: Five years

Q: Who do you work for, and how long have you been working with them?

A: I work for Artemis Equestrian Farm and Kristy Clark. I take care of four horses and I've worked for them for two years.

Q: Do you have any tips or tricks?

A: Especially with hot horses bringing them to the ring, trying to keep yourself relaxed is going to make them less likely to be wild.

Q: What do you think separated you from your competitors to help you secure the win today?

A: I don't know, because there were so many good ones! I spend a lot of time currying, and I hope that makes my horses shiny, so maybe that? Other than that, she's beautiful.



Samantha Lyster with Shiva, owned by Artemis Equestrian Farm LLC, won the Hygain Feeds Groom's Class Jumper Section.

Hunter Section Winner: Arianna Kimball and Dreamboat DHS

Q: Can you tell us about your horse?

A: Peanut, this is his green year. He's probably the sweetest horse I've ever worked with. He's such a gem; he really is a dream. I'll ride him to the ring, and he's really, really sweet.

Q: How long have you been a groom?

A: I've been a groom for about five years now, but this is my first year at WEF. I've only been grooming at horse shows for two years.

Q: Who do you work for, and how long have you been working with them?

A: I work for Orion Farms, for Linda Evans, and it's only been about three months.

Q: Do you have any tips or tricks?

A: At the end of the day, just remember that it's still a horse and that they need their treats. They perform a lot for us, so take care of them as good as they take care of you and you'll always be in the winner's circle.

Q: What do you think separated you from your competitors to help you secure the win today?

A: I am quite organized - a little OCD about it - and I polished all my buckles, I cleaned everything inside and out, and I just made sure that he was turned out to a high standard. Every detail matters.



Arianna Kimball with Dreamboat DHS, owned by Linda Evans, won the Hygain Feeds Groom's Class Hunter Section. © ESP

HYGAIN FARMS GROOM'S CLASS JUMPER RESULTS

1. **Samantha Lyster with Shiva**, owned by Artemis Equestrian Farm LLC, of Artemis Equestrian Farm LLC
2. **Juan Dominguez with Ebony M**, owned by Dapple LLC, of Pinecone Farm
3. **Samuel Camacho with H5 Ganesh Hero Z**, owned by H5 Sport Horses LLC, of H5 Stables
4. **Fernando Pocheco with Given**, owned by Coral C Stables LLC, of Heritage Farm
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6. **Rafael Gonzales with Casantos**, owned by Eliza Kimball, of Heritage Farm
7. **Rodrigo Sosa with H5 Nostalgie**, owned by H5 Stables, of H5 Stables
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3. **Limberg Sol Farrera with Austen**, owned by Stephanie Danhaki, of Rivers Edge
4. **Luis Mandujano with Deliverance**, owned by Callie Seaman, of Heritage Farm
5. **Luis Ruiz with Worthy**, owned by Sunset View Farm LLC, of Sea Change Farm
6. **Jose Dominguez with Mariner**, owned by Candor Sales LLC/Tommy Brawley, of Pinecone Farm
7. **Miguel Mireles with Moody Blues**, owned by Kathy Serio, of Summerfield
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judge's eye to top Section B of the ASPCA Maclay in Ring 9. While Jayne, trained by Heritage Farm, is an experienced equitation rider often seen in the winner's circle, Bristol Des Tuileries is new to the division.

"He was awesome, I was really proud of him," said Jayne of the 10-year-old Selle Français gelding by Quaprice Boimargot Quincy. "Andre [Dignelli] has had him for a couple weeks and this was actually his first time doing the equitation. He is a really nice horse, hopefully I can continue to ride him the next couple weeks."

Cary, NC resident Alexandra Ryden and her own Vagrant Z earned second place in Section B. Third place went to Augusta Iwasaki, of Calabasas, CA, and Ashland Farm's Attendu De Lannois Z.

