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BERTRAM ALLEN IS BRILLIANT IN \$401,000 LUGANO DIAMONDS GRAND PRIX CSI5*



Bertram Allen and Pacino Amiro made their first five-star grand prix winner's circle appearance in the \$401,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix at WEF 7. @Sportfot

The highlight class of the seventh week of the 2021 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) was the \$401,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI5*, and Bertram Allen (IRL) was brilliant with Pacino Amiro, owned by Aiden McGrory, for victory on Saturday, February 27.

Riding over a challenging course set by Anthony D'Ambrosio (USA) and Andy Christiansen (ECU) that featured the open water, a triple combination, and two double combinations, five riders found the path to a clear round and advanced to the jump-off out of 40 starting entries.

The first to return for the jump-off were Lorcan Gallagher (IRL) and VDL Cartello, owned by Heathman Farm, LLC. They had one rail down to finish in fifth place in 38.47 seconds.

Immediately following, Allen and Pacino Amiro sped through the course in 35.32 seconds, a time that couldn't be caught by the remaining three competitors.

"There was no real standard set before I went in because Lorcan obviously had a fence down," said Allen, "and there were only three coming after me, but they were obviously three very, very good ones on fast horses. I know my guy is fast, and with only five in it, the worst case I was fifth. I was going to give it a good shot, and thankfully it came off."

Mario Deslauriers (CAN) and Bardolina 2, a 12-year-old Holsteiner mare by Clarimo x Landos owned by Wishing Well Farm LLC, were clear and off the pace in 37.62 seconds for third place.

"When I saw Bertram go, I was walking next in the ring and I said, 'That's going to be hard to catch for me,'" said Deslauriers. "My horse has a big stride, but she is not the fastest horse, and she can sometimes be a little finicky to ride so I thought I went as fast as I could. I was trying to leave all the jumps up and see where I end up, but I was very pleased. She jumped great tonight."

In a class stacked with Irishmen, it was Daniel Coyle and Ariel Grange's Legacy, an 11-year-old Zangersheide mare by Chippendale Z x Bon Ami, who came closest to Allen's leading time. They were clear in 37.11 seconds to finish in second place.

"Anything Bertram does in the jump-off is usually hard to follow or catch," said Coyle. "I knew before I went in that was going to be a challenge so I just stuck to my own plan and if it was good enough, great, and if not, there will be lots more. It's Legacy's first class under the lights this year, and I always have huge, huge expectations of her."

Aiming for his third five-star class win of the week, Daniel Deusser (GER) was the final competitor in the

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EPPELSON AND IWASAKI EARN TOP HONORS IN THE \$10,000 USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY



Kelsey Epperson and VDL Didgereedoo won the USHJA National Hunter Derby Open section, presented by Restylane. @Sportfot

Hunter riders took over the Derby Field at Equestrian Village on Friday for the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby. The class was split into two sections with 47 riders competing in the professional division, sponsored by Restylane, and 44 riders in the junior/amateur division. Kelsey Epperson piloted Didgereedoo VDL to the blue ribbon in the professional section and Augusta Iwasaki rode Hamilton to a victory in the junior/amateur division.

Ninety-one competitors navigated their way around the first round course consisting of 12 fences and offering four high options. The top 12 riders from each section returned for the handy round course, which was trimmed down to 10 fences and included a trot jump.

Epperson, of Novi, MI, has had the ride on Julia Szasz's Didgereedoo VDL for almost two years, and this class marks the duo's first hunter derby win together. The 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding by Zavall VDL was originally purchased from the WEF Sport Horse Auction as a jumper but proved to be a successful hunter.

"His owner shows him in the junior hunters, but she's at home this week so she let me show him in the derby," explained Epperson. "In Traverse City we started to do some of the derbies

with him, and we thought it would be fun to go around the field. Although he was bought as a jumper, he is definitely going to stay doing the hunters after today!"

Epperson rode Didgereedoo VDL to a score of 90.5 in the first round with all four high options, which put them in third place. The pair impressed the judges in the handy round to earn a high score of 97 and put them at the top of the class with an overall score of 187.5.

