



# WEEKLY WIRE

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## Make It A Double - Kenny Notches Second Win of WEF 10 in \$137,000 Horseware Ireland Grand Prix CSI3\*



*Darragh Kenny won two three-star classes in a row, including Sunday's grand prix with Great-Tikila J. © Sportfot*

On the final day of the tenth week of the 2021 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), Darragh Kenny (IRL) picked up his second win of the week, riding Great-Tikila J, owned by Whiterock Farm and HKC Collection, to capture the \$137,000 Horseware Ireland Grand Prix CSI3\* to wrap up competition on Sunday, March 21, in the International Arena at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC).

Of the 45 entries in the starting order, a total of 10 pairs mastered the handiwork of Michel Vaillancourt (CAN) to punch their ticket into the second round. Of those 10, Mimi Gochman (USA) was the first to put in a double-clear round aboard Gigi's Girl BH, owned by Gochman Sport Horses, LLC, to move into the lead.

"I went super early [in the order], so I just really wanted to have a nice round," explained Gochman in reference to her plan for the jump-off. "I was trying to go for it a little bit, but I didn't want to make any big mistakes or make her unconfident in me because it was my first three-star grand prix, and I really just wanted to go double clear."

Gochman, who picked up a win earlier in the day in the Hermès U25 Series Final, guided the 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare by Vingino x Celano across the track in a time of 41.38 seconds.

Next to go in the jump-off, Hilary McNeerney (USA) and her own

Lovelight gave it their best effort, opening up a big gallop for the second half of the track to shave nearly five seconds off the leading time with a double-clear round finishing in 36.53 seconds. The 10-year-old Holsteiner stallion by Lord Z x Lordship, was impressive.

"My horse is super competitive, so once I got the first line done, I was like, 'Okay, here we go,'" said McNeerney of her jump-off round. "When I jumped out of 'b' [of the double combination], I thought, 'I've got to do five strides.' My trainer Kent Farrington said, 'You can't do four, so all you have to do is kick and get the five.' Once I got that, I took the risk to the second to last jump, and he was incredible and right there with me. It was a great feeling."

The only other double clear of the day proved to be the best as Kenny piloted his 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare by Carosso VDL x Nabab De Reve to an impressive double clear effort in 35.24 seconds for the victory.

"I actually got very lucky in the jump-off, to be honest," said the winning rider of his winning round. "I had planned to do the six [strides] like everybody did in the first line, then turned very tight back to the double, and she tried really hard. I had a hard rub on the back rail jumping out but got away with it, then I ended up doing six where Hilary had done five, so I thought, 'Okay better run.'"

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## Hunter and Equitation Riders Claim Top Ribbons at WEF 10



*Libbie Gordon and Montauk were crowned champions in the Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17 Division. ©Sportfot.*

The Green Hunter 3' division, sponsored by Hygain Feeds, came to a close in FarmVet Ring 7 on Thursday morning. Sandra Ferrell, of Wellington, FL, and Stephanie Bulger's Notorious bested a field of 27 competitive entries to earn the top prize. Ferrell and Notorious received three firsts, a second, and a fourth place ribbon for a total of 38 points in the division.

"First of all, she's beautiful; second of all, she's a beautiful mover; third of all, she's scopey; fourth of all, she jumps beautifully; and fifth of all, she does a perfect lead change," explained Ferrell. "I think what is so attractive of her is how elegant she is cantering around the ring and then everything else just gets added into it. Obviously she has the ability to jump super big jumps, so we aren't even scratching the surface of her jumping ability. I believe in the old saying that, 'If you have a good mare, you have a great mare,' and at this moment she has only ever shown us great things."

Competition in Equine Tack and Nutritionals Ring 6 started on Friday with the Hamel Foundation 3'3" NHS Medal. Riders were tested over an intricate first round course and then the top 12 competitors returned for a flat phase. The class was split into two sections with Sofia Moskowitz, of Colts Neck, NJ, aboard Heineking Show Stables LLC's First VDL taking the win in Section A, while Erica

Felder, of Durham, NC, piloted her own Envol De Riverland to the Section B blue ribbon.

"I recently got him at the beginning of WEF, and I'm starting to figure him out," explained Moskowitz. "I started the big eq with him, and he's been great. He tries so hard every time we go in the ring and never puts a foot wrong."

Felder piloted her new mount Envol De Riverland to a first round high score of 84 to take home the Section B top prize. The rider recently purchased Envol De Riverland from Australian grand prix rider Rowan Willis, and the pair began their partnership on a high note. Today was not only the seven-year-old gelding's first equitation win, but it also was his first time doing the equitation.

"He was really good, and he is super straightforward," described Felder. "It's kind of funny because I feel like he doesn't know very much, but because he doesn't know very much, he doesn't really care where you put him. He will do anything you ask, and he's not afraid of anything. He is super brave."

Libbie Gordon, of Statesville, NC, rode her own Montauk to the championship title in the Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17 Division on Saturday in the Rost Arena. The pair received

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## TOP SPORT ABOUNDS FOR WEEK 11 AT PBIEC

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The PBIEC Educational Series, presented by Adequan®, is hosted weekly during the annual Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF). The series provides an educational platform for horse enthusiasts to expand their knowledge on a variety of equine- and rider-related topics. Admission is free, and pre-registration is required. Participants will automatically be entered to win a luxury item from Karina Brez Jewelry as the grand prize giveaway. The eleventh session, hosted on Zoom, will be Thursday, March 25, from 6-7 p.m. EST. The topic of "Manage your farm's services with the Wellington Agricultural Services App," with Jose Gomez, President, is sponsored by Wellington Agricultural Services.

