

GRAVES AND VERDADES SHINE AGAIN AT AGDF 5



Laura Graves and Verdades took their second Grand Prix Freestyle victory, presented by CaptiveOne Advisors, at AGDF 5. ©SusanJStickle.com

At 16 years old, Laura Graves' global superstar Verdades shows no sign of slowing up. The pair won both the Grand Prix Freestyle CDI5* and the qualifying five-star grand prix, sponsored by CaptiveOne Advisors in week five of the 2018 Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) at Palm Beach International Equestrian Center in Wellington, Florida.

Graves showcased her brand new freestyle to music routine in front of a sell-out crowd and under the atmospheric lights in the International Arena. The floorplan has been carefully designed with an exceptionally high degree of difficulty, and includes four double pirouettes.

"I had only actually ridden through it once at home, and that was for Terry Gallo to get the timing, so I need to do my homework a little better," said Graves, who trains with Debbie McDonald.

The 30-year-old rider and the son of Florett As, who are ranked fourth in the world, scored 84.375%. That was just 0.3% lower than their winning score at the CDIW* AGDF show two weeks previously – quite a feat for a brand new freestyle that they had barely practiced and can still tweak to improve.

Swedish rider Vilhelmson-Silfvén was runner-up in both tests riding her faithful partner, Lövsta Stuteri's 15-year-old Don Primero gelding, Paridon Magi. Shelly Francis rounded out the podium in third aboard Patricia Stempel's 15yo Oldenburg gelding Doktor, by Diamond Hit. Allyn Mann of title sponsor Adequan® said: "It seems like a lifetime ago when the founding partners and Mark Bellissimo were thinking about how to bring dressage to this community, and I think this beautiful night is exactly what that vision was."

In the five-star special tour, American rider Olivia LaGoy-Weltz coaxed just shy of 72% out of her own 14-year-old Lonoir to take the Grand Prix CDI5* (for the special), sponsored by CaptiveOne Advisors on a blustery day, which made many horses spooky.

"We've been working on adding in more brilliance but keeping the consistency – and we definitely got the brilliance today," said LaGoy-Weltz.

However, she could not hold off the challenge Adrienne Lyle and Salvino's much-improved performance in the ensuing Grand Prix Special CDI5*.

Lyle and Elizabeth 'Betsy' Juliano's 11-year-old Sandro Hit x Donnerhall stallion cruised to victory with 75.319%, representing a new personal best high score for the talented duo.

"I was thrilled with him today," said Lyle, another rider who trains with Debbie McDonald, along with LaGoy-Weltz. "It means a ton to win the five-star special; this is huge, especially on a horse who we haven't even been competing a full year at this level. He has tremendous potential that we're only just beginning to tap into."

In the three-star classes, sponsored by Wellington Equestrian Realty, the Dominican Republic's Yvonne Losos de Muñiz rode her own Foco Loco W to the horse's first ever international wins, topping both the grand prix and the freestyle.

"To be honest, I'm a bit speechless still," she said. "I'm still trying to soak it all in. I was able, especially in the trot, to really hit the cues. I came in and sat back and he came up in front of me, and I said, 'OK, here we go'. He floated around and felt fabulous."

In the special three-star tour, Shelly Francis led the grand prix, scoring 72.87% on another of Patricia Stempel's horses, the 14-year-old De Niro son, Danilo. Uncharacteristic mistakes saw them drop to second in the Grand Prix Special CDI3*, which was captured by Katherine Bateson

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NATIONAL COMPETITORS TAKE TO THE RING AT AGDF 6



Devon Kane and Sir Galanto won the grand prix during AGDF 6 National show. © SusanJStickle.com

Friday's national grand prix at AGDF 6 saw local rider Devon Kane's big tour horse Sir Galanto return to the ring – and to winning ways – following an injury. The 13-year-old by Stedinger x De Niro topped the grand prix with 67.717%.

Kane, of Diamante Farms, said: "He had some time off over the summer and this was his second show back this year. I wanted to use the opportunity to get him more solid before stepping back into CDIs in two weeks' time. It was a busy show with a lot going on, especially with the jumpers on the Derby field, so it was a great opportunity to test Galanto's focus."

She was delighted with how the stallion, which came from a small barn in Germany on Valentine's day three years ago, coped with the atmosphere.

"Everything felt great – we had a little miscommunication in the one-tempis, but the piaffe/passage was stronger than ever. I had his focus and attention, plus energy that I could use to my benefit. He has such softness, but you have so much power available all the time; it's quite a fabulous feeling."

