



WEEKLY WIRE

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Deusser Is Divine with Scuderia 1918 Tobago Z in \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI5*



Germany's Daniel Deusser notched his third grand prix win of the circuit in the \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI5*, riding Scuderia 1918 Tobago Z. © Sportfot

Extending an astonishing winning streak at the 2021 Winter Equestrian Festival, World Number Three rider Daniel Deusser (GER) showed once again why he's one of the best, riding to the top of the \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI5* with Scuderia 1918 Tobago Z, owned by Stephex Stables and Scuderia 1918.

Forty of the best riders in the world took to the grass Derby Field at Equestrian Village on a picture-perfect day for the feature class of the circuit. Eight pairs were clear in the first round to continue to the jump-off. Returning first was the round one trailblazer, Santiago Lambre (MEX), and his own Chacco Blue II. They finished with one rail for sixth place. An eight-fault performance followed from Yuri Mansur (BRA) and his own Vitiki, which ended in eighth place. Swiss rider Beat Mändli and Dsarie, owned by Grant Road Partners GmbH, had eight faults in the second round as well to finish in seventh place. It was a heart-breaking four-fault effort for Jessica Springsteen (USA), who challenged for the lead but had a rail at the final Rolex oxer, ending up in fifth place with Don Juan van de Donkhoeve, owned by Stone Hill Farm.

The first double clear in the jump-off came from the next rider in, Harrie Smolders (NED), and Bingo du Parc, owned by Copernicus Stables LLC. They set the time to beat at 36.74 seconds, which would hold up for third place.

A third-place finish was an impressive performance for Bingo du Parc, a 10-year-old Selle Français gelding by Mylord Carthago *HN x Diamant de Semilly, showing in its third five-star competition with Smolders.

"Today he did a fantastic job," remarked Smolders. "It was a serious test for him, a big class. I think we have seen several horse-and-rider combinations that we will see back in the [2021 Tokyo] Olympics. I still feel some places where I can improve, so hopefully in the future I can come close or beat the gentleman (Deusser) in front of me. But I am very pleased with the performance of my horse and I am looking forward to the future."

Coming in just two-tenths of a second faster, Daniel Bluman (ISR) lowered the leading time to 36.54 seconds riding Gemma W, owned by Blue Star Investments and Over the Top Stables. Their fault-free performance would land them in second place.

"I think there were definitely a couple places I could have been faster in the jump-off, but realistically I know that whatever I did, McLain [Ward] and Daniel [Deusser] were going to follow just as fast, or faster," admitted Bluman. "My strategy was to put a good time, do the right strides that I want to do and be smooth, and then put enough pressure that they have to take risks."

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Natalie Jayne and Charisma Shine in the WEF Equitation Championship



Natalie Jayne won the 2021 WEF Equitation Championship riding Charisma. © Sportfot

Equitation riders took their turn in the International Arena at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) on Friday, March 26, in the WEF Equitation Championship during the 2021 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF). After three technical rounds of competition, Natalie Jayne and Heritage Farm, Inc.'s Charisma took home the blue ribbon.

Zayna Rizvi and Jordyn Rose Freedman's Finnick earned second place. Third place honors went to Dominic Gibbs aboard Mountain King Ranch LLC's Cent 15, and fourth place went to Alexander Alston riding Waldo, owned by Missy Clark and North Run.

Forty-three riders qualified for the championship by winning an equitation class during the 2021 WEF season, the 2020 Holiday and Horses Horse Show, or the 2020 Holiday Finale series. The class consisted of three rounds with all competitors navigating the 12-fence first course designed by Andy Christiansen. The top 15 riders were called back for a second round, and only the top four competitors returned for the final test. As an added challenge, riders were not allowed to communicate with trainers or staff and handed in their cell phones prior to the class starting. Competitors had to walk the course, come up with a plan, and school their horse with only one groom.

The judging was split into two panels with Ralph Caristo and Michael Morrissey Jr. in panel one and Chris Kappler and Keri Kampsen as panel two. Eric Strauss and Diane Landerville observed the schooling area for the first two rounds to give riders a score ranging from minus two to plus two points. The schooling score was added to the combination's overall score.

After the first round, Rizvi and Finnick sat at the top of the class with the high score of 92. The rider held onto her lead during the second round with a score of 84.5 and earned an overall score of 176.50. Right behind Rizvi was Jayne with scores of 90 and 86.25 for a total score of 176.25.

Rizvi, Jayne, Gibbs, and Alston returned in reverse order for the final test of the evening. Competitors were told the test while in the ring and were asked to trot a jump, counter canter a fence, and demonstrate a hand gallop to the last oxer. After producing a flawless round, Jayne and Charisma took over the top spot in the class.