"I love that the first round did not have a lot of related distances so I could just get on a gallop and let him take me around," commented Epperson. "In the handy I was most worried about the bending [line] from [jumps] three to four because he often lands right and I was not sure what I was going to do there, but I just listened to him and he stayed right with me the whole time. He could not have been any better."

Epperson plans to show Didgereedoo VDL in the USHJA International Hunter Derby taking place week nine as well as derbies later in the year.

Second place in the professional section, presented by Restylane, went to Laena Romond, of Brookfield, CT, and Rachel Suna Britchkow's Someday. The pair received an overall

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WEF 8 LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

WEF 8, which runs on March 3-7 and is sponsored by Premier Equestrian, will feature the \$150,000 Nations Cup CSIO4*, presented by Premier Equestrian on Friday, March 5, the \$50,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m National Grand Prix and \$37,000 Hermès Under 25 Semi-Final Grand Prix under the lights on Saturday, March 6, and the \$214,000 Grand Prix CSIO4*, presented by JTWG, Inc., on Sunday, February 7. Additional classes include \$5,000 CSIO Welcome on Wednesday, March 3, as well as Thursday's \$37,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 8 CSIO4* and \$10,000 Hermès Under 25 Welcome.

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Meet The Riders of WEF: Madison Rauschenbach



Madison Rauschenbach and Gillette B. © Jennifer Wood Media/Sabrina Brashares

Q: How did you start riding?

A: My mom and my uncle, Brad Whitmire, had their own barn already, so I kind of just grew up into it. I actually did not want to ride until I was six years old. I had no interest. I ice skated for a while and then decided to try riding, and now I can't imagine if I didn't do it!

Q: How many years have you been showing at WEF, and what is one of your favorite memories?

A: I've been showing at WEF for about six years now. I think my favorite memory was actually from last year when I won the High Junior Jumper Classic on my birthday! My mare jumped great and she was so fast, and the fact that it was my birthday made it even better.

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

A: I ride with Teddy Demetriou. I started riding with him about two years ago, and it has been great. He has helped me so much with my horses, and I actually just bought a new horse from him, Ictus D'Emma, for the Under 25 classes. I also have Gillette B who I show in the High Junior Jumpers. She is 10 years old now, and I got her when she was six. We really brought each other up. We have done everything together. I jumped my first High Junior Jumper Classic on her, which was also her first one as well. She honestly is just the best mare ever. I also have a hunter, Billie, who shows in the pre-greens, and I'm really excited about him.

Q: Who has had the biggest influence on your riding career?

A: I would have to say both my uncle and Teddy Demetriou. They both taught me everything I know, and I really enjoy them helping me.

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

A: Steve Guerdat's Albfuehren's Bianca! She looks like a lot of fun, and she's so fast and careful.

Q: What professionals do you look up to the most?

A: All of them to be honest! Definitely McLain Ward and Beezie Madden stand out though. McLain's position is just so good and he is so effective while staying still at the same time, which is something that I'm always working on. Beezie is just amazing and always has the guts to go for it.

Q: What is one of your favorite things to do on your day off?

A: Honestly, I love to go see my horses still. I'm always hands-on all the time since I don't have a groom and I do everything myself, so even on days off I start out doing barn work. Afterwards I like to go out on the boat or hang out with my friends!

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Bourns is Best with Darquito, Topping the \$50,000 Griffis Residential Grand Prix CSI2*



Andrew Bourns and Darquito won the \$50,000 Griffis Residential Grand Prix CSI2*. © Sportfot

A total of 44 competitors gave it their best shot over the handywork of Andy Christiansen (ECU) and Anthony D'Ambrosio (USA) in the \$50,000 Griffis Residential Grand Prix CSI2* as just eight combinations left all the fences up for a ticket to the jump-off. In the second round, Andrew Bourns (IRL) and his own Darquito proved to be the best over the shortened course, finishing double clear in a time of 38.58 seconds.

Bourns knows his 10-year-old Hanoverian gelding by D'inzeo 6 x Contefino 2 quite well, having bought him with his parents Richard and Deirdre Bourns in Germany as a seven-year-old.