### WEF 11 HIGHLIGHTS

It's a busy week ahead as WEF 11, sponsored by Rolex, features CSI5\* competition on the grass Derby Field at Equestrian Village with a concurrent CSI2\* taking place in the Global International Arena on March 24-28. Wednesday's schedule features the \$37,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45 Jumpers CSI5\*, with the \$137,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 11 CSI5\* and \$6,000 CabanaCoast 1.40m Jumpers CSI2\* set to go on Thursday. On Friday, it's the \$37,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.45m Jumpers CSI5\* and the \$37,000 CabanaCoast 1.45m Jumpers CSI2\* at Equestrian Village, along with the WEF Excellence in Equitation taking place in the International Arena at PBIEC.

The week is highlighted by the biggest class of the season on Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. with the \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI5\* taking center stage on the grass Derby Field. The \$6,000 CabanaCoast 1.40m Jumpers CSI2\* also runs on Saturday, and the week concludes on Sunday with the \$50,000 CabanaCoast Grand Prix CSI2\*. All feature classes are available free live and on-demand on the livestream.

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AGDF week 11 hosts national competition on March 26-28.

### LOOKING AHEAD - FOUR STARS FOR WEEK 12

The final week of WEF and AGDF will have incredible competition at both venues. At WEF, the CSI4\* is sponsored by Wellington Agricultural Services. Highlights include the \$50,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 12 on Thursday, Friday's \$73,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Jumper Classic Series Final, the \$214,000 Wellington Agricultural Services Grand Prix CSI4\* and WEF Circuit Champions Parade on Saturday, and the \$50,000 1.45m Grand Prix CSI2\* on Sunday to close out this year's circuit.

Hunters will be featured on the grass during WEF 12 at the Derby Field at Equestrian Village. On Friday at 9:30 a.m. is the \$15,000 International Hunter Derby Hunt & Go, followed by the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby Open, presented by Restylane and the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby Junior/Amateur. The \$50,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby Round 1 is on Saturday at 11 a.m. and will be followed by the top 12 returning for a handy round.

Competition highlights for AGDF 12 on March 31-April 4 will include Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI4\*, presented by Douglas Elliman Real Estate, Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI4\*, presented by Adequan®, Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI3\*, presented by Wellington Equestrian Realty, Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI3\*, presented by Southgate Farm, Small Tour CDI 3\*, and Small Tour CDI 1\*, as well as national competition.



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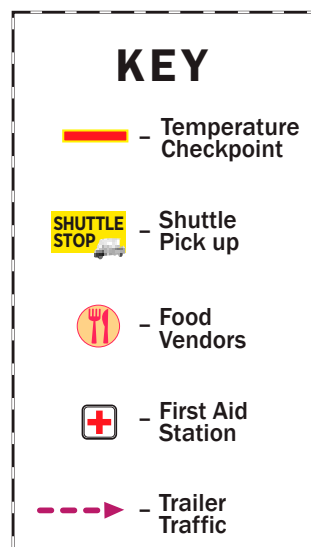
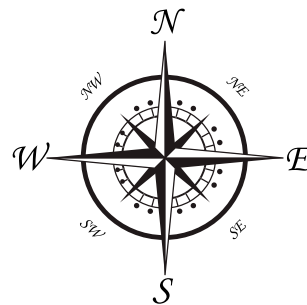
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Muddy Paw Coffee & Ice Cream (Ring 9)  
Nathalie's Café (Ring 9)  
Oasis (Vendor Village)  
Pump House Coffee (Farm Stand)  
Silva's Mexican Food (Pony Island)  
Tess & Co (Farm Stand)  
Tiki Hut (International Arena)



## PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTER (Main Grounds)



# Mimi Gochman and Celina BH Best the Field in the \$50,000 Hermès Under 25 Series Final, Vogel Wins Overall Title



Mimi Gochman (USA) and Celina BH won the \$50,000 Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix Series Final. © Sportfot

Canstakko executed slick turns and opted to do one less stride up the line heading into the double combination, a decision that paid off as they stopped the clock in 35.11 seconds to take the lead.

“When I walked the course with Ken, the plan was to go smooth and careful,” said Gochman of her conversation with trainer Ken Berkley. “I did plan to do six down the line [into the double combination] but when I watched Natalie and Ashley go before me, I knew the six was going to get easy. The plan was never to go running down that line; it was to do six [strides], but I just saw the distance on the turn forward and the five kind of just came up. I stuck with it, and it worked out.

“I’ve had Celina for about three years now,” continued Gochman. “We imported her as a young seven-year-old, and my trainer Amanda Derbyshire actually started out with her to give her some experience in the U.S. She’s incredible! She’s the most flexible, adjustable, talented horse ever. I started her in the low junior jumper divisions, and my goal was always to do grand prix with her. I think that will be the plan for the future. I feel confident in the U25 now, and she obviously has gotten quite good at it, so I’m hoping I can do grand prix with her throughout the summer.”

Subtle tests throughout the course caught many riders in the class, and the open water proved to be a difficult task for a handful of competitors as well. For Vogel, the strategy at the tricky water jump was “less is more,” a plan she also went with in Saturday’s welcome class, finishing ninth.

“Bellissimo is a pretty experienced water jumper,” said Vogel. “She’s definitely jumped it enough times that she’s very comfortable with it. We’ve schooled it at home but didn’t jump it yesterday in the class because we just didn’t really feel the need.”