Kevin Kohmann, who is German but also based at Diamante Farms, won Friday's prix st georges on Melanie Pai's 16-year-old Hanoverian gelding Fritz San Tino with a fantastic score of 74.853%.

Denmark's Signe Kirk Kristiansen picked up two blue grand prix special ribbons on the talented Her Highness O, a 15-year-old Hanoverian mare by Hohenstein x Weltmeyer. Kristiansen bought the mare from Caroline Roffman three years ago, but an injury to a hind leg shortly thereafter appeared to be career threatening.

"I've had her for three years, but it was two years before the first show because of the injury," said Kristiansen. "I gave up ever riding 'Hannah' ever again and tried breeding her, but we didn't succeed. Then she came sound, and now she's happy and fit."

Kristiansen, who is based in Palm Beach Point for the season and home in Denmark over the summer added: "We got our best score [68.51%] this week. In the past we've had a problem with the piaffe at X where she spooked every time, but now she's settling really well with that. I'm so honored to ride her; I didn't educate her myself and I feel very lucky to have a horse like her who is older and wiser. She's energetic but feels safe, which for me is the perfect combination as I'm not so brave, but I love her energy. I am learning so much."

Lisa Wilcox was unbeaten in two starts on the chestnut stallion Gallant Reflection HU, by Galant Du Serein x Rhodiamant. They won the intermediate II with over 71% before logging 68.375% in the developing grand prix class – an impressive feat for a horse who is only nine years old. He is owned by Horses Unlimited, who bred the licensed stallion.

"We spent a year working on his piaffe/passage after the developing prix st georges championship and I'm thrilled with his progress," said the Olympic rider who has ridden 'Reef' since he was five. "The plan is to let

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PBIEC WEEK 7 UPCOMING EVENTS

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

On Thursday, February 22, the Lunch & Learn Series will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Wellington Club. The topic is "Global Impact Through Local Kindness: Ensuring Vital Futures for Equines and Their Human Partners" and is presented by The Brooke USA. This informational and educational series has a variety of subjects for horsemen and women to learn more for their horses and businesses. Admission is free for riders, trainers, and owners. Register at the door for a chance to win exciting prizes. Contact Kailey Blasius at 561-784-1137 or kblasius@equestriansport.com for more information

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The \$132,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 7 will highlight action in the International Arena on Thursday, February 22, at 1 p.m. in the WEF International Arena. General admission and parking are free.

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AGDF's "Friday Night Stars" Series showcases some of the world's best dressage riders as they perform freestyles at the top level of competition. The third week of CDI-W competition of the season will feature grand prix musical freestyle competition, sponsored by NetJets, on Friday, February 23. Held at Equestrian Village (13500 South Shore Blvd.) in the Global International Arena, gates open at 6 p.m. and competition begins at 7 p.m. General admission is free, parking is \$10/car.

Join "The Bachelors" Prince Lorenzo Borghese & Ryan Beckett, and the EQUUS Foundation for the CSI 5* Grand Prix on Saturday. February 24 The Bachelor's Prince Lorenzo Borghese, The Bachelor in Paradise & The Bachelorette's Ryan Beckett, and our EQUUStars, Arianna Rockefeller, Brianne Goutal-Marteau, Georgina



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The \$50.000 Dutta Corp Grand Prix CSI 2* is the jumper feature on Sunday, February 25. It will be held in the International Ring following the \$70,000 Hollow Creek Farm 1.50m Jumper Classic. General admission and parking are free.

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Bloomberg, Hayley Barnhill, Jennifer Gates, Jessica Springsteen, Paige Johnson, and Clementine Goutal, invite you to join the EQUUS Foundation in the Wellington Club on Saturday Night, February 24th. Enjoy cocktails with Prince Lorenzo, our "celebrity bartender" & avid animal advocate, hors d'oeuvres, and our fabulous silent auction, from 6 pm - 7 pm. Stay on for a delicious buffet dinner & ringside viewing of the exciting CSI 5* Grand Prix under the lights – and meet Bachelor in Paradise and The Bachelorette's Rvan Beckett! Our online auction includes an exclusive Double Date with The Bachelors, jewelry, apparel, trips and more! Dinner seating must be reserved in advance. Cocktail Hour \$75 in advance; \$100 at the door (space permitting). Help us help safeguard the comfort and dignity of America's horses and share their magic with as many people as possible. Contact us at mail@equusfoundation. org or 203-259-1550 for more information. RSVP online at www.equusfoundation.org/WEF.