“My plan was to win it and I knew with the girls coming behind me, I had to really move it,” said Bourns of his winning round. “Emily Moffitt, Abigail McArdle, and a few of those other riders, I knew they weren't going to give it to me easy. Chris Kappler helps me a lot. He's my full-time trainer and Michael Blake, the Irish Chef d'Equipe, helped me with the jump-off as well. It takes a whole team

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to come together. I was so happy with my horse today.”

The aforementioned female contingent of Moffitt (GBR) and McArdle (USA) were as solid as expected, finishing in second and third respectively. Moffitt and Topsy Du Terral, a 14-year-old Selle Français mare by Toulon x Quat'sous owned by Poden Farms, were just one tenth of a second off the lead, finishing in 38.68 seconds. Not far behind that, McArdle and Victorio 5, a 15-year-old Hanoverian stallion by Uccello x Graf Top owned by Victorio Equine Group, LLC, also put forth a double-clear effort in 38.75 seconds.

The victory marks the first at the international level and the first grand prix win for Darquito or 'Dar Dar' as he's affectionately referred to in the barn. It's been a steady climb from the beginning of their partnership with a full team effort from the Bourns Sport Horses team.

“My dad produced him in Europe with his riders first for a year,” said Bourns. “In 2019, I went over to Europe and jumped a few smaller classes, and last year he had a few nice results up to CSI3* level and had some placings in ranking classes. He's a fabulous horse and probably a barn favorite actually. It's more for his personality than anything else. He was just right from the beginning, one of those horses we couldn't leave behind. From the very first moment, it was love at first sight with this horse.”

When it comes to getting ready for the ring, like their riders, some horses prefer routine. Darquito is most definitely one of those horses.

“He's very, very easy to prepare but you have to do it correct, and it has to be done the same every time,” said Bourns with a laugh. “He's very fanatical about that. We just make sure he's not too fresh and make sure he's feeling well and that's it, but it has to be done correct. He likes his routine, and he likes his people. It's almost more important that he has the right people around him than anything else.”

Kate Pettersen

Standings and Awards

WEF WEEK 7



LEADING LADY JUMPER RIDER, sponsored by Martha Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman Real Estate, in memory of Dale Lawler (after 16 qualifying events)

1. Adrienne Sternlicht (USA): 7362
2. Margie Engle (USA): 692
3. Tiffany Foster (CAN): 679
4. Lillie Keenan (USA): 662.5
5. Bezie Madden (USA): 638.5



CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE HUNTER STYLE AWARD: Breaux, ridden and owned by Kaitlin Porath

CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE JUMPER STYLE AWARD: Monaco, ridden by Harrie Smolders and owned by Evergate Stables LLC



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(after 5 qualifying events)

1. Ashley Vogel (USA): 208.5
2. Flo Norris (GBR): 190
3. Jessica Mendoza (GBR): 159.5
4. Tanner Korotkin (USA): 154.5
5. Natalie Dean (USA): 148

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(after 8 qualifying events)

1. Darragh Kenny (IRL): 295
1. McLain Ward (USA): 295
3. Daniel Deusser (GER): 263
4. Jessica Springsteen (USA): 243
5. Shane Sweetnam (IRL): 231

WEF 7 JUMPER HIGHLIGHTS

On the opening day of week seven at the 2021 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), McLain Ward (USA) and Catoki, owned by Marilla van Beuren, Bob Russell, and McLain Ward, took home the title in the \$37,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m CSI5*. Ward and the 12-year-old Holsteiner gelding by Catoki x Cartello B, raced to the finish line, leaving all the jumps up in a time of 28.86 seconds.

Earlier in the day, Lillie Keenan (USA) and Adelita, owned by Helen Signe Ostby, jumped into the winner's circle, taking home top honors in the \$1,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.40m Jumpers CSI5*. Keenan and the 2011 SSW mare by Candillo 3 x Acord II, captured the win with a double-clear effort over the two-phase course, finishing in 31.61 seconds.