Despite being on one of the youngest horses in the field, Dean also executed her plan for a stellar finish on the day.

“My horse is pretty young but really brave,” said Dean of her plan heading into the final. “She jumped a lot in Europe in the young horse classes, so I just rode it and gave her a lot of confidence. She jumped it well yesterday, but my trainer said to make sure I ride it well still today because some people were having issues with it, so I just really kicked across it.”

Vogel posted consistent results throughout the season, winning both the Welcome and Grand Prix during WEF 2, placing in every class in between, and wrapping up the season with a second-place finish in the \$50,000 Hermès Under 25 Final. Those impressive results tallied up enough points for Vogel to land in top position with her mount Bellissimo Z, to win the overall title for 2021 Hermès Under 25 Series.

“It’s a really cool series,” said Vogel who participated for her first time this season. “It gives the riders coming up ready to jump the bigger level a lot of experience, and it’s a super competitive division. I didn’t have any high expectations; I was just hoping to have some good rounds and gain experience with Bellissimo, who I got over the summer. She’s a lovely horse. She definitely has shown me the ropes and been really competitive. Once we got going, she gave me a top result in every welcome and grand prix, and that was a pretty incredible feeling. It is an honor, and Hermès sponsoring it makes it really exciting.”

In the culmination of a season-long series, it was Mimi Gochman (USA) and Celina BH, owned by Gochman Sport Horses, LLC, who prevailed in the \$50,000 Hermès Under 25 Final CSI3\* on Sunday afternoon in the International Arena.

Riders were faced with a technical track built by Michel Vaillancourt (CAN) with 29 competitors in the starting order. A total of eight horse-and-rider combinations qualified to return for the jump-off representing four different countries: Belgium, Greece, Great Britain, and the United States.

The standard was set for the rest of the field as the first two pairs to return, Zoe Conter (BEL) and Caitlyn Connors (USA), both posted double clear efforts and jumped into a tie for the early lead in a time of 38.69 seconds. Third to return in the subsequent round, Natalie Dean (USA) and Dotcom D’Authuit, owned by Marigold Sporthorses, LLC, followed up with their own double-clear effort. Dean and the eight-year-old mare by Diamant De Semilly x Quidam De Revel solidified what would ultimately be a third-place finish in a time of 37.67 seconds.

Just two riders after that, series leader Ashley Vogel (USA) and her own Bellissimo Z, a 12-year-old Zangersheide mare by Bamako de Muze x Chin Chin, found a way to shave time off the clock, with their own double-clear effort in 36.60 seconds to take over top spot.

The leapfrogging on the leaderboard didn’t stop there as the next rider found a way to do it faster once again. Gochman and the 11-year-old Holsteiner mare by



Ashley Vogel (USA) captured the overall title for the 2021 Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix Series. Vogel was joined by Leah Rogers Meierfeld, Senior Equestrian Account Executive for Hermès, in her winning presentation. © Sportfot

## STANDINGS AND AWARDS

WEF WEEK 10

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- 3. Lillie Keenan (USA): 872.5
- 4. Tiffany Foster (CAN): 857
- 5. Beezie Madden (USA): 809.5



**CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE HUNTER STYLE AWARD:** Bond, ridden by Isha Swani and owned by Shadowfax Equestrian LLC

**CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE JUMPER STYLE AWARD:** Jillz, ridden by Alex Matz and owned by Vintage Sales



### HERMÈS UNDER 25 GRAND PRIX SERIES FINAL STANDINGS

(after 8 qualifying events)

- 1. Ashley Vogel (USA): 331.5
- 2. Flo Norris (GBR): 277
- 3. Natalie Dean (USA): 255.5
- 4. Tanner Korotkin (USA): 225
- 5. Zoe Conter (BEL): 214

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- 1. Darragh Kenny (IRL): 421
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- 3. McLain Ward (USA): 369
- 4. Jessica Springsteen (USA): 359
- 5. Shane Sweetnam (IRL): 346

## WEF 10 WEEKLY SPONSOR AWARDS



Adrienne Sternlicht won her third **Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Award** of the season in WEF 10 and was presented her prizes by Dr. Stephen Norton and Martha Jolicoeur. © Sportfot



Laura Fetterman was also on hand to present the **Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award** to Bond, with Isha Swani. © Sportfot



The **Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award** went to Jillz and Alex Matz, presented by Laura Fetterman. They were also the Developing Jumper Series 7- Year-Old Classic winners, presented by Lisa Lourie. © Sportfot



At WEF 10, the **Vita Flex Tack Room Award** went to the dogs! The winner was Milestone Farm of Wellington, Florida, and Lexington, Kentucky. Milestone is the training base of Haven Schatt, but it was Chesney and Mia Fluffy that won us over! They are pictured here in the stable’s garden entrance with Gwenth Stromdahl and Cara Meade, Barn Manager. © JRPR Equine News Room





# YOUNG TALENT SHOWCASED IN DEVELOPING JUMPER SERIES CLASSICS, PRESENTED BY SPY COAST FARM



Alex Matz (USA) piloted Jillz to a victory in the \$20,000 DJS Seven-Year-Old Classic presented by Spy Coast Farm. © Sportfot

the red ribbon. Theymann and the Platinum Capital Management LLC-owned Holsteiner mare (Contefino x O Black Cherry) left all the fences standing with a time of 36.34 seconds. The final top three honors were earned by Candice King (USA) and Ventura Z. King guided the Dutch Warmblood gelding (Cidane x Twirania Z) owned by Brock Clermont in double clear with a final time of 36.38 seconds.

