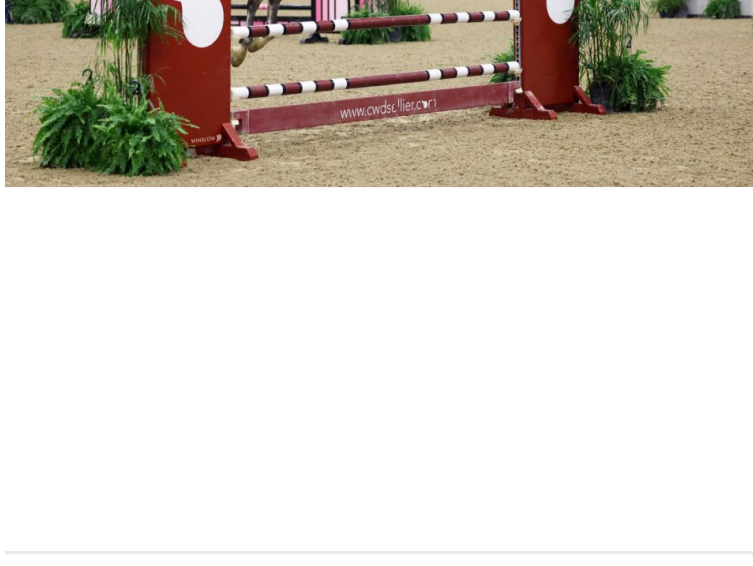




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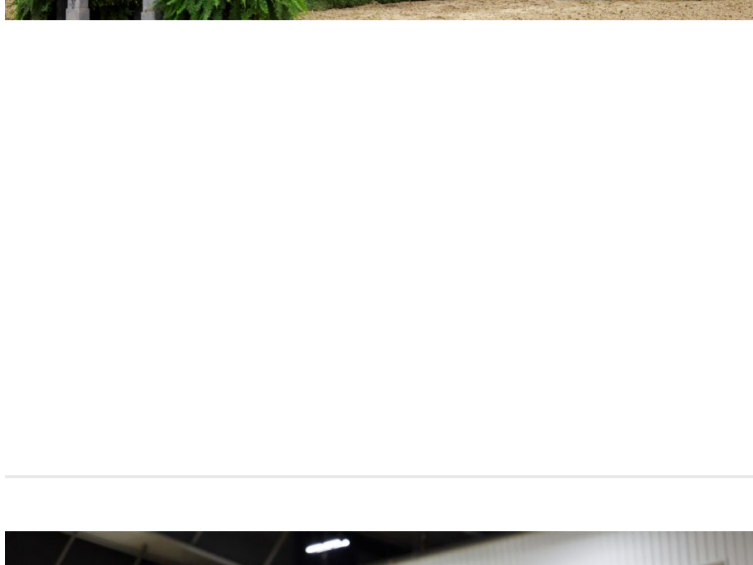
Wilmington Winter Classic XIV



The \$30,000 [CWD](#) Grand Prix was the highlight event of the WEC – Wilmington Winter Classic 14. Junior rider Amy Krebs (USA) secured her third grand prix win of the circuit with Jabantoss.

"WEC has really helped me get more comfortable at this height. Even offering the Futures Prix is so helpful. I started there. I was able to bring up a horse that was new to the level in that class. The courses aren't overfacing, and it has really helped build my confidence. I wouldn't have been able to gallop down to big jumps without doing so many of these classes."

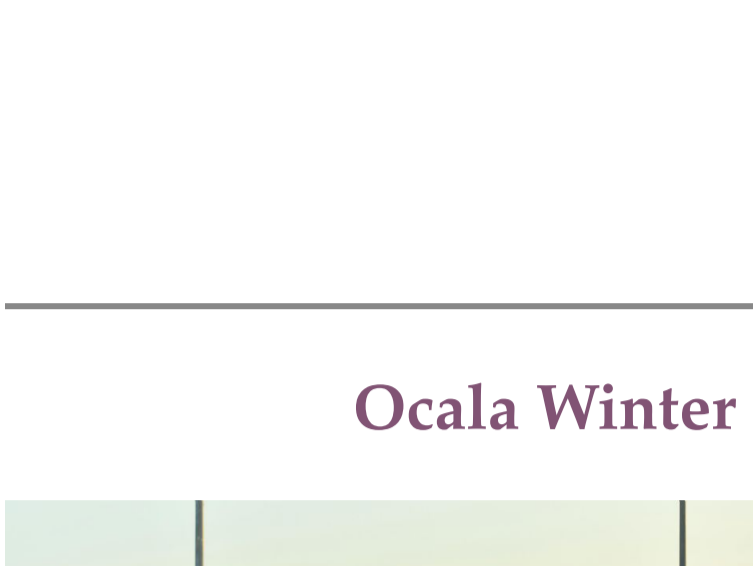
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Horses were in top form over Michael Pegg's (CAN) tracks for the \$15,000 USHJA National Open Hunter Derby sponsored by [Hayward Equine Medical Institute](#) at WEC – Wilmington. After two competitive rounds, Jason Berry ultimately bested the class aboard The Boy Friend, owned by David Beisel. Berry is thankful for his special friendship with the Beisel family.