Jayne, of Elgin, IL, was thrilled to finish her last year showing at WEF as a junior with one of the biggest accomplishments of her career so far.

"I've been doing well throughout the circuit but consistency has been a bit of an issue for me, so it feels awesome

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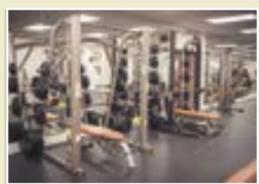


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By Equinium

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WRAPPING UP COMPETITION FOR WEF IN WEEK 12

PBIEC EDUCATIONAL SERIES, PRESENTED BY ADEQUAN®

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 twelfth and final session, hosted on Zoom, will be Thursday, April 1, from 6-7 p.m. EST. The topic of "Equine DJD: From Diagnosis to Drug Conundrums," is sponsored by Adequan®.

FOUR STARS FOR WEEK 12 AT WEF AND AGDF

The twelfth week of WEF, sponsored by Wellington Agricultural Services, begins on Wednesday, March 31, with CSI4* competition along with a concurrent CSI2* running through Sunday, April 4, the final day of the 2021 WEF. The week opens with the \$1,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.40m CSI4*, the \$6,000 1.40m Jumpers CSI2*, and the \$10,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m CSI4* Qualifier on Wednesday. Thursday features the \$50,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 12.

A busy Friday is highlighted by the \$37,000 1.45m CSI2* Qualifier and the \$73,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic Series Final. An exciting weekend of show jumping begins with the \$214,000 Wellington Agricultural Services Grand Prix CSI4* and WEF Circuit Champion Parade on Saturday and concludes with the \$50,000 1.45m Grand Prix CSI2* on Sunday. All feature classes can be watched for free both live and on-demand on the livestream.

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.

ESP SPRING SERIES – APRIL 7 TO MAY 16

The 2021 ESP Spring Series will begin April 7, just a few days after the Winter Equestrian Festival ends, and will conclude on May 16 for five weeks of horse shows. The series will incorporate competition at both the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) and Equestrian Village. New this year, Spring II and Spring III will be internationally rated at the CSI3* level, offering greater prize money as well as opportunities for FEI ranking points. Additionally, both of those weeks will offer hunters the opportunity to compete in the International Ring at PBIEC.

SPRING I: APRIL 7 - 11

All of the classes will be on the main grounds at PBIEC. Featured classes include the \$10,000 National Hunter Derby, presented by Equiline, \$25,000 Premier Equestrian National Grand Prix, and \$35,000 ProElite National Grand Prix.

SPRING II AND III CSI3*: APRIL 14 - 18, APRIL 21 - 25

All hunters and equitation classes will be on the main grounds of PBIEC. The main hunter ring will be the International Ring. Both weeks will host a \$10,000 National Hunter Derby. All jumpers will compete at Equestrian Village. FEI classes and high-level jumpers will be on the grass field. Highlight classes include in Spring II: \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby, presented by Perfect Products, \$35,000 Resilient Fitness Spring 2 National Grand Prix, \$137,000 Bainbridge Companies Grand Prix CSI3*; and in Spring III: \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby, \$35,000 Wellington Agricultural Services Spring 3 National Grand Prix, and \$137,000 Grand Prix CSI3*.

SPRING IV AND V: MAY 6 - 9, MAY 14 - 16

All classes will be at Equestrian Village. Highlight classes include in Spring IV: \$2,500 National Hunter Derby, presented by Score At The Top, \$10,000 Bainbridge Companies Open Stake 1.40m, and \$25,000 Palm Beach Equine Clinic Grand Prix; and in Spring V: \$10,000 Bainbridge Companies Open Stake 1.40m and \$5,000 Omega Alpha 1.35 Classic.

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Stephen Moore and Team De Coquerie Top \$50,000 CabanaCoast Grand Prix CSI2*



Stephen Moore (IRL) rode Team de Coquerie to victory in the \$50,000 CabanaCoast Grand Prix CSI2*. © Sportfot

Forty-five combinations took their final turn around the Global International Arena at Equestrian Village of the season on Sunday morning as they contested the \$50,000 CabanaCoast Grand Prix CSI2*. Last to go in the jump-off, it was Ireland's Stephen Moore aboard Vlock Show Stables' Team De Coquerie that took the lead in a time of 40.81 seconds over a course designed by Mauricio Garcia (PUR).