In the series finale of the Developing Jumper Series (DJS) sponsored by Spy Coast Farm, for five-year-old Developing Jumpers, Daniel Coyle (IRL) and Lovely Boy P, owned by Ariel Grange, produced a stellar double clear effort to take the blue ribbon. The new partnership is blossoming quickly as Friday's win marked just the third time Coyle has ever ridden the five-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding by Campbell VDL x Arezzo VDL. The pair finished in a tie for fourth place on Wednesday in the qualifier.

With eight horse-and-rider combinations qualifying to jump-off over a shortened track in Sunday's final, Coyle piloted the talented youngster effortlessly around the course to finish in a time of 35.17 seconds, taking the win by nearly a full second.

"On Wednesday I thought he jumped just okay, and today he was much better," explained Coyle. "I didn't make any adjustments after Wednesday because I don't know him, and he doesn't know me, so I thought I'd just jump him again and see how it goes. Today he was great! It's always a sign of a good horse, when they get better every time you jump them, so it's exciting."

Lovely Boy P was purchased by Ariel Grange a few weeks ago in the WEF Sport Horse Auction, which features horses from the distinguished VDL Stud.



Christian Coyle (IRL) and C&C Willow won the \$15,000 DJS Six-Year-Old Classic presented by Spy Coast Farm. © Sportfot

Competition in the International Arena at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center kicked off Friday morning with the final competition for young five-, six-, and seven-year-old horses in the Developing Jumper Series (DJS) sponsored by Spy Coast Farm. The seven-year-old horses were the first to debut in the \$20,000 DJS 7-Year-Old Classic where Alex Matz (USA) took the victory aboard the Vintage Sales entry, Jillz.

Matz and Jillz navigated both the first round and jump-off track fault-free and ultimately cleared the shortened effort the fastest by clocking in at 33.63 seconds. Matz has been partnered with the seven-year-old KWPN mare (Denzel VT Meulenhof x Cartina) since she was purchased at the VDL auction in Wellington, FL, last season and has big plans for the bright young horse.

"This mare has quite a lot of scope when I ride her the right way," Matz detailed. "I think she has a good future ahead of her, so I have been careful not to push her too fast, but she has a big personality and is a lot of fun to work with. She has won probably at least 10 classes since we purchased her last year."

The second-place honors went to Ashlee Bond (ISR) aboard Ionesco Sitte, a Belgian Warmblood gelding (Hunters Scendro x Adora Sitte). Bond piloted the Aurora Farms, LLC-owned entry to one of five clear jump-off rounds with a runner-up time of 33.68 seconds. Rounding out the top three was young professional Wilton Porter (USA) aboard Whisker EB, owned by Sleepy P Ranch LLC. Porter piloted the Zangersheide gelding (Chellano Alpha Z x Tamina I) into third with a time of 36.77 seconds.

The six-year-old horses in the Developing Jumper Series classic were the next to take center stage in the International Arena. The top-placing 25 entries from the series returned to contest the track but Christian Coyle (IRL) ultimately piloted C&C Willow to the winning title. He expertly rode his young Irish Sport Horse mount (Emerald Van't Ruytershof x Cortynan Loughahoe Girl) through double-clear rounds with a leading time of 35.00 seconds.

Coyle has had the young mare since she was a four-year-old after seeing her at the Northern Ireland Championships. "She is everything you would look for in a young horse," said Coyle. "She is very easy on the eyes, has a phenomenal jump, and I have yet to get to the end of her because she truly enjoys her work. She is one of the best horses I have sat on."

Söhnke Theymann (GER) and Henrietta were the second fastest and fault-free combination to earn



Daniel Coyle (IRL) and Lovely Boy P won the \$10,000 Developing Jumper Series Five-Year-Old Classic presented by Spy Coast Farm. © Sportfot

Following the class, a series of special awards were presented for both horses and riders in each category.

In the seven-year-old division, Victoria Colvin (USA) was named the Best Under 25-year-old Rider, Ben Meredith (AUS) was awarded the Best Over 25-year-old Rider and Katherine Kaneb was recognized for the Best American Bred seven-year-old with One and Only.

In the six-year-old division, Delaney Flynn (USA) was named the Best Under 25-year-old Rider and Taylor Flury (USA) was awarded the Best Over 25-year-old Rider as well as being recognized for the Best American Bred 6-year-old with Palano ABF.

In the five-year-old division, Hayley Ianotti (USA) was crowned the Best Under 25-year-old Rider and Matthew Boddy (GBR) was named the Best Over 25-year-old Rider while also being recognized for having the best scores over the week aboard Roxette, bred by Gotham Enterprizes, as the Best American Bred five-year-old horse.

Summer Grace and Kate Pettersen

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Kenny and his sponsors purchased the mare just over a year ago, and the win was even sweeter as it was also the first grand prix of her career.

"When we bought her, she was very green having only jumped 1.30m, but she's extremely talented," he said. "She's careful, scopey, brave, a little bit of a mare sometimes, but in the ring her ability is incredible. I was really happy with her because I aimed her for this week. She jumped clear in the WEF and then jumped super today and felt really good.

"We've developed her slowly," Kenny continued. "She's a little bit temperamental sometimes where you have to take everything slow, so I played around with her on the grass a few other weeks, did some stuff at home, and then thought, 'Okay, I have her in the right spot for this week.'"

Ranked ninth in the world, Kenny continues to rack up wins at the 2021 WEF and plans to close out the winter circuit in the CSI5\* during WEF 11 while stepping up with some of his newer horses to jump the CSI4\* during WEF 12.