Daniel Deusser (GER) continued his winning ways on Thursday, this time aboard Scuderia 1918 Tobago Z, owned by Stephex and Scuderia 1918, taking top spot in the \$73,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 7. Deusser, who already has already picked up three wins during the 2021 WEF winter circuit including the CSI4* grand prix during WEF 4, piloted his veteran partner Scuderia 1918 Tobago Z, a 13-year-old Zangersheide stallion by Tangelo Vd Zuuthoeve x Mr Blue, to a double-clear finish.

The pair executed the track with precision, leaving out a stride for an efficient turn between fences one and two, as well as one less stride down to the delicate Lugano Diamonds double combination, which proved to be a difficult test in the jump-off round. Deusser and 'Tobi,' who arrived in Wellington less than a week ago, stopped the clock in 39.15 seconds to take the victory by a margin of nearly one second.

To open Thursday, Enrique Gonzalez (MEX) and Filemon, an 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding owned by E2 Stables, bested a field of 31 entries to finish first in the \$6,000 Griffis Residential 1.45m CSI2*.

Daniel Deusser (GER) delivered his second five-star win in two days on Friday in the \$37,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.45m Classic CSI5* with Kiana van het Herdershof, owned by Stephex Stables.

Ten clear rounds went for speed out of the original 73 entries in the \$37,000 Griffis Residential 1.45m Qualifier CSI2* in the International Arena. As each horse went in the ring, the leading time kept dropping, but it was Charlie Jayne (USA) and his own Amice Z who recorded the fastest clear round in the jump-off in 35.55 seconds.

Harrie Smolders (NED) and Monaco, owned by Evergate Stables, LLC, hit the ground running with a blistering jump-off effort to take the title in the \$73,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic CSI5* on Sunday. A total of 46 combinations challenged the opening round with 11 pairs qualifying to return for the jump-off. Smolders, ranked 20th in the world, piloted Monaco, a 12-year-old Holsteiner gelding by Cassini II x Contender, to a double-clear effort over the 1.50m track. The Flying Dutchman gave credit to his nickname as he edged the competition by just over a tenth of a second, in 38.40 seconds.



Daniel Deusser won two major classes last week, including the \$37,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.45m Classic CSI5* with Kiana van het Herdershof. ©Sportfot

WEF 6 WEEKLY SPONSOR AWARDS



The Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Award for WEF 7, in memory of Dale Lawler, went to Kristen VanderVeen and was presented by Dr. Stephen Norton and Martha Jolicoeur. © Sportfot



Breaux and Kaitlin Porath were presented with the Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award by Laura Fetterman. © Sportfot



The win in the \$73,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic CSI5*, presented by Monique Vergouwen, and the Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award, presented by Laura Fetterman, went to Harrie Smolders and Monaco. © Sportfot



Charlie Jayne and Amice Z won the \$37,000 Griffis Residential 1.45m Qualifier CSI2*, presented by Susan and Ian Griffis of Griffis Residential, with groom Israel Romero. © Sportfot

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WEF 7 Parade of Champions

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The Short Stirrup Hunter champion was Let's Play Two, ridden by Chloe Boyd for Jill Shulman.



Justamere's La-Di-Da and Charlotte Kelly, who rode for Olivia Golden LLC, were the Short Stirrup Hunter reserve champions at WEF 7.



Sparkle, ridden by Elliena Apollo for Delia Alvarez-Apollo, was the Medium/Large Green Pony Hunter champion and has won the Green Pony Hunter Classic for the past two weeks.



Parker Peacock and Acclaim won the Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & Under championship.



In WEF 6, Abby Funk and MMK Equestrian LLC's Mr. Special won the championship in the USHJA Hunter 2'6" (First Year Shown).



The FarmVet Adult Amateur Modified Amateur Jumper champion was Universe de la Couture, ridden by Helena Le Picart and owned by Santos Lamarca.



Lilly Ward and Stacey Weiss' First Romance were the Younger Cross Rail Hunter champions.



The CWD Large Children's Pony Hunter champion was Be Mine, ridden by Chloe Zucker for Affari Equestrian LLC.