"We've been building up for a few weeks for this class," explained Moore. "This is his second two-star grand prix of the season; we started slowly. He jumped good in the qualifier and had one down that kept us out of the jump-off. In the first round today, we got lucky in a few spots and had a few rubs, but he's always so fast. In the jump-off we were last to go, and I knew the ones that were ahead of me were quite quick, but he's so fast and turns well so I just had to let him do his thing and hope that his food speed would be fast enough."

The 2007 Selle Français gelding by Heartbreaker x Girl De Coquerie has been a part of the Vlock Show Stables' program for about four years, and Moore has had the ride on and off throughout that period of time.

"I rode him when we first got him, and then Darragh [Kenny] who is also a part of our program, rode him for a while," said Moore. "I've been with him for the last year now. He won a grand prix at Deeridge last winter and then had a great summer, so it's good to leave Wellington with another win under his belt."

Moore concluded, "I thought the courses all week were very well done. It's hard to build for the two-star classes because you're limited with your height, so they have to be technical. That called a lot of people out in several places, even I was lucky myself to get through the first round without having one down."

Second place in the \$50,000 CabanaCoast Grand Prix CSI2* went to Canada's Jacqueline Steffens on Eye Candy Jumpers' 2007 Selle Francais gelding by Heartbreaker x Girl De Coquerie, Cat Ninja, who crossed through the fast track timers in 41.42 seconds. Third was awarded to Samantha Wight (USA) riding Melissa Wight's 2008 Zangersheide mare by Cap Kennedy x Ma Jolie D'Troteval, Crunch De Troteval Z, finishing their jump-off in 42.54 seconds.

Kim Beaudoin

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| 2. Daniel Deusser (GER): 391 | 5. Shane Sweetnam (IRL): 346 |
| 3. McLain Ward (USA): 369 | |



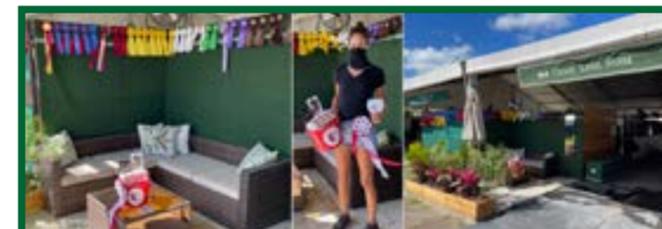
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Hudson, ridden by Scott Stewart and owned by Dr. Betsee Parker

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Team de Coquerie, ridden by Stephen Moore and owned by Vlock Show Stables

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The **Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award**, also presented by Laura Fetterman, went to Team de Coquerie, ridden by Stephen Moore for Vlock Show Stables. © Sportfot



The winner of the **Vita Flex Tack Room Award** for WEF 11 was Cedar Lane Farm, with Mary Patrick accepting for Samantha Davis and Hardin Towell. We loved the "cedar" wall accents and the functional layout. © JRPR Equine News Room



The **Vita Flex Tack Room Award** winner for WEF 12 was Castlewood Farm for their practical and beautiful spread. Pictured are Clementine Talmage, trainer Susan Tuccinardi, and Allie Mikhail. © JRPR Equine News Room



Jessica Springsteen won the **Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Award**, in memory of Dale Lawler, after a fifth-place finish in the \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix riding Don Juan van de Donkhoeve. © Sportfot



Hudson, ridden by Scott Stewart for Dr. Betsee Parker, won the **Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award**, presented by Laura Fetterman.



Stephanie Danhakl and Bright Side were the **Palm Beach Equine Clinic Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'6" 18-35** champions, presented by Dr. Meredith Mitchell. © Sportfot

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Meet the Riders of WEF: Marcus Davis

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

A: This is my first year showing at WEF! I've come to visit for about three days at a time just to watch my coaches [before], but this is the first time I've competed here. What I've enjoyed most about WEF is the fact that I've had so much time to develop here. Some of the other shows are only a week or two at a time, but I've been so fortunate to have 12 weeks here to develop myself as a rider and work with my horse. We first got here in January, and we are here until the beginning of April, so I've really had time to develop. I've also really enjoyed being among some of the top riders in the world, I don't get to see that often. My coaches, Ian and Amy Millar, are very high up there in caliber but in terms of some of the European riders or ones that I don't get to see, I am now able to watch in person. I've really enjoyed having that opportunity, especially watching them in the big competitions in person.

Q: What is it like to be the first FEI registered rider for the Bahamas to show at WEF?

A: I carry a little bit of pressure because I want to perform well and make a place for my country, especially here because this show is so well-known. I feel like I'm kind of carrying my country, and I have a responsibility, and I owe it to my country to not only make a name for them here but to do well. I also feel very appreciative to have that opportunity because I didn't think that I would be able to have it. When I really think about it and how I'm pretty much the only one here at WEF, it's just almost surreal.