McNerney and Gochman ended the day finishing second and third, respectively, in what marked the first CSI3\* grand prix for both of their careers.

"For me, it's a horse that I stole from my trainer Kent [Farrington]," said McNerney. "We did a lot of the shows on the grass Derby Field over at Equestrian Village during the summer because we stayed here because of COVID, and this result is very exciting. I'm hoping to move up and do the CSI4\* during WEF 12 and see how that goes."

"I have no experience at grand prix level, and my horse has all the experience," said 16-year-old Gochman. "I think it kind of balances out, and we trust each other. She is a big-strided horse, scopey, big jump, and I kind of just have to stay with her and let her do her thing. I think being able to go double clear in a three-star makes me feel like I can do these bigger classes. Knowing that I'm strong enough at this point of WEF really helps boost my confidence for the future."

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## FINAL RESULTS

### \$137,000 FEI HORSEWARE IRELAND GRAND PRIX

**1 GREAT-TIKILA J:** 2011 KWPN mare by Carosso VDL x Nabab De Reve DARRAGH KENNY (IRL), Whiterock Farm and HKC Collection: 0/0/35.247

**2 LOVELIGHT:** 2011 Holsteiner stallion by Lord Z x Lordship HILARY MCNERNEY (USA), Hilary McNerney: 0/0/36.539

**3 GIGI'S GIRL BH:** 2008 KWPN mare by Vingino x Celano MIMI GOCHMAN (USA), Gochman Sport Horses LLC: 0/0/41.388

**4 CHACCO KID:** 2006 Oldenburg by Chacco Blue x Come On ERIC LAMAZE (CAN), Chacco Kid Group: 0/4/37.064

**5 GINGER-BLUE:** 2011 Dutch Warmblood mare by Plot Blue x Royal Bravour BEN MAHER (GBR), Jane Forbes Clark: 0/4/37.265

**6 CASALLVANO:** 2009 Holsteiner gelding by Casall x Silvana DANIEL DEUSSER (GER), Camilla Hamann and Philipp Widmayer: 0/4/39.835

**7 LAZZARO DELLE SCHIAVE:** 2009 Italian Sporthorse gelding by Acodetto 2 x Gluecksgriif MAX WACHMAN (IRL), Coolmore Show Jumping: 0/4/40.874

**8 BALOUTINUE:** 2010 Hanoverian gelding by Balou du Rouet x Landor S ADAM PRUDENT (USA), Plain Bay Farm: 0/8/36.464

**9 JUST A GAMBLE:** 2009 BWP mare by Toulon x Corofino ADRIENNE STERNLICHT (USA), Starlight Farms 1 LLC: 0/8/36.744

**10 VIVALDI DU THEIL:** 2009 Selle Francais gelding by Quadprice Bois Margot x For Pleasure ALISH CUNIFFE, Grayish LLC: 0/16/40.762

**11 SKYHORSE:** 2007 Belgian Warmblood gelding by Calvaro x Quidam de Revel LILLIE KEENAN (USA), Chansonette Farm LLC: 1/80.09

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## Meet the Riders of WEF: Tea Zegarac-Pollock

**Q: How many years have you been coming to WEF, and do you have a favorite memory?**

**A:** This is my third year, I do not have a specific favorite memory, but showing in the 1.0m Jumpers this year has been really memorable and fun for me. Other than that I just really love being here!

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

**A:** I train with Cynthia Williams at New England Farm. I'm showing five different horses right now. Rock and Roll is my equitation horse, and this is his first year doing equitation. I do a little bit of equitation with MTM Muffin, but he mainly does the hunters. He is very easy going and really fun to ride. Perugina is a jumper, and he is great to make tight turns on. Captain, I haven't shown this winter, but he is a lot of fun as well. I also have James, and this is the first year that I've been able to show him, and it's been great. We have mainly been doing lower classes, but I still love it because it's the first time I've been able to really grow with a horse.

**Q: Do you prefer hunters, jumpers, or equitation?**

**A:** I think they are all very different, and I love doing them all. I especially love doing jumpers because you get to go fast and do quick turns which is interesting and different.

**Q: How do you manage school and riding?**

**A:** School and riding is definitely a difficult dynamic! I try to ride in the morning and school all throughout the afternoon. I ride as much as possible in the morning so then in the afternoon I can really focus on school and homework. I also try to organize myself as best as I can, but sometimes it is really difficult.

**Q: What professional in the industry do you look up to?**

**A:** I would say I look at Kelli Cruciotti VanderVeen as a role model. She's so nice and a great role model because she is such a good person as well as a great and talented rider.

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

**A:** I think I might actually choose Valegro! He seems like such a special horse and very unique. The way he moves is beautiful. I think it would be so interesting to ride him.

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

**A:** Showing at WEF has a very specific feeling that I really like. I love the ambiance here, and all the people are so nice. It's just such a good place to be if you love horses. You get to be in your own little bubble of people who love what you love.

**Q: What do you enjoy doing in your free time?**

**A:** I like to watch ice hockey. I think it's interesting, and it's also something that I share with my dad.

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Tea Zegarac-Pollock and MTM Muffin  
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23.5 points in the division with two firsts, a fourth, a fifth, and a sixth place finish.

"I got him during indoors of 2019 after he had just been imported by Ashland Farms," explained Gordon. "He had been doing the jumpers in Europe for a while and when he came over, my trainers, Ken and Emily Smith, thought he would make a great hunter so I tried him. I ended up falling in love with him, and we've been working on 'junior hunter-ing' ever since!"