The championship in the ProElite Low Children's/Adult Amateur Training Jumpers went to Treasure Girl, ridden by Sophia Sabers and owned by Amanda Wise.

NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY

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score of 183. To round out the top three, Greg Crolick, of Clarkston, MI, rode Carole Chase's Chappy to a total score of 181.75.

Iwasaki, of Calabasas, CA, piloted Sara Hogan's Hamilton to win both rounds of the junior/amateur division. The nine-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding by Apache is a new ride for Iwasaki, and today the pair proved that they are a great match.

"I started showing him a few weeks ago in the junior hunters, and he is really an awesome and reliable horse," said Iwasaki. "I showed him week six in the International Arena and every ring I've taken him in, he's been so good and a lot of fun."

Iwasaki and Hamilton jumped all four high options to earn a first round score of 96. Last to return for the handy in the junior/amateur division, Iwasaki and her mount produced another high score of 94 hold their lead and take home the blue ribbon.

"I loved my first round, and I thought that Hamilton stayed consistent the whole time," commented Iwasaki. "He also jumped some really nice jumps and had a great expression going around the ring. I had already done the handy twice [with other horses], so I planned to do the same track and try to keep it as smooth as possible, while still being efficient."

Iwasaki also rode to a second place finish with Iwasaki & Reilly's Small Kingdom after receiving an overall score of 183.5. Ellen Toon, of South Salem, NY, piloted JT Farm's Gabriel to third place with a total score of 175.

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The winner of the junior/amateur section of the USHJA National Hunter Derby at WEF 7 was Augusta Iwasaki riding Hamilton. © Sportfot

Parade of Champions Photo Gallery

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The USHJA 2'6" Hunter champion in WEF 7 was Conspiracy, ridden by Kelly Mullen for Riverview Farm LLC.



Lee Ann Ingram and Riverview Farm LLC's Frontman were the Restylane Low Adult Hunter Section A champions.