Q: What horse are you competing this season?

A: El Porvenir Crono is an 11-year-old chestnut gelding, owned by Stefano Baruzzo, who is an Argentinian rider. He is a very, very special horse who has been very loyal to me in terms of my development. I've created a bond with him because I've been riding him for almost a year now. He is very special, to the point where I can always rely on him, and he is a trustworthy horse in the show ring. He knows exactly what he has to do in the ring. I feel like I owe it to him to be the best I can be and be ready because he tries his best for me. He has been an excellent horse to learn on and as a rider, he has made me comfortable at the 1.30m height. We are planning to go even higher than that, so it's been a very good opportunity to have him.

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

A: I wish that I could have ridden Big Ben, Ian's old grand prix horse, because that horse was one of a kind. The competition and challenges that Big Ben took Ian through and helped him establish himself as a globally-known rider were just so amazing. I've also heard stories about how special he was in the barn.

Q: What are you studying in school?

A: I am in my second semester of my third year studying Applied Economics at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario. It's been a bit of a challenge trying to show here and then school online. A lot of my downtime is definitely spent on schoolwork!

Q: What do you like to do on your days off or in your free time?

A: When I first got here I liked to go out with friends and see Wellington. We would do brunch or just drive around the surrounding areas and farms since I don't get to come to Wellington often, and it was nice to see all the different barns. The other activity I like to do is go to watch the big classes because I don't get to do that often. I'll just go and watch some of the bigger classes and really take in the experience and see what I can learn from the professional riders.

👉 Sabrina Brashares



Marcus Davis of the Bahamas made his Winter Equestrian Festival debut riding El Porvenir Crono.
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"I'm not going to say that I'm surprised that Daniel beat me," he continued with a smile. "He is a little bit of a pain for us when he shows up, because he is just on a different level. You have to say it how it is; we have to keep working to be able to ride the way that he rides. I am extremely happy with the result anyway. I thought Gemma was amazing."

Bluman has been riding Gemma W, a 10-year-old KWPN mare by Luidam x Unaniem, for five years and but recognized her talent from the start.

"This is the first year jumping the five-star level," he said. "I always believed in her from the beginning to be a very, very special horse, so I honestly wasn't surprised to see her perform the way she did. She has performed this whole season and every step that she has done since a young horse has been like this. We have been patient, and it has paid off."

Bluman was the winner of the feature grand prix event at the 2012 WEF, the \$500,000 FTI Consulting Finale Grand Prix CSI5*, with Sancha LS.

"I think the field was great, and I thought having the Rolex Grand Prix here was a great decision by the management team," he said. "I'm looking forward to being able to win this class in the next 10 years at least one time."

With the fastest time of the jump-off in 34.94 seconds, two-time Olympic team gold medalist McLain Ward (USA) was by far the speediest with the Beechwood Stables, LLC-owned entry Contagious, but a costly rail in the 'b' element of the Rolex double combination dropped him to fourth place.

As the last to go in the jump-off, Deusser had the advantage of knowing the time to beat and used it to his advantage, coming in just under the winning time in 36.40 seconds.

This was Deusser's seventh win at WEF, his fourth CSI5* class victory, and his third grand prix win, having captured the \$214,000 Marshall & Sterling Grand Prix CSI4* with Killer Queen VDM and the \$214,000 Grand Prix CSIO4*, presented by Lugano Diamonds, with Scuderia 1918 Tobago Z.

Deusser's top horse, Scuderia 1918 Tobago Z, was fit and prepared for the biggest class of the season.

"Tobago has been my best horse for years," said Deusser of the 13-year-old Zangersheide stallion by Tangelo Vd Zuuthoeve x Mr Blue. "He has won many grand prix [classes], and also he really likes big grass arenas. He was in very, very good shape already the last couple of weeks here. That doesn't necessarily mean he wins today, but he kept his form and he performed great. It was a little bit in my favor today that I had to start second to last in the first round and last in the jump-off. I knew exactly what I had to do. And in the end, I have to say once it works out and the horse jumps how he jumps, it was not too difficult."

After an injury in late 2019, "Toby" only came back to competition at the end of the year in 2020.

"He actually came back better than before," said Deusser. "These couple of weeks here at WEF have given the horse a lot of strength again. Hopefully he stays exactly in that form, and I'm really looking forward to a great rest of season."

Deusser echoed the feelings of his fellow competitors about having the opportunity to compete during challenging times.