RIDE & LEARN WITH SANDY FERRELL

Looking ahead to WEF 8! The Ride & Learn Series will take place six times during WEF in 2018. Each week will feature a mounted riding clinic instructed by highly esteemed industry. Week 8 features hunter rider Sandy Ferrell, who will be training with the theme of "Young Hunters" at the Van Kampen Covered Arena at The Stadium at PBIEC (AGDF show grounds) on Tuesday, February 27, at 2 p.m. Participation to ride in the clinic is \$100 per horse/rider per clinic, so sign up today! Auditing is Free. For more information or to sign up for a clinic, please contact Jessica Nichols at 561-784-4275 or jnichols@equestriansport.com.

INTERNATIONAL POLO CLUB H A P P E N I N G S

Tournament wraps up with semi two tickets to the Veuve Clicquot finals and the final match on Sunday. There will be two games on both The Coco Polo Lounge sponsored by Wednesday and Thursday before Seminole Casino Coconut Creek will the finals on Sunday. Thirteen teams also have a special NYY Steak station were entered in this tournament and for all brunch quests to enjoy. Tickets battled it out to make it into these for the Pavilion can be purchased final matches.

This Sunday, there is a lot of exciting activities going on off the field as well. Four Seasons Resort will be holding their special contest during or purchased upon arrival on Sunday. halftime. Be sure to check the bottom of your champagne flute for a sticker access several food trucks, cash because you be a lucky winner bars, and multiple seating options. of brunch or drinks at the Resort! Shopping vendors, Socapri and Michelle Farmer Collaborative will be open throughout the day behind the grand stand.

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The Polo season at IPC, which began on December 31, continues through Sunday, April 22, and will once again be home to the U.S. In the Pavilion, an exciting giveaway Open Championship Finals, North

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him do the national championships this season, then graduate to CDIs at grand prix next year. Our goal long-term is Tokyo. Reef is amazing and has so much potential, I really love him. He's incredibly smart and talks to me - he whinnies when he sees my car. He has a lot of talent and is a ton of fun."

Betsy Steiner was a double small tour winner on Swiss W, Whitney Bailey's 11-year-old mare by Sir Oldenburg, topping both the prix st georges and I-I classes they entered with over 71% - more than 4% clear of the chasing pack in both.

Steiner, who is based at White Fences Equestrian Center with her daughter Jessie, said: "Swiss is extraordinary," said Steiner. "She's the love of my life. She's very sensitive and can be hot, but in a positive, workmanlike way that you can turn into brilliance. She's so intelligent that she's made me into a better rider and trainer by showing me new and better ways to do things. If there are ever mistakes in our tests, they're mine."

The mare's FEI passport is yet to arrive, but once it does, Steiner plans to launch her small tour CDI career.

"We're also working on a very exciting new I-1 freestyle for her with Terry Gallo [who also does Laura Graves' music]," she added.

National dressage competition returns this week at AGDF 7 on February 22-25.

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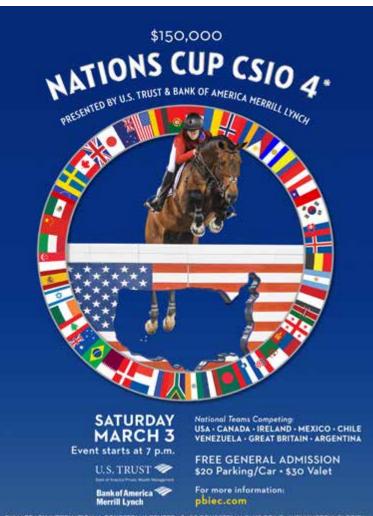


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Jan Ebeling, a member of Team USA during the 2012 London Olympic Games, will be riding the coming 10 year-old Danish Warmblood mare Indeed Z (Hofrat x D'Niro), owned by Vantage Equestrian Group II, in the Carl Hester Master Class at AGDF on Wednesday, February 28.

Ebeling has been riding the mare for five weeks, as she was imported in early January from Europe. Indeed Z was started and trained by Jan Brink and Johan Federsson before switching hands to Ebeling, who traveled back and forth from Europe to get to know the mare better before she landed stateside.

Ebeling hopes to have her competing in the Grand Prix ring in the next year and is looking ahead to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games as a potential Team USA contender.

WEEK 5 WRAP UP CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Chandler (see Faces of AGDF, page 11) riding Alcazar.

Both classes featured all-American podiums and in the special the difference between Bateson Chandler and Francis was just 0.17%.

