



World Equestrian Center Highlights

Wilmington Winter Classic Spring Forward

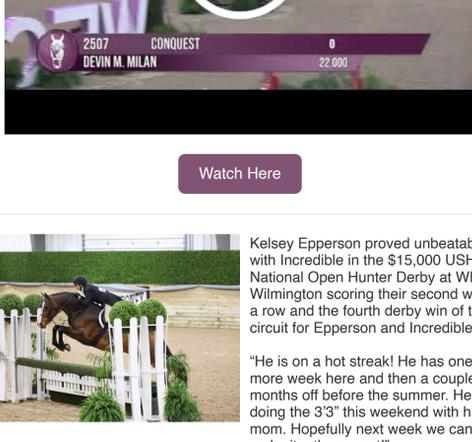


Devin Milan (USA) continued her hot streak at WEC – Wilmington in the \$30,000 Grand Prix sponsored by [Tribute Equine Nutrition](#), which she won with Conquest.

"I think 'Hot Dog' knows when it matters. He is getting really relaxed, especially over by the crowd. When I saw the combinations I thought those would be my issues, but he has gotten smarter."

Photo by Winslow Photography

Watch the Winning Jump-Off Round for Devin Milan and Conquest in the \$30,000 Grand Prix sponsored by Tribute Equine Nutrition



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Kelsey Epperson proved unbeatable with Incredible in the \$15,000 USHJA National Open Hunter Derby at WEC – Wilmington scoring their second win in a row and the fourth derby win of the circuit for Epperson and Incredible.

"He is on a hot streak! He has one more week here and then a couple of months off before the summer. He is doing the 3'3" this weekend with his mom. Hopefully next week we can make it a three-peat!"

Photo by Winslow Photography



Megan Bash (USA) entered as the final rider to contest the jump-off in the \$10,000 Futures Prix sponsored by [Dechra](#) aboard her own Jackson VDL taking the reins from her son for the day for victory at WEC – Wilmington.

"He is just a consistent winner. He is fast, and he's careful. I have owned him since he was six, and he is 10 now. We have brought him all the way along, and he just makes my heart smile. He always gives me 200%."

Photo by Winslow Photography

Ocala Winter Spectacular X

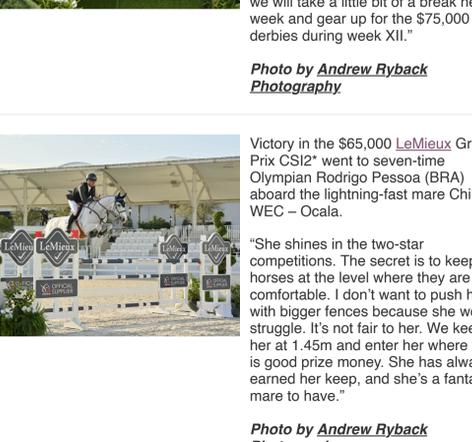


Amid a star-studded lineup of the world's best horse-and-rider combinations it was Olympian Andre Thieme (GER) and his trusted partner DSP Chakaria who rose to the occasion, claiming the winning title in the the \$200,000 [Florida Coast Equipment](#) Grand Prix CSI4* at WEC – Ocala.

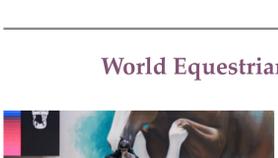
"I knew I didn't want to be second, and I had a fast and experienced horse. I saw Rodrigo go, and I couldn't really tell how fast he was, but I could at least do the same tracks as he did and rely on my horse's natural speed."

Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

Watch the Winning Jump-Off Round for Andre Thieme and DSP Chakaria in the \$200,000 Florida Coast Equipment Grand Prix CSI4*



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Daniel Geitner and Coltrane delivered effortless performances across both rounds to clinch the victory in the \$20,000 [Golden Ocala](#) 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby at WEC – Ocala.

"I am so glad Coltrane won. He's been a bridesmaid almost every week. This is the first week his owners are here, so he picked an awesome time to win one. It couldn't have been a better day. Now, we will take a little bit of a break next week and gear up for the \$75,000 derbies during week XII."

Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography



Victory in the \$65,000 [LeMieux](#) Grand Prix CSI2* went to seven-time Olympian Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA) aboard the lightning-fast mare Chili at WEC – Ocala.

"She shines in the two-star competitions. The secret is to keep the horses at the level where they are most comfortable. I don't want to push her with bigger fences because she would struggle. It's not fair to her. We keep her at 1.45m and enter her where there is good prize money. She has always earned her keep, and she's a fantastic mare to have."

Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

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World Equestrian Center Winners



Piloting Garo Kazan's top jumper mounts, Devin Milan has secured the win in at least one feature class during of each of her trips to WEC – Wilmington in 2024. As the pathfinder in the \$10,000 Welcome Stake, she added another success to the record with Conquest. *Photo by Winslow Photography*



Rachael Herkowitz piloted her very own Harmony to not only her first derby win, but their derby debut together in the \$15,000 USHJA National Non-Pro Hunter Derby in Wilmington. *Photo by Winslow Photography*



Thirty riders representing 10 different nations showcased their skills in the \$62,500 [LeMieux](#) Grand Prix Qualifier CSI4* but it was Ocala's own Aaron Vale (USA) who claimed the top spot aboard Carissimo 25 in Ocala. *Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography*



In the \$31,500 1.45m Winning Round CSI4* in Ocala it was Richie Moloney (IRL) and his trusted partner Rocksey Music that seized the lead and took home the lion's share of the prize money. *Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography*



Madison Stewart, in a newly formed partnership with Radio City, emerged victorious in the \$15,000 USHJA National 3' Jr/Am Hunter Derby in Ocala. *Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography*



Jennifer Jones once again demonstrated her skills in the open derby, capturing victory aboard Soundcheck in the \$15,000 [UF Veterinary Hospital](#) USHJA National 3' Open Hunter Derby in Ocala. *Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography*



The trailblazing performance of pathfinder Daniel Coyle (IRL) and Lena VDL stole the spotlight for victory in the \$32,000 [Wheels Up](#) Grand Prix Qualifier CSI2* in Ocala. *Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography*



Megan Wexler and Gatsby's Green Light were given the go ahead to win the \$15,000 [Buckeye Nutrition](#) Futures Prix in Ocala. *Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography*



Amy Millar (CAN) claimed the quickest time in the \$31,500 1.45m Speed CSI4* to win aboard Jagger HX in Ocala. *Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography*



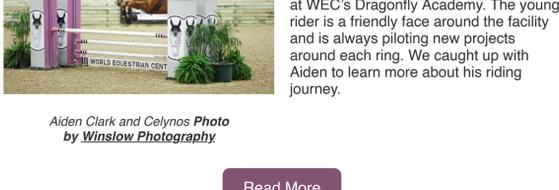
In the 1.40m Speed CSI4*, Caelinn Leahy (USA) and The Gray Man clinched victory in Ocala. *Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography*



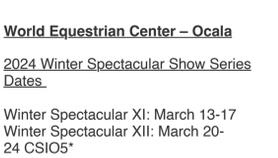
Will Simpson (USA) was the quickest aboard Keminko N in the 1.40m Speed CSI2* in Ocala. *Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography*

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Sunday Spotlight



Aiden Clark and Celynos *Photo by Winslow Photography*

This week's Wilmington Sunday Spotlight shines on Aiden Clark, a 14-year-old rider with David Beisel Stables. Aiden spends most of his time in Wilmington between showing at WEC and studying at WEC's Dragonfly Academy. The young rider is a friendly face around the facility and is always piloting new projects around each ring. We caught up with Aiden to learn more about his riding journey.

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Upcoming Events

World Equestrian Center – Ocala

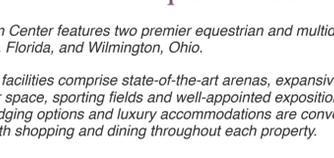
[2024 Winter Spectacular Show Series Dates](#)
Winter Spectacular XI: March 13-17
Winter Spectacular XII: March 20-24 CSIO5*

World Equestrian Center – Wilmington

[2024 Winter in the Midwest Dates](#)
Winter Classic XIV: March 13-17
Winter Classic XV: March 20-24
Winter Classic XVII: April 3-7
Winter Classic XVIII: April 10-14

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