The Children's Hunter Younger division concluded on Sunday in FarmVet Ring 7. Twenty-one riders contested the championship ribbon, and in the end, Madison Hart, of Greenwich, CT, and Victoria Hart's Believe claimed the top prize. Hart rode Believe to first, second, and fourth place ribbons for a total of 18 points in the division.

This weekend marks Hart's first time showing Believe, or "Luca," this season, and the pair made sure to start off on a high note. The 15-year-old Hanoverian gelding by Stolzenberg has been part of the Hart family for several years, which makes this championship even more special.

"Luca has been in our family for the past five years," confirmed Hart. "I didn't start competing him until last year though. I showed him for the first time here last year around the same time. I also showed him a couple times over the summer, but this is actually my first weekend showing him this year. He is an amazing horse. My whole family loves him, and we have a really special place for him in our hearts."

Hart, trained by Tracy Freels and Hannah Isop, navigated Luca to the blue ribbon the second day of competition, as well as a second place finish on Saturday.

Sydney Mohrhardt and her own Google It earned reserve champion in the Children's Hunter Younger division. Mohrhardt, of Winnetka, IL, and Google It claimed a first, as well as fourth and sixth place ribbons.

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## WEF 10 Jumper Wrap-Up



Eric Lamaze and Chacco Kid returned to fine form in the \$37,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m CSI3\*.  
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Laura Chapot (USA) once again scored a victory in the \$6,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.40m Jumpers, this time with Calafornia, owned by Laura and Mary Chapot, to open the tenth week of the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) on Wednesday.

Less than a second behind Chapot was Gustavo Prato (ARG) aboard Kisma Equestrian, LLC's King Van Het Keizershof taking home second place. Prato guided the 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding by Clearway x Phin Phin to time of 30.98 seconds. Third place honors went to Sarah Hubbard (USA) and Latino Van De Looise Heide, owned by Hubbard Horses LLC. Hubbard and the 10-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding by Cantos x Hadrilla Van De Looiseheide stopped the clock at 31.25 seconds.

Eric Lamaze (CAN) and Chacco Kid, owned by the Chacco Kid Group, were back in fine form on Thursday, winning the \$37,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m CSI3\*. Lamaze, 19th to go in the starting order, answered all the questions of the 1.45m speed track to emerge victorious aboard the 15-year-old Oldenburg gelding by Chacco Blue x Come On, crossing the timers in a speedy 58.26 seconds to take the title.

Olivia Chowdry (USA) and Chuck Berry 8, owned by Atlas Equine Holdings, LLC, finished just off the mark for a second-place finish. The 29-year-old rider piloted the 14-year-old Hanoverian gelding by Chacco Blue x Watzmann to a quick clear round in 58.84 seconds. Adrienne Sternlicht (USA) and the Starlight Farms 1, LLC entry Cadans Z, a 12-year-old Zangersheide mare by Carosso VDL x Navarone, rounded out the podium in third, stopping the clock at 59.53 seconds.

Earlier in the day, Lauren Fischer (USA) piloted her own GK California, an 11-year-old Hosteiner by Cosido, to a victory in the \$6,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.40m Jumpers. The pair topped a field of 87 entries in the starting order, with a double-clear round in the two-phase format, crossing the finish line in a leading time of 31.72 seconds.

Ben Maher (GBR) and Ginger-Blue, owned by Jane Forbes Clark, moved masterfully across the 1.50m course to win the \$37,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 10 CSI3\* on Friday. Maher led the way as the first to return in the jump-off, setting the pace aboard the 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare by Plot Blue x Royal Bravour, with a clear effort in 39.66 seconds.

Margie Engle (USA) and Dicas, a 12-year-old Rheinlander gelding (Diarado x Cassini I) owned by Storm Ridge Capital LLC, Show Horses, Selma Garber, and Gladewinds Partners LLC, gave it a solid run, clearing all the fences in a time of 39.96 seconds for second place.

Last to go, Darragh Kenny (IRL) rounded at the podium with just one rail aboard Great-Tikila J for Whiterock Farm and HKC Collection. Kenny and the 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare by Carosso VDL x Nabab De Reve stopped the clock with the fastest time of the day in 38.20 seconds.

Darragh Kenny (IRL) and Vertige De Galarzacs, owned by Morning Star Sporthorses, LLC, dashed to the top of podium in the \$37,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic CSI3\* on Saturday.

First to return in the jump-off, Shane Sweetnam (IRL) and Ideal, a nine-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding by Cardento 933 x Paskitt owned by Sweet Oak Farm and Seabrook, LLC, set the tone for the rest of the contenders in 36.67 seconds, which ended in second place.

Both Kenny and Martin Fuchs (SUI) qualified two horses to return for the jump-off, and it was Fuchs who posted the second double clear round of the day with Conner 70, owned by Thomas Fuchs. The second-ranked rider in the world guided the 10-year-old Holsteiner gelding by Connor 48 x Cosimo around the course, crossing the timers in 37.10 seconds for third place.



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Jose Mojica and Amex, owned by Swede Ventures LLC, were the jumper division winners and presented their award by Kathy Serio of Hygain Feeds.

Abelardo Sanchez and Uppercut, owned by Patricia Fulchino, won the \$2,500 Hygain Feeds Groom's Class hunter division.

## Ellie and The Flying Feathers

By Elliena Apollo, 12 years old

Many of you might know me as Ellie from Ellie's Bows, the little girl that has been the face of Ellie's Bows for the last eight years. My Mom started the company when I started riding at two years old. After having my picture everywhere from small tack stores, to Dover Saddlery, to many top equestrian magazines through our advertising campaign, top riders started to recognize me. I started to realize when I was eight years old, that I could walk up to any one of my favorite riders and engage them in conversation. So, I decided to take it to another level and start interviewing very well-known and respected riders. I have been lucky enough to interview Peter Pletcher, Danny from Danny & Ron's Dog rescue, Jordan Allen, Nona Garson, Dani G. Waldman, and even the guy from The Weather Channel.

There are many on the list I have yet to interview, but I have been lucky enough to interview my all-time favorite rider, Dani G. Waldman, several times. I was immediately drawn to her very unique feathers and her super vibrant personality. It was so awesome how she made time for me the last two years with my brief ringside interviews. This year, I thought maybe I could get a one-on-one exclusive. After all, I had to write a report for school on a famous person that I admired. I decided to just go for it and ask. The only thing she could have said was no. Much to my surprise, she agreed and invited me to shadow her for a day at her very own Wellington facility, Starwyn Farms.

When I found out I was going to spend some time with her at her farm I could barely sleep the night before. For those of you who may not know, Dani has won many national and international grand prix classes, of course with her magic feathers swishing behind her. Her goal is to represent Israel in the next Olympic Games.

After she was done riding, she invited me to join her team for lunch. Away I went in her golf cart to the VIP area. I still have that bracelet on my wrist as a memento from that day. Ironically, when we were at the VIP which is located next to the International Arena, we ended up watching some hunter trips that happened to be going at that time. Dani made it so much fun as we played a game and tried to guess the scores. I felt so comfortable being around her, even though in my head I was freaking out the whole time. Just imagine getting to spend the day with someone you really admire and look up to! My dream became my reality. After we watched some more trips, we headed back to her farm.

Just like that, it was time to go home. I had time to reflect and come up with some amazing questions that I would ask her during our interview. I could not wait to ask her about how she got into riding, her education, why she decided to ride for Israel, and of course how the idea of the feathers was born. My goal in the interview was to get to know the person behind the feathers. This was my all-access pass into her past, present, and her future.

This experience taught me so many things. I learned so much about my favorite rider and how education was super important to her. I also realized how adopting the feathers as her motto has become a huge part of who she is. My favorite quote from the interview was hearing Dani say, „My goal is to be ranked #1 in the world.” She said it without hesitation, with 110 percent confidence. Dani G. Waldman represents the hopes and dreams of young riders like myself, as well as confidence. I am so happy and grateful that I got to get up close and personal with my riding idol.

Watch Ellie's interview with Dani at [www.ElliesBows.com](http://www.ElliesBows.com).



Ellie Apollo and Dani G. Waldman

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In one section of the Short Stirrup Hunters, Raffaela Sanandaji and My Memoir, owned by Kristina Muse, were champions.



Chloe Boyd and Jill Shulman's Let's Play Two were the Short Stirrup Hunter champions of the second section.



The Younger Cross Rail champions were Victoria Roman and Carolex Stables, LLC's Goliath.



The Walk/Trot champion was Dreamboy, ridden by Ian Luca Roman for Kristina Muse.



Isabella Roman rode Hobby Creek's Grey Goose for Carolex Stables, LLC to the CWD Large Children's Pony Hunter championship.



The Adult Amateur Hunter Middle Section B champion was Quixotic, ridden by Julie Hogan for Linda Evans and Orion Farm.



# WEF 10 Parade of Champions

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Inverness and Leslie Campbell were the WEF 9 Restylane Low Adult Hunter Section A champions.



John Angus rode Stephanie E. Angus' W. Tonix Hero to the Medium Amateur-Owner Jumper championship.



Molly Sewell rode Narco, owned by Kimberly Dunn, to the Green Conformation Hunter championship at WEF 9.



Word Play, ridden and owned by Randall Swatek, was the Older Cross Rail Hunter champion as well as the USHJA Hunter 2' reserve champion with Jennifer Papiernik riding.

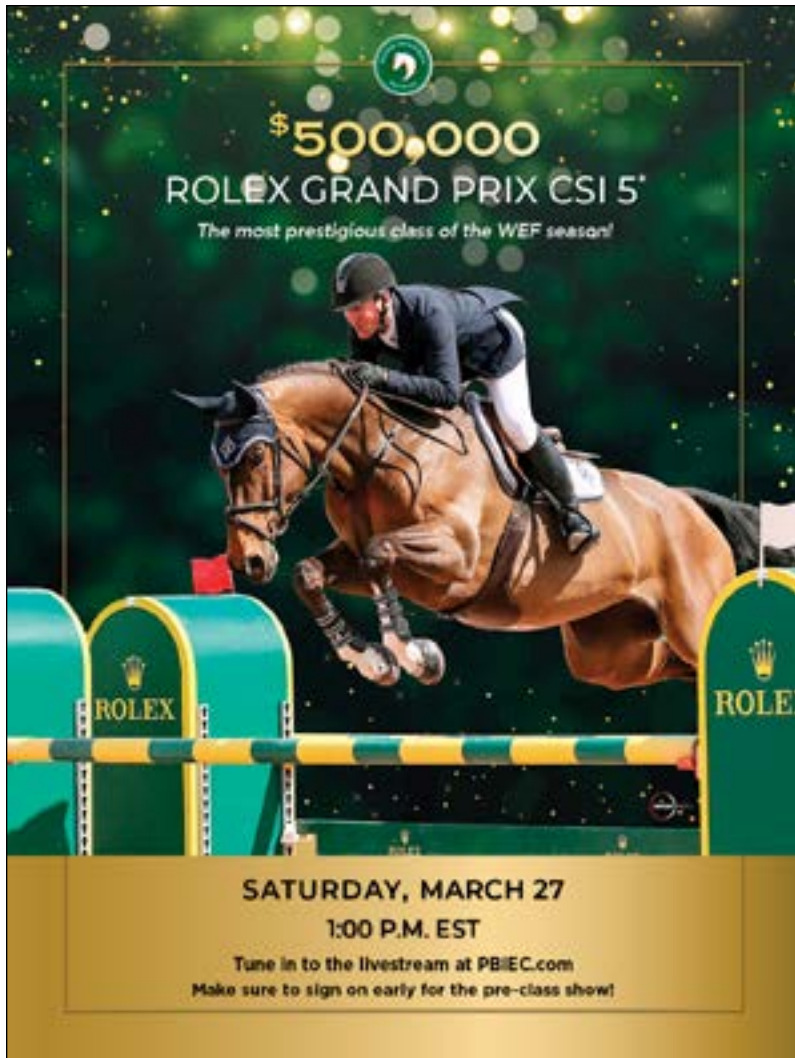


In the Equitation 15-17 division, Jackpot, owned by Harry Harding, was the champion with Madison Rauschenbach.



Jennifer Papiernik also won the championship in the USHJA Hunter 2' division with Randall Swatek's Capri du Buisson Z.







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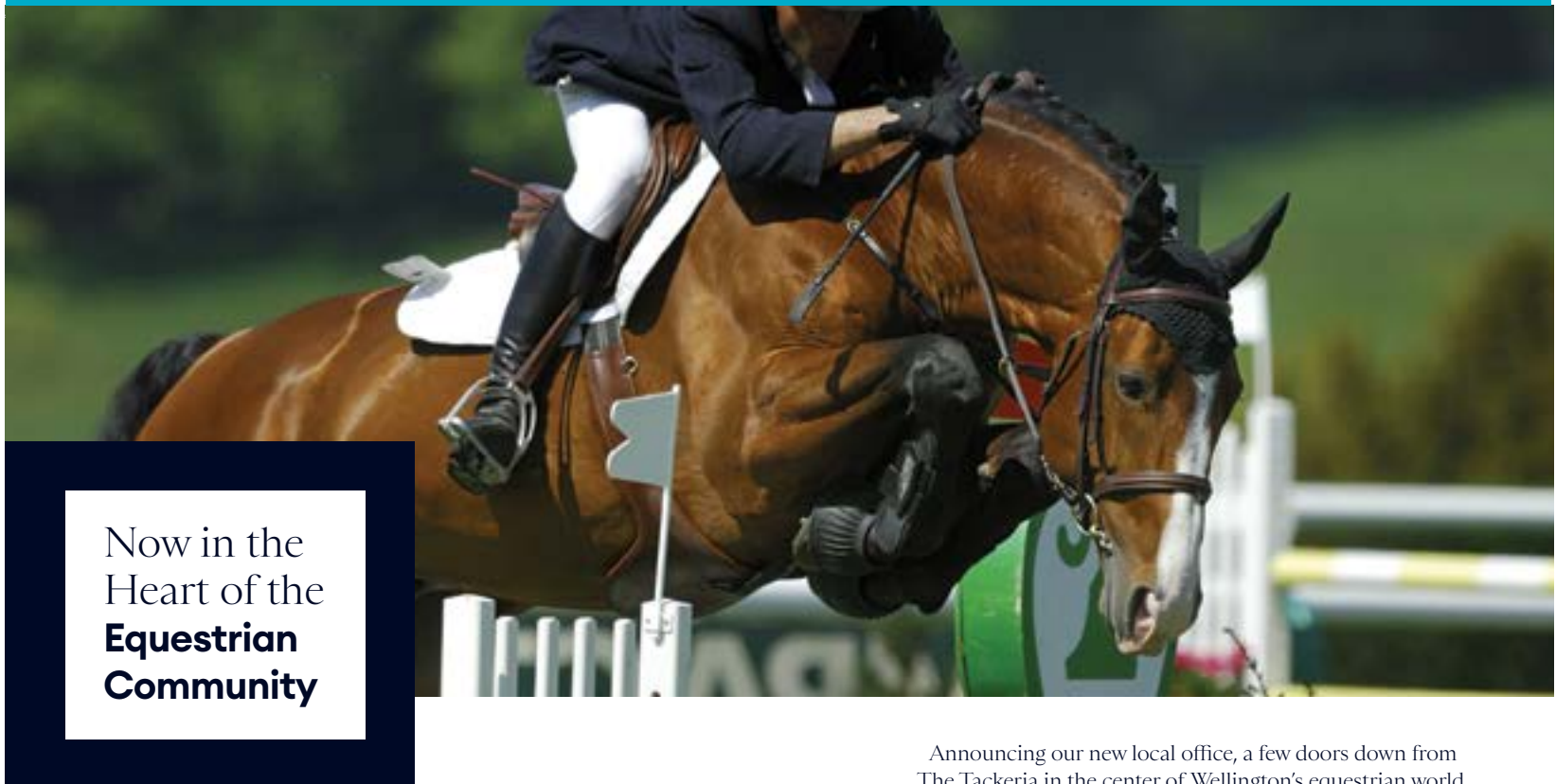


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