Bateson Chandler and the 13-year-old Alcazar, who is owned by Jane Forbes Clark and survived a colic operation in July 2016, were recording their first win since topping the CDI4* freestyle class at last year's AGDF.

"I was second in the grand prix and that always makes you dig a little deeper," said Bateson Chandler, 42. "It's been a long journey with 'Lonzie'. I've been riding him since he was six and he's been a fun horse to bring to grand prix and it's pretty exciting for the future."

Bateson Chandler - like all American riders with talented grand prix horses – is hoping for a shot at a place on the team for the FEI World Equestrian Games, which take place in Tryon, North Carolina, in September.



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TThe Transformer Equine Award was given to Chase Hickok and Sagacious HF, with Endel Ots (left) and Al Guden



The Custom Saddlery MVR winner for AGDF 5 was Jan Ebeling (left).



The Omega Alpha Health Horse Award winner was Cartier, with Debbie Hill.



The Vetrolin Grooming Award went to Julio Mendoza and Chardonnay.



Juan Matute Guimon and Quantico Ymas were the Premier Equestrian Award winners.



The GK Elite Sport Adult Amateur Achievement winner was Rachel Hicks presented by Cesar Parra.

THE ADEQUAN® GLOBAL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL SETS THE STAGE FOR FIRST MASTER CLASS WITH CARL HESTER, MBE

Equestrian Sport Productions, LLC, and the Adequan® Hester's show record also boasts accomplishments such as Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) are proud to announce the two silver team medals at both the 2010 FEI World Equestrian induction of a Master Class with world renowned dressage Games[™] and the 2014 FEI World Equestrian Games[™], a top 10 trainer, competitor, and Olympic Gold Medalist Carl Hester, finish at the 2005 FEI World Cup[™] Final, and a top three finish MBE. The Master Class will be held on Wednesday, February at the 2017 FEI World Cup[™] Final. 28, during week eight of the twelve week AGDF season. The Due to Hester's lengthy European competition schedule, his UK-based Hester will welcome three sessions composed of a appearance in the United States is limited, which increases total of six riders from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the International Arethe value of this incredibly unique equestrian opportunity. na at Equestrian Village.

Hester is a household name amongst those in the dressage community and serves as one of the most decorated dressage Olympians of all time. He was the youngest British rider to ever compete in the Olympics, competing successfully at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games, and has since ridden in four other Olympic Games, earning the Team Gold medal at the 2012 London Olympics and the Team Silver at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games.

"I am really looking forward to my Master Class in just over a week at the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival," said Hester. "I was only at AGDF earlier this month and always love visiting as it really is a great chance to see world-class riders and horses, as well as all the future talent, in a beautiful setting. The Master Class will be a showcase of a handful of these talented riders and I'm looking forward to making it informative for those who attend."



Thomas Baur, AGDF Director of Sport commented, "We are very excited to announce the first Master Class that will be held here at the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival this year. To start out on such a high note with Carl Hester, a hero of our sport, is truly an honor.

"I'm confident that this is the perfect start to propel us forward with other AGDF Master Classes in the future. We know that the members of the dressage community will embrace this opportunity, and join us in learning from a true master in what is sure to be a spectacular evening under the lights," he continued.

General admission will be on a first come, first serve basis, and is \$30 per person. Parking is \$10/per car. A VIP option will also be offered, enhancing the auditor experience with exclusive seating, as well as a buffet dinner, open bar, and valet parking. Purchase tickets online at www.globaldressagefestival.com.

FACES OF AGDF: Katherine Bateson Chandler

The bubbly former groom turned senior American team rider has spent the past decade splitting her time between Wellington and Britain. Her top horse is the 13-year-old Alcazar, a Dutch warmblood by Contango who is owned by Jane Forbes Clark. Katherine and 'Lonzie' won the Grand Prix Special CDI3* in week five of the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival.

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DESCRIBE YOUR TYPICAL DAY.

In the winter, I wake up at 6am and I'm usually on my first horse at 7:30 a.m. I ride at home until about 11:30 a.m., then travel around Wellington teaching till about 5:30 p.m. I go back to the barn and put the ollowing day's schedule up, then get home around 6 p.m. I value a bit of soda and TV time cuddling up with my two dogs.

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION?

We really haven't taken any holidays for as long as I can remember. But we went to Atlantis in the Bahamas for a couple of days, which was really fun. I definitely need to go somewhere that has something to keep me busy as I get bored fast.