"It is really important to us to cultivate such special friendships like theirs. We are so happy to help each other when need be. It is so special to have close relationships at the show and in the industry, and we are really thankful for them."

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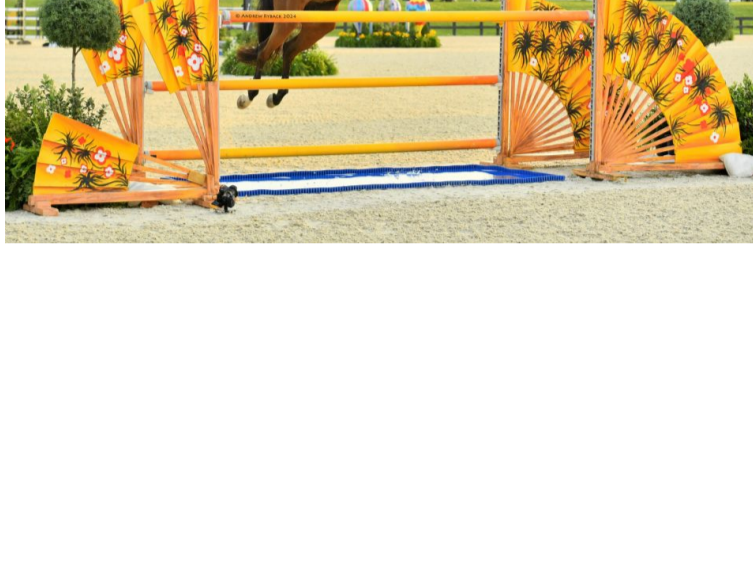


Megan Bash (USA) and her own Jackson VDL galloped around the short course nearly 10 seconds faster than the second-place time and, as the only double clear round, took their second consecutive win in the \$10,000 [Kentucky Equine Research](#) Futures Prix at WEC – Wilmington.

"I had no idea I would be the only double clear. I went for it like there were going to be people chasing me. I thought I was fast last week, but wow was I fast today! I knew there were 21 in it, so I had to go for it."