FINAL RESULTS \$10,000 USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY

Horse, Rider, Owner
Round 1 Score, Round 2 Score | Total

PROFESSIONAL SECTION, PRESENTED BY RESTYLANE

1 Didgereedoo VDL, Kelsey Epperson, Julia Szasz

90.50, 97.00 | 187.50

2 Someday, Laena Romond, Rachel Suna Britchkow

93.00, 90.00 | 183.00

3 Chappy, Greg Crolick, Carole Chase

89.75, 92.00 | 181.75

4 Cloud 9, Kelly Mullen, Eve Meyer

89.00, 90.00 | 179.00

5 Front Page, Colin Syquia, Cynthia Sulzberger

90.00, 88.00 | 178.00

6 Baron Z, Tiffany Morrissey, Heidi Chase

88.50, 78.00 | 166.50

7 MTM Mini Cooper, Joyce Mersereau, Anne Keesler

88.75, 76.00 | 164.75

8 Zalandra, Hannah Isop, Harry Littler

88.65, 74.00 | 162.65

9 Clem Breccourt, Hannah Isop, Tracy Freels

91.00, 71.00 | 162.00

10 Big Business, Maria Rasmussen, Maya Grove

89.65, 72.00 | 161.65

11 Carousel, Hannah Isop, Lisa Longo

89.50, 68.00 | 157.50

12 Hallmark, Maria Rasmussen, Maya Grove

89.25, 59.00 | 148.25

JUNIOR/AMATEUR SECTION

1 Hamilton, Augusta Iwasaki, Sara Hogan

96.00, 94.00 | 190.00

2 Small Kingdom, Augusta Iwasaki, Iwasaki & Reilly

91.50, 92.00 | 183.50

3 Gabriel, Ellen Toon, JT Farm

91.00, 84.00 | 175.00

4 Mayfair, Stephanie Bulger, Stephanie Bulger

82.75, 81.00 | 163.75

5 Happy Boy, Isa Jensen, Isa Jensen

82.50, 76.00 | 158.50

6 End Game WS, Annie McDonald, Annie McDonald

92.00, 63.00 | 155.00

7 Dodger of the Lowlands, Olivia Sell, Brook Hill Farm, LLC

83.00, 68.00 | 151.00

8 Quixotic, Julie Hogan, Linda Evans & Orion Farm

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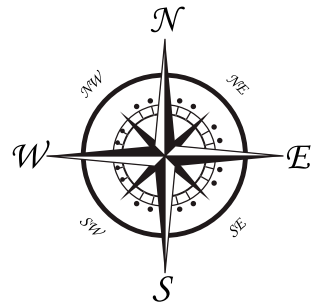
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- Magdalena's Mexican Food (Ring 10)
- Meraki (Farm Stand)
- Muddy Paw Coffee & Ice Cream (Ring 9)
- Nathalie's Café (Ring 9)
- Oasis (Vendor Village)
- Pump House Coffee (Farm Stand)
- Silva's Mexican Food (Pony Island)
- Tess & Co (Farm Stand)
- Tiki Hut (International Arena)



**PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTER
(Main Grounds)**

Equitation Riders Continue to Produce Top Performances in Week 7

The first class to take place on Thursday morning in the Equine Tack and Nutritionals Ring 6 was the NHS/THIS Adult Medal with 15 competitors. After a first round course and flat phase, Madison Olivert, of North Grafton, MA, and her own Green Book took home the blue ribbon for the medal.

"I've had him for two years, and we have been down here for two months really enjoying our time," explained Olivert. "Green Book is a great partner. He has such a sweet personality, and he is always so excited to see people! He is so friendly and really loves to do his job."

Chelsea Carpenter, of Chicago, IL, and Doris Donovan's Rosalita received the second place ribbon in the medal. Third place honors went to Grace Klein, of Darien, CT, and Dylan Laiken's Callao.

Equitation competition wrapped up on Saturday in FarmVet Ring 7 with the completion of the Adult Amateur Equitation division. Twenty-four riders entered the division, and in the end, Lauren Reid and her own Norway earned the tricolor ribbon to finish the day. Reid, of Kiawah Island, SC, piloted Norway to two firsts and a second place finish.

"I've had Norway for around five years," commented Reid. "He was leased for about a year so we recently have come back together and so far we have done super well! He knows when it's game time, and when he walks in the ring he is there to win. You can really tell because his temperament changes when he is at home versus how he is at the horse show. He really always just wants to win."

Amelia Bergeron and her own Halouet earned reserve champion in the division. Bergeron, of Atlanta, GA, and Halouet received first, second, and fourth place ribbons.

The THIS Children's Medal 15-17 took place in FarmVet Ring 7 on the final day of competition for the seventh week the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF). Shea Ehrhard, of Darien, CT, rode SRE Equestrian LLC's Fifth Avenue to a first round score of 84.5 and then took home the blue ribbon after producing a beautifully ridden test.

"The main thing I work on with him is getting him forward and in front of my leg," explained Ehrhard. "That was definitely a test in the first round with the first line being a forward seven strides, so I was really happy that I was able to get that done."

Second place was awarded to Grace Daggett, of Rockaway, NJ, and Tranquility Farm's Lancelot. Daggett and Lancelot received a first round score of 84. Alethea Bergad, of Chester, NJ, and her own Dylano earned a score of 85 in the first round and finished in third place after the test.

 Sabrina Brashares



Shea Ehrhard and Fifth Avenue won the THIS Children's Medal 15-17 at WEF 7. © Sportfot

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jump-off. Riding Stephex Stables' Killer Queen VDM (who won the four-star grand prix in WEF 4), Deusser made a strong effort, but a downed rail in 35.62 seconds put them just off the podium in fourth place.

Allen and Pacino Amiro, who led the victory gallop during WEF 2 in the Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup, were riding in only their second five-star grand prix under the lights. It was an impressive finish for the nine-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding by Pacino x NC Amiro, who was also in the jump-off during the WEF 5 five-star grand prix.

"The last grand prix I suppose I was stepping into the unknown a little bit with him," admitted Allen. "He had never jumped a five star or been under the lights, and he handled it very well. Tonight, I was a bit more confident that I knew that he could do it, so I was just hoping that he was going to be on form. He was even better again tonight."