"We are in a very lucky position that we are able to ride here," he confirmed. "Maybe for me it's a little bit more, also for Harrie. Coming from Europe, we know in the moment with the current situation of COVID how difficult it is to organize events, how difficult it is for the sport, and also how difficult life in Europe is in the moment. A big congratulations and also a big thank you to the organization and also to the sponsor that we are allowed to ride here."

👉 Jennifer Wood

FINAL RESULTS \$500,000 ROLEX GRAND PRIX CSI5*

1 SCUDERIA 1918 TOBAGO Z: 2008 Zangersheide stallion by Tangelo Vd Zuuthoeve x Mr Blue
DANIEL DEUSSER (GER), Stephex and Scuderia 1918: 0/0/36.40

2 GEMMA W: 2011 KWPN mare by Luidam x Unaniem
DANIEL BLUMAN (ISR), Blue Star Investments and Over The Top Stables: 0/0/36.54

3 BINGO DU PARC: 2011 Selle Français gelding by Mylord Carthago *HN x Diamant de Semilly
HARRIE SMOLDERS (NED), COPERNICUS STABLES, LLC: 0/0/36.74

4 CONTAGIOUS: 2009 German Sport Horse gelding by Contagio x For Keeps
MCLAIN WARD (USA), Beechwood Stables LLC: 0/4/34.94

5 DON JUAN VAN DE DONKHOEVE: 2009 SBS stallion by Bamako de Muze x Heartbreaker
JESSICA SPRINGSTEEN (USA), Stone Hill Farm: 0/4/37.21

6 CHACCO BLUE II: 2007 Oldenburg stallion by Chacco Blue x Cincaba Rouge
SANTIAGO LAMBRE (MEX), Santiago Lambre: 0/4/43.14

7 DSARIE: 2008 KWPN mare by Veron x Ahorn
BEAT MÄNDLI (SUI), Grand Road Partners, GmbH: 0/8/37.42

8 VITIKI: 2008 Hanoverian by Valentino x For Expo
YURI MANSUR (BRA), Yuri Mansur: 0/8/38.35

9 BALOU DU REVENTON: 2006 Oldenburg stallion by Cornet Obolensky x Georgia
BRIAN MOGGRE (USA), Ann C Thompson: 1/88.62

10 AMSTERDAM 27: 2010 Holsteiner gelding by Catoki x Acord II
TEDDY VLOCK (ISR), Vlock Show Stables, LLC: 1/88.66

11 CARLCHEN W: 2008 German Warmblood gelding by Chacco-Blue x Continue
ALEX GRANATO (USA), Page Tredennick:

12 PACINO AMIRO: 2012: Irish Sport Horse gelding by Pacino x NC Amiro
BERTRAM ALLEN (IRL), Aiden McGregor: 4/84.71

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Daniel Deusser and Scuderia 1918 Tobago Z in their winning presentation with Equestrian Sport Productions President Michael Stone; Marsha Dammerman, presenting the Dennis Dammerman Perpetual Trophy; owner Stephan Conter of Stephex Stables; and Kyle Youngmans, Sports Marketing Manager of Rolex Watch USA.



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STEVE GUERDAT

The world's top-ranked show jumper joins **HERMÈS'** team of **PARTNER RIDERS**.

Hermès recently announced that Steve Guerdat, the experienced Swiss rider, is joining its team of partner riders.

"Steve Guerdat is an exceptional rider who is respected for his talent and his list of wins, as well as his humility and sincerity, by all of the equestrian world's stakeholders," says Ly Lallier, Hermès' Equestrian Managing Director. "We are delighted to welcome the world No. 1 show jumper and individual gold medalist at the 2012 London Olympics to our team of partner riders. We wish him the very best for this Olympic year."

Steve Guerdat, the son of Philippe Guerdat, the renowned show jumper and trainer, was born in 1982, began riding when he was 9 years old, and quickly became a member of the Swiss junior team. Accompanied by his father, who retired to devote himself to his son's career, he won the team bronze medal at the 1997 European Junior Championships and was crowned Swiss junior national champion the following year. He competed at major championships between 2003 and 2005, including the 2004 Athens Olympics (he was a member of the fifth-placed team). In August 2005, he became the youngest rider in the world top 20 and took part in his first



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Above photos: Steve Guerdat with Tum Play du Jouas, a 14-year-old gelding.

top 10 final at the end of 2008. In autumn 2012, after winning his individual gold medal at the London Olympics with Nino des Buissonnets, he rose to the No. 1 spot in the world rankings, which he subsequently held on many occasions.

Guerdat has continued to add more victories, such as the FEI World Cup Final in 2015, 2016, and 2019.