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Ocala Winter Spectacular XI

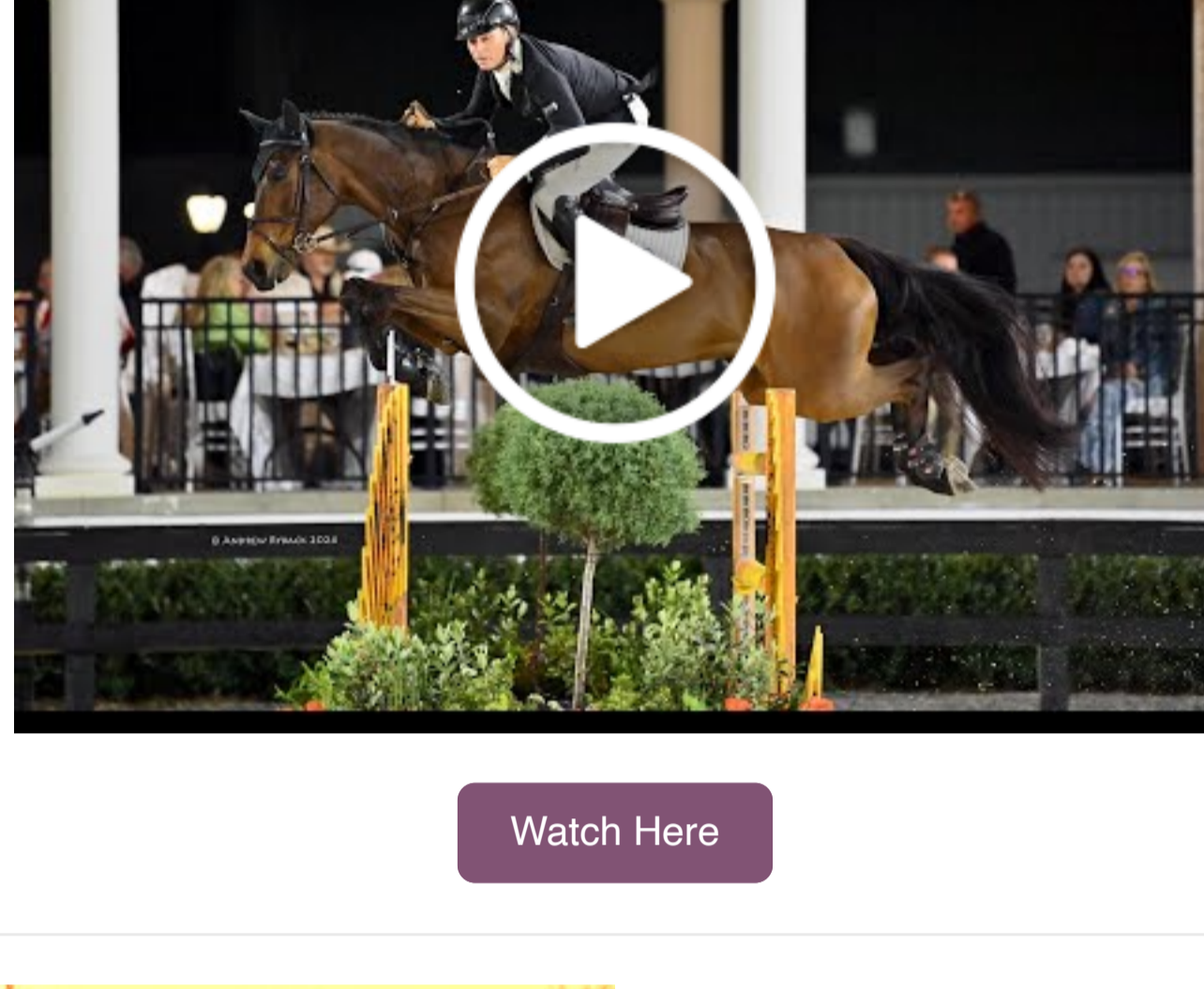


The \$100,000 [Hampton Green Farms](#) Grand Prix marked a historic occasion as the event took place for the first time under the lights of the WEC Stadium, attracting a group of elite athletes eager to experience the new atmosphere. Ultimately, it was the dynamic partnership of Sharn Wordley (NZL) and Valentine Car that emerged victorious at WEC – Ocala.

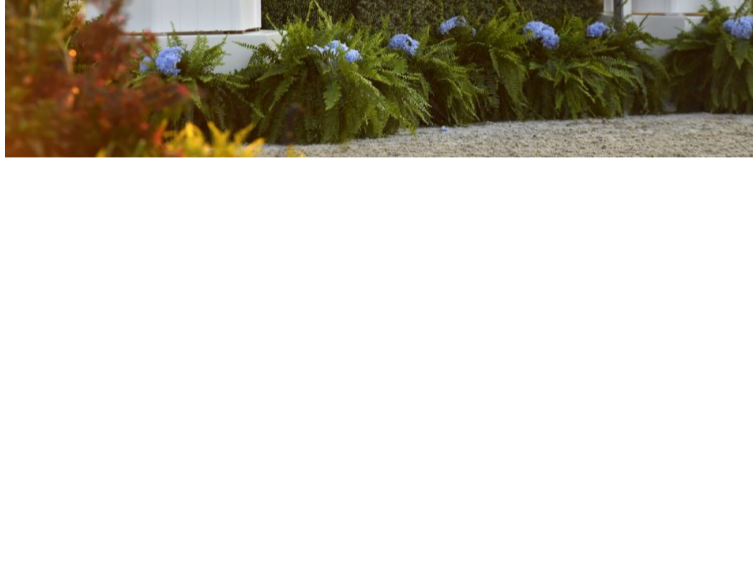
"The atmosphere here is fantastic. It's like the horses are showing at a different venue, and it makes a world of difference. I think that's something that sets this place on a whole different level. It's already the most amazing place in the world, and this ring makes it even more incredible."