↳ Sabrina Brashares

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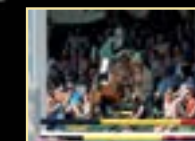
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WEF 5 JUMPER WRAP UP

Sydney Shulman (ISR) piloted Villamoura, owned by Jill Shulman, to the top of the class in the \$37,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m CSI5* to open the fifth week of the Winter Equestrian Festival.

Fractions of a second behind Shulman was McLain Ward (USA) aboard Catoki, owned by Marilla van Beuren, Bob Russell, and McLain Ward, with a double clear effort. Finishing third was Kristen Vanderveen (USA) and Bull Run's Faustino De Tili.

Zoe Conter (BEL) and Soory De L'Hallali bested a field of 72 entries in the International Arena to take top honors in the \$6,000 Restylane 1.40m CSI2*. Bertram Allen (IRL) and Castlefield Vegas also had a successful day, winning the \$1,000 Bainbridge 1.40m CSI5*.

Lucy Deslauriers (USA) and Hester, owned by Lisa Deslauriers, were in fine form on Thursday as they flew to the top of the leaderboard in the International Arena for a victory in the \$73,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 5 CSI5*.

Nicole Shahinian-Simpson (USA) and Akuna Mattata, a 13-year-old Holsteiner mare by Quinar x Landwind II owned by Silver Raven Farms, finished in second place. Rounding out the podium was Brazilian rider Eduardo Menezes aboard the 16-year-old Oldenburg gelding H5 Quintol for H5 Sport Horses, LLC.

Fresh off an opening day victory in the CSI2* during WEF 4 with Chuck Berry 8, Olivia Chowdry (USA) repeated her performance, this time in the \$6,000 Restylane 1.45m CSI2* with Balkana du Tillard, owned by Atlas Equine Holdings LLC. Chowdry was fastest out of 21 entries and 14 clear rounds to take the win.

Second place went to Gabriela Reutter (CHI) and Atticus Diamant, owned by Lumiere Horses Inc. Zoe Conter (BEL) and Stephex Stables' Soory de l'Hallali were third.



World Number Three Daniel Deusser won two CSI5* classes at WEF 5 with Kiana van het Herdershof. © Sportfot

Daniel Deusser (GER) jumped back into the winners circle aboard Kiana Van Het Herdershof, owned by Stephex Stables, in the \$37,000 Bainbridge 1.45m Classic CSI5* on Friday.

Harrie Smolders (NED) and Une De L'Othian, a 13-year-old Selle Français mare by Conterno Grande x Cento owned by Evergate Stables, LLC, took home a red ribbon for second place. Representing Canada, Erynn Ballard piloted Ronja, a 10-year-old Swiss Warmblood mare by Conteur x Ranga owned by Ilan Ferder, to a third-place finish.

Jim Ifko (CAN) piloted Un Diamant Des Forets, owned by Eventyre Farms, to a fast and fault free jump-off round to capture the \$37,000 Restylane 1.45m Qualifier CSI2*.

Carly Anthony (USA) and Hera De Landette II, owned by Portfolio Horses LLC, finished just off

the leading pace for second place. Fractions behind them was Lorcan Gallagher (IRL) and Storiall Blue, owned by Heathman Farm LLC, who finished third.

Daniel Deusser (GER) felt the need for speed once again aboard Kiana Van Het Herdershof, owned by Stephex Stables, picking up a win in the \$73,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic for his second victory of the week on Sunday.

The pace was set by Brazil's Rodrigo Pessoa and Carlito's Way, an 11-year-old Holsteiner gelding by Casall x Lordanos owned by Lisa O'Sullivan, who would end up third. Yuri Mansur (BRA) gave it an excellent effort aboard his own QH Alfons Santo Antonio, a 14-year-old gelding by Aromats x Fiorella, posting a fault-free round in a time of 40.19 seconds. Their performance ensured a second-place finish.