Allen has been riding Pacino Amiro since he was seven years old and developed him as a young horse. "He's a little bit of a special character, and I know him very, very well," he described. "Since week one he's gotten better and better, and he is a lovely horse who wants to try his best all the time and learn."

With many competitions cancelled in Europe this winter, Allen was thankful to be able to compete in Wellington once again.

"It's brilliant," he said. "I was here for a bit of the season [in 2020] and that got cut short, and then it was very start and stop and a lot of the time with no shows. To be here consistently jumping at a very high level, we are all very lucky and make the most of it."

 Jennifer Wood

FINAL RESULTS

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- 1. PACINO AMIRO:** 2012 Irish Sport Horse gelding by Pacino x NC Amiro BERTRAM ALLEN (IRL), Aiden McGregor: 0/0/35.32
- 2. LEGACY:** 2010 Zangersheide mare by Chippendale Z x Bon Ami DANIEL COYLE (IRL), Ariel Grange: 0/0/37.11
- 3. BARDOLINA 2:** 2009 Holsteiner mare by Clarimo x Landos MARIO DESLAURIERS (CAN), Wishing Well Farm LLC: 0/0/37.62
- 4. KILLER QUEEN VDM:** 2010 BWP mare by Eldorado Vd Zeshoek x Derly Chin De Muze DANIEL DEUSSER (GER), Stephex Stables: 0/4/35.62
- 5. VDL CARTELLO:** 2007 Holsteiner stallion by Carani x Lord LORCAN GALLAGHER (IRL), Heathman Farm, LLC: 0/4/38.47
- 6. EDDIE BLUE:** 2009 KWPN gelding by VDL Zirocco Blue x Marlon DEVIN RYAN (USA), LL Show Jumpers LLC: 1/76.02
- 7. DONATELLO 141:** 2011 Westphalian gelding by Diarado x Lamoureux I ASHLEE BOND (ISR), Little Valley Farms: 4/70.49
- 8. KATANGA VAN HET DINGESHOF:** 2010 BWP mare by Cardento 933 x Tabelle Dingshod Z NICOLA PHILIPPAERTS (BEL), Nicola Philippaerts: 4/71.18
- 9. CLOONEY 51:** 2006 Westphalian gelding by Cornet Obolensky x Ferragamo MARTIN FUCHS (SUI), Luigi Baleri: 4/71.30
- 10. BULL RUN'S RISEN:** 2006 KWPN gelding by Utopie x Indoctro KRISTEN VANDERVEEN (USA), Bull Run Jumpers, Inc: 4/72.14
- 11. BLUEBERRY:** 2011 Selle Français mare by Conrad x Café Crea NICHOLAS DELLO JOIO (USA), The Blueberry Group: 4/72.63
- 12. CONTAGIOUS:** 2009 German Sport Horse gelding by Contagio x For Keeps MCLAIN WARD (USA), Beechwood Stables LLC: 4/72.71

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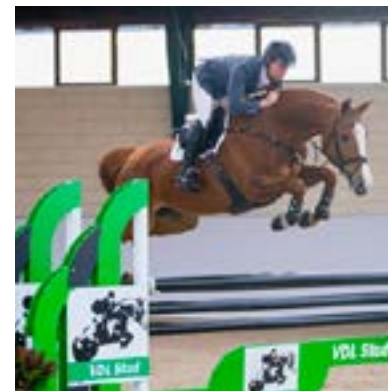
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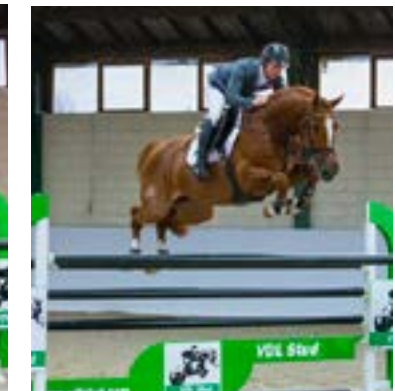
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