"I'm honored to join Hermès," reflects Guerdat. "Beyond the image that it represents, we share common values. This long history with the horse, my best friend, continues to exist within the company. And although performance is obviously very important in sport, I am even more attached to the well-being and the comfort of my horses. This is why I am delighted to be able to count on the support of Hermès' teams."

Guerdat has chosen the Hermès Cavale II jumping saddle. Its central balance brings great stability, and its comfortable seamless seat renders a saddle designed to meet high-level expectations. "When I ride with the Hermès saddle," he notes, "it is barely noticeable, but it allows me to stay connected and be attentive to my horses. I will do my utmost to be on par with the quality and the high standards of the company, and I am very happy to be a part of this new venture." **EQ**

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to finally be able to win one of these classes," commented Jayne. "I haven't won a big class like this before, so it feels awesome."

Although this was the first time that 16-year-old Alston, of New Albany, OH, competed in the WEF Equitation Championship, his mount Waldo is a seasoned professional and won the class in 2019 with Sam Walker. They scored 85.75 in the first round and 87.25 in the second round for a total of 173.

"He's very brave, so nothing out of the normal routine was needed to get him ready," Alston said of his preparation for this class. "He won [in 2019] with Sam Walker. I tried to fill the big shoes. There wasn't any extra pressure [though]. It feels really good to be in the top four, seeing that he is consistent with top people, and that I'm the one getting to ride him."

Third-place finisher Gibbs, of Colorado Springs, CO, received a score of 84.75 to put him and Cent 15 in sixth place after the first round. The pair then produced an impressive second round with a score of 89 to move into third.

Gibbs made sure he had a plan for his specific horse in the schooling area and tried to base his strategy off of what he has learned from trainers at Beacon Hill Show Stables.

"I think that I just took the ideas that my trainer has been teaching me and really emphasizing with me with this horse in particular and incorporating those into my own style of warm-up," explained Gibbs. "With this horse in particular, I need him to really stretch across the oxers, so I jump a wider oxer in the warm-up, which I don't do on all of the horses, but for him it's very important. It's really just focusing on what we've been doing at home and what's been important for me and the horse."

This was also Rizvi's first time competing in the WEF Equitation Championship, and the rider was happy to have her trusted mount Finnick by her side.

"I am going on almost three years with him," said Rizvi, of Greenwich, CT. "Before I rode him, my sister Yasmin had him. After she had been riding him I was under a little pressure to do well on him, but the first time I showed him was actually at Maclay Regionals and I was eighth there, so after that I knew that he and I would be a good match. He's one of the sweetest horses I've ever known, and he's constantly learning new things and teaching me new things. I couldn't ask for a better horse."

Only a fraction of a point behind Rizvi, Jayne knew that she had to go all out in the test in order to win. The rider did an impressive inside turn that impressed the judges and moved Jayne and Charisma, a 14-year-old Warmblood gelding by Stakkato, to the top of the leaderboard.

"I went in, and I knew I just had to do the best I could," said Jayne. "I wanted to take risks. I was sitting in second, and I knew I had to go all out to try and move up, so that's what I did and it worked out. I know my horse is really well schooled. He's done classes like this for many years, so I knew it would be easy for him and I knew I had to take risks. I knew he could do it so I decided to try."

Jayne's trainers Andre Dignelli, Patricia Griffith, Laena Romond, and Lynn Jayne received the Trainer Award. Awards for the families of the top two riders, Natalie Jayne and Zayna Rizvi, were given in honor of their support.

The „Class Action" Best Equitation Horse Award was given to Finnick, ridden by Zayna Rizvi and owned by Jordan Rose Freedman, and presented by Stacia Madden. It is awarded to the owner of the horse in the class that is viewed as a true partner with the rider and enjoys rising to the occasion and was chosen by the judges.

The Best Turned Out Horse Award was presented to Donald Stewart's Iwan, ridden by Madison Rauschenbach, and groom Leo Hernandez.

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Hunter and Equitation Riders Continue to Produce Flawless Rounds



Kat Fuqua and Consent were the Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 and Under division champions. © Sportfot

The Green Hunter 3'6" division, sponsored by Equine Tack and Nutritionals, wrapped up on Thursday in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring. Leading the class with 38 points, Scott Stewart, of Wellington, FL, piloted Rivers Edge's Nottingham to the championship.

"Last week was his first time showing, and he was champion," said Stewart. "And now he was champion again. He has just been great. He is usually so easygoing and looks through the bridle very well. You can just let go of the reins and gallop around."

Reserve champion was awarded to John French and Kent Farrington LLC's Babylon. French, of San Juan Bautista, CA, and Babylon earned two firsts, a third, and a sixth place ribbon.