Cian O'Connor and Careca LS Elite Capture the \$50,000 Restylane Grand Prix CSI2*



Cian O'Connor and Careca LS Elite won the \$50,000 Restylane Grand Prix CSI2*. © Sportfot

It was the luck of the Irish on Sunday afternoon as Cian O'Connor piloted Careca LS Elite, owned by Ronnoco Jump Ltd, to a victory in the \$50,000 Restylane Grand Prix CSI2*. The track set by Kelvin Bywater (GBR) narrowed the field from 44 to just seven combinations qualifying for the jump-off and the final class of WEF 5 proved to be another exciting one.

First to go in the starting order and first to return for the jump-off, O'Connor put forth a double clear effort aboard the 10-year-old SLS gelding by Carusso LS La Silla x Rebozo LS, to stop the clock in 45.65 seconds.

"He's a very intelligent horse with a wonderful canter," said O'Connor. "He has a super technique in front so you can really put him close to the jumps, and he has a great way of jumping. When he's fresh he's a little bit keen so he needs plenty of jumping, plenty of classes, and you can really feel there today in the jump-off he was really easy to ride. He can turn back short and he's catty at the jumps, so it really makes my job easy to go fast on him."

The last entry to go was the one to come closest as Rachel Cornacchia (CAN) and Valkyrie De Talma, owned by Eventyre Farms, flew across the course with a double clear effort. The 32-year-old rider from Calgary, Alberta, came up just short aboard the 12-year-old Selle Français mare by Diamant De Semilly x Reggae De Talma, finishing two-hundredths of a second off the mark in 45.67 seconds. It was Jennifer Waxman (USA) and Mecho Van't Kiezehof, owned by the Triple S Group, that rounded out the podium with a double clear finish in 46.07 seconds.

O'Connor has had 'Careca' for the past year, speaking highly of his talent, noting that he is pleased with the gelding's development thus far.

"I saw him last year through a friend of mine Enda Carroll at Ashford Farm," said O'Connor. "We bought the horse and brought him on with some national grand prix classes in Ireland where he did well. There haven't been many shows because of the pandemic so it's really about building him up and using these classes to get used to him. He's been very good in all the national classes he's jumped so I decided to put him up to the CSI2* this week, and he coped really well."

The Olympic individual bronze medalist who has represented Ireland in 15 international championships has a string of up-and-coming horses at WEF this season with a very specific goal in mind for the 2021 season.

"We look at the season with an overall goal and try to work backwards from that target," he said. "There's obviously a lot of uncertainty with the Olympic Games but that's still the main focus to work towards. We're working backwards from there in terms of classes and how we produce the horses. My main horse PSG Final is the one I'll be aiming at that. He's picked up a little injury at the moment, so he'll be out of action for about a month. I'm building up Cadiz and Kilkenny so I have 'Plan B' and 'Plan C' in place."

O'Connor will continue to campaign for the duration of WEF while also training students at the elite level, including Nicole Walker who represents Canada and up-and-coming riders Max and Tom Wachman, who have already had success in the early stages of circuit.

↳ Kate Petterson



Parade of Champions

WEF 5

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Molly McAdow rode Karin Martin's Accolade to the USHJA Hunter 2'3" (First Year Shown) championship.



Holly Yeterian and Matthew Yeterian's Color Pearlz were the Marshall & Sterling/Great American Insurance Group Adult Amateur Hunter Older Section B champions.



Isabella Roman and Carolex Stables LLC's Hobby Creeks Grey Goose were the CWD Children's Pony Hunter Large champions at WEF 5.



Saint Tropez, owned by Maggie Peyton and ridden by Andrew Lustig, were the USHJA Hunter 2'3" champions.



Lilly Fisher and Millpond Patchwork, owned by Linda Smith-Faver, were the Younger Cross Rail Hunter champions.



The Take2 Thoroughbred Jumper championship went to Al Musaddad, ridden by Hallie Sabers for Elizabeth Connors.



The CWD Children's Pony Hunter Large champion at WEF Premiere and WEF 4 was Almost Midnight, ridden and owned by Amelia Burnside.



Mae Mannis and Cloney's Pleasure, owned by Mia Mannis, were the Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & Under champions.