WHEN DID YOU LAST FALL OFF, OR COME **DANGEROUSLY CLOSE?**

I came very close recently - of course it was while having a quiet hack around the farm on a lovely calm, semi-retired horse we have. I probably wasn't paying enough attention and he spooked and bolted and I lost my stirrups and really almost fell off. It was actually pretty funny in hindsight. These things always happen when you least expect it, and that's why I always, always wear my helmet

WE'VE HEARD YOU REFER TO 'THE CARLS'. WHO ARE THEY?

"My Carls" are my husband Carl Chandler and my friend and trainer Carl Hester, who are both very important to me. My husband Carl also takes care of the horses, so he gets the brunt of everything and certainly couldn't manage any of this without him. Poor Carl H has to be my sounding board and keeps my riding on the straight and narrow

HOW DID SUMMERS IN THE UK AND WINTER IN WELLINGTON COME ABOUT? I started doing it in 2008, before Carl H was as big a global superstar as he is now. I was born in the UK and just clicked with Carl, so it was a perfect match.

HAVE YOU RIDDEN VALEGRO. AND IF SO. WHAT WAS IT LIKE?

Yes I have. Carl and Charlotte are very generous and not precious with their horses. I get to ride a lot when I'm in the UK. Valegro is truly an old soul. He has this amazing, wise face that I've never seen on another animal. The power he possesses in his body along with the incredible sensitivity and sensibility is what makes him the best horse in the world

DESCRIBE A MEMORABLE MOMENT IN YOUR CAREER

I've had so many. I'm lucky. I have to say riding at the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky in front of a home crowd was unbelievably fun. I remember going around the outside before my test and everyone cheering before I'd even done anything. I couldn't stop grinning.



WHAT'S THE BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED? Be kind and treat people as you wish to be treated

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?

Pizza. Well, really any version of bread and cheese is a winner.

DO YOU HAVE A MANTRA? Be brave. I say this before I compete so that I remember not to stay safe and to go for it.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SUPERSTITIONS?

I can get myself crazy with superstitions, so I really try to avoid it. I must admit that I do have lucky breeches and a shirt, but they have failed me at times, so I get mad at them and put them in the back of the drawer for a bit.

HAVE YOU HAD ANY CRINGE MOMENTS WHILE COMPETING?

Lots unfortunately. One that stands out is competing a very big 19-hand high horse at grand prix, who would get very behind the leg. I was having a miserable test in Devon and I just wanted to get off half way through. I thought I was going to get time faults I was going so slowly!

DO YOU HAVE ANY SECRET INDULGENCES? I do love a nice gin and tonic.

DOES ALCAZAR HAVE ANY QUIRKS OR FUNNY HABITS?

He wears his heart on his sleeve and needs constant attention. He's not so keen on anything flappy, so we have to be careful when he's on cross-ties. He also survived colic surgery 18 months ago, and is missing his front teeth, apparently due to a "breaking-in accident"

WHAT CAREER WOULD YOU HAVE PURSUED IF NOT HORSES?

I literally can't do anything else! Though I love the psychiatry of people – which comes into play anyway with all the teaching I do – so I guess I'd have liked to be a psychiatrist.

WHAT PIECE OF ADVICE WOULD YOU OFFER TO YOUR YOUNGER self? Be patient and stay on your path. Even when people tell you it's not worth it and change course - don't do it



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AGDF WEEKLY SCHEDULE

February 22-25: AGDF 7 - Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by NetJets | Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI 3*, presented by Chesapeake Dressage Institute | Small Tour CDI 3*, presented by Wellington Regional Medical Center | Small Tour CDI 1* Schedule includes National Show

March 1-4: AGDF 8 - Palm Beach Dressage Derby - Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by US Trust Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI 3*, presented by Peacock Ridge | Small Tour CDI 3* | Small Tour CDI 1* Schedule includes National Show

March 10-11: AGDF 9 National Show

March 15-18: AGDF 10 - Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI 4*, presented by Havensafe Farm Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI 4*, presented by Mission

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Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI $3^{\star},\, presented$ by The Dutta Corp

March 15-18: AGDF 10(continued)Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI 3* | Small Tour CDI 3*, presented by CaptiveOne Advisors | Small Tour CDI 1*, presented by Horseware Ireland Schedule includes National Show and Florida International Dressage Youth Championships

March 24-25: AGDF 11 National Show

March 28-31: AGDF 12 - Stillpoint Farm FEI Nations Cup CDIO 3* Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI 3*, presented by Harmony Sporthorses | Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI 3*, presented by Grand Prix Services | Small Tour CDI 3*, presented by Yellow Bird Farm

Small Tour CDI 1* | CDIO U25, presented by Diamante Farms | Schedule includes National Show

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