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Watch the Winning Jump-Off Round for Sharn Wordley and Valentine Car in the \$100,000 Hampton Green Farms Grand Prix



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Daniel Geitner demonstrated mastery of the different Hunt and Go format in Week XI's \$20,000 [Golden Ocala](#) 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby at WEC – Ocala, clinching first place aboard Your Welcome BC and first place with Aeronautic.

"This is [Your Welcome BC's] first big derby. He's such a star. He hasn't shown all week. He didn't hand walk [in the show ring] because we wanted him to be fresh. He is just a star. He was bred to be a star. [Owner and trainer] Don Stewart has done an amazing job with him. It was like a whole new horse, and he just got higher and higher over the jumps."

Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography



In the \$15,000 [Buckeye Nutrition](#) Futures Prix, Robert Blanchette (IRL) emerged as the star of the day and took first place with his new mount Azmir d'Asbo Z while also securing third and fifth place at WEC – Ocala.

"I told him, 'You're not going to win today.' I didn't think I was ready to go forward on him quite yet because this was only our second class together. I had a simple plan – jump clear – but he felt so perfect. I saw things a bit early, and it was just enough. He has such a massive step."

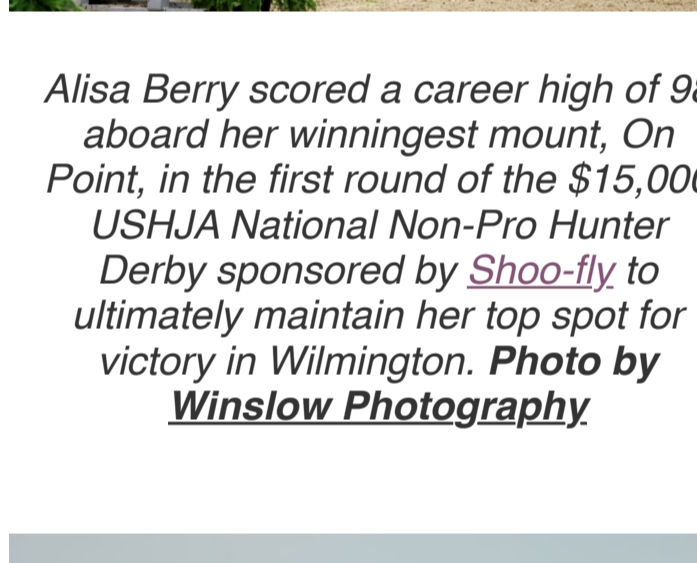
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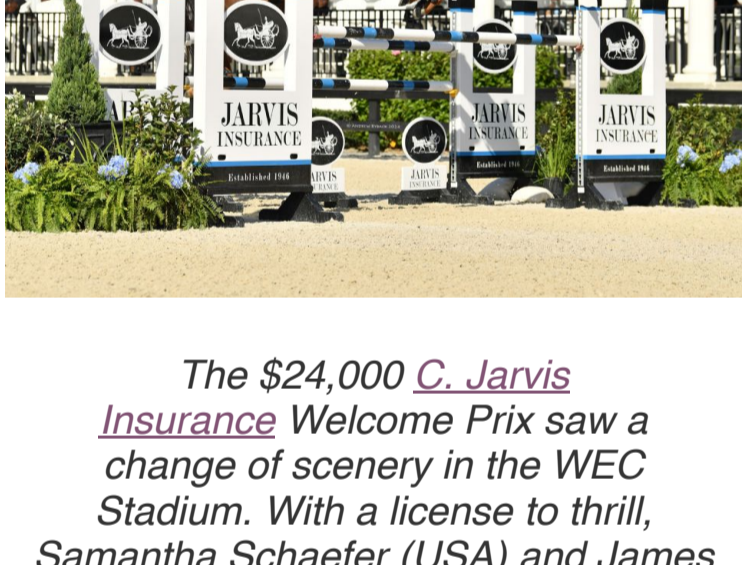
World Equestrian Center Winners



Amy Krebs (USA) returned to the top of the leaderboard once again in Wilmington with Ike in the \$10,000 [Tipperary Equestrian](#) Welcome Stake. **Photo by Winslow Photography**