Junior Hunter riders entered the Rost Arena on Saturday morning to compete for the tricolor ribbon in the Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 and Under division. Kat Fuqua, of Atlanta, GA, and her own Consent bested a field of 10 competitors to earn the top prize for a second week in a row. The duo ended the division with a total of 30 points.

"We got Consent about this time last year and started competing in the Junior Hunters," explained Fuqua. "He's been really special to me because he came from Kelley [Farmer], and we love her, and my trainer has done such a good job helping us connect. He is definitely the sweetest horse in the barn, and he was [USEF] Horse of the Year [Grand Champion Junior Hunter] in 2020 which was amazing."

Ella Bikoff piloted Bikoff Equestrian LLC's Everwonder to reserve champion in the division. Bikoff, of New York, NY, and Everwonder earned a first, second, two thirds, and a fourth place ribbon for a total of 22 points.

Thirteen adult equitation riders entered the Bruno Delgrange Palm Beach Adult Medal on Sunday in the Rost Arena. The medal included a first round course and then a flat phase for the top 12 riders. In the end, Tracey Gorin-Byrne, of Noank, CT, piloted Fiach Byrne Inc.'s Honor Hill's Giovanni to the blue ribbon.

"He was actually a jumper before, and he was with Sweet Oak as a sales horse," said Gorin-Byrne. "Then in Tryon in the fall, Ali [Sweetnam] said she had a horse I could try in the Ariat [Adult Medal] if I wanted to because she knows I like to do the adult equitation. I showed him there, and then my husband got him for me as a birthday present!"

The second place honor was awarded to Lindsey Tomeu, of Wellington, FL, and Sweet Oak Farm's Sunman. The duo scored an 85 in the over fences portion of the medal. With a score of 86 in the first round, Millie Syroka, of Sylvania, OH, and her own Common Sense claimed third place.

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WEF 11 JUMPER HIGHLIGHTS

The eleventh week of the 2021 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) opened with Harrie Smolders (NED) and Une De L'Othain, owned by Evergate Stables, LLC, claiming victory in the \$37,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45 Jumpers CSI5* on Wednesday. Smolders and the 13-year-old Selle Français mare by Conterno Grande x Cento completed their fault-free round in a time of 29.70 seconds.

It was a good day for the Mexican contingent as they rounded out the podium with Eugenio Garza Perez and Patricio Pasquel finishing second and third respectively. Garza piloted the El Milagro-entry Caracas, a 12-year-old Holsteiner gelding by Cachas, to a clear effort in 29.75 seconds. Pasquel was less than a second behind with his own nine-year-old mare, Yoga Santa Rosa, finishing without fault in a time of 30.18 seconds.

To open the day, Ireland's Cian O'Connor captured the \$1,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.40m Jumpers CSI5* aboard Dourados, an eight-year-old Westphalian gelding by Diarado x Cornet Obolensky owned by Ronnoco Jump Ltd. The pair put forth a double-clear effort in the two-phase competition and crossed the finish line in 32.96 seconds.

An impressive group of international competitors took center stage on the grass Derby Field at Equestrian Village as Ashlee Bond (ISR) and Donatello 141, owned by Little Valley Farms, flew to the top of the \$137,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 11 on Thursday.

First to return in the subsequent round, Chloe Reid (USA) and Souper Shuttle set the pace for the remaining competitors as she piloted the 10-year-old Hanoverian mare by Stakkato x Luise Marie, owned by Live Oak Plantation, LLC, to a clear effort in a time of 41.66 seconds. Just two horses later, the lead changed as Ireland's Cian O'Connor (IRL) and his mount Kilkenny, owned by Ronnoco Jump Ltd, produced an even quicker clear round in 41.12 seconds.

Second last to go, Ashlee Bond (ISR) and the 10-year-old Westphalian gelding by Diarado x Lamoureux I produced the quickest effort of the day, jumping to the victory in a time of 40.29 seconds.

Two-star competition began in the Global International Arena at Equestrian Village on Thursday with a win for Gabriela Reutter (CHI) and Atticus Diamant, owned by Lumiere Horses Inc., in the \$6,000 CabanaCoast 1.40m Jumpers CSI2*.

Ireland's Mark Reid rode Cinderella Z, an 11-year-old Zangersheide mare by Chacco-Blue x Julio Mariner Xx, owned by Caroline's Kids, LLC, to a second-place finish with a clear effort in a time of 72.29 seconds. Karen Polle (JPN) and her own Baccarat Du Tertre, a 10-year-old Selle Français mare by Putch Des Isles x Indoctro, rounded out the top three, stopping the timers in 72.65 seconds to land in third.

Galloping swiftly across the grass Derby Field at Equestrian Village, Shane Sweetnam (IRL) and Indra van de Oude Heihof, owned by The Blue Buckle Group, won the \$37,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.45m Classic CSI5* on Friday.

Starting the class off with a bang, Olympic individual gold medalist Eric Lamaze (CAN) and Chacco Kid, a 15-year-old Oldenburg by Chacco Blue x Come On owned by Chacco Kid Group, raced to set the leading time of 62.24 seconds, which would hold up for second place after the remaining 45 entries.

Riding early in the class as well in the fifth spot in the order, Sweetnam and Indra van de Oude Heihof shaved almost a full second off the winning time, taking it down to 61.26 seconds.

No one else was able to catch Sweetnam's time, but Jessica Springsteen (USA) and Hungry Heart, a nine-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding by Baltimore 1178 x Loucaibo owned by Stone Hill Farm, came closest in 63.10 seconds for third place.

The two-star division continued on Friday in the Global International Arena with the \$37,000 CabanaCoast CSI2* Qualifier with 55 entries and seven clears. Riding second to last in the jump-off, Ellen Whitaker (GBR) and Atevla, owned by Maggie Kehring, brought in a quick time of 34.17 seconds for victory.

They were chasing a time of 35.39 seconds, set by Johan Kachelhoffer (RSA) and Cosmona, a 2011 DWB mare by Cosmeo x Bogegardens Apollo owned by Anton Marano, who would eventually finish in second place. Third place went to Matthew Boddy (GBR) and Balotelli 5, an 11-year-old Hanoverian gelding by Balou du Rouet x Contendro I owned by Purple Road, LLC. They finished clear in a time of 36.08 seconds.

Saturday commenced with yet another two-star victory in the Global International Arena at Equestrian Village for Gabriela Reutter (CHI) and Atticus Diamant, this time in the \$6,000 CabanaCoast1.40m Jumpers CSI2*. Reutter was victorious in Thursday's opening CSI2* speed class.

Reutter and the 2009 Selle Français gelding by Diamant De Semilly x Vas Y Donc Longane owned by Lumiere Horses Inc., bested a 10-horse-and-rider line-up to produce the fastest of five double-clear rounds.

On the final day of week eleven of the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), Darragh Kenny (IRL) and Vertige De Galarzacs, owned by Morning Star Sporthorses, LLC, rose to the occasion, putting forth an impressive double-clear effort to capture the \$50,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Grand Prix on Sunday.

The first to return was Canada's Nicole Walker aboard Excellent B, a 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding by Berlin x Heartbreaker, executing the shortened track with ease to set the pace for the remainder of the field. Walker and the NW Stables LP entry finished fault-free in a time of 37.81 seconds, which would hold up for second place.

Next to challenge, David Oberkircher (USA) and Upper, owned by Southfields Farm, LLC, gave it their best effort but stopped the clock just off the mark as he and the 13-year-old Selle Français gelding by Diamant de Semilly x Nadir de San Patrignano crossed the finish line in 38.59 seconds for third place.

The next three riders would lower the fences in height, leaving the door open for one final rider to best the field, which he did. Kenny, the current overall leader of the CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic Series, proved once again why he's at the top, picking up the win aboard the 12-year-old Selle Français gelding by Quaprice Bois Margot x Si Tu Viens, crossing the timers in 36.01 seconds.



Ashlee Bond and Donatello 141 won the \$137,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 11 CSI5*. ©Sportfot



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The Adult Amateur Middle Section B champion at WEF 10 was Quixotic, ridden by Julie Hogan for Linda Evans and Orion Farm.



Dublin, owned by Linda Evans & Orion Farm, was champion in the USHJA 2'3" Hunter division at WEF 10 with Lucy Haswell and was ridden by Emma Haswell to the reserve championship in the Older Cross Rail Hunters in WEF 11.



The Cross Rail Hunter championship went to Highland's Make Believe, ridden by Aria Rucks and owned by Peacock Ridge, LLC.



Sundown, ridden by Brianne Goutal-Martreau and owned by Alexander Hamer, was the Young Hunter 2'9"/3' (6 Year Old & Under) champion.



Satellite Flight and Annalise Manoog were the Equitation 15-17 champions at WEF 2.



Leila Bynum rode Emperor, owned by Joe Currais, to the Children's Hunter Older championship at WEF 9.

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Treasure Girl, ridden by Sophia Sabers for Amanda Wise, was the ProElite Low Children's/Adult Amateur Training Jumper .90m champion at WEF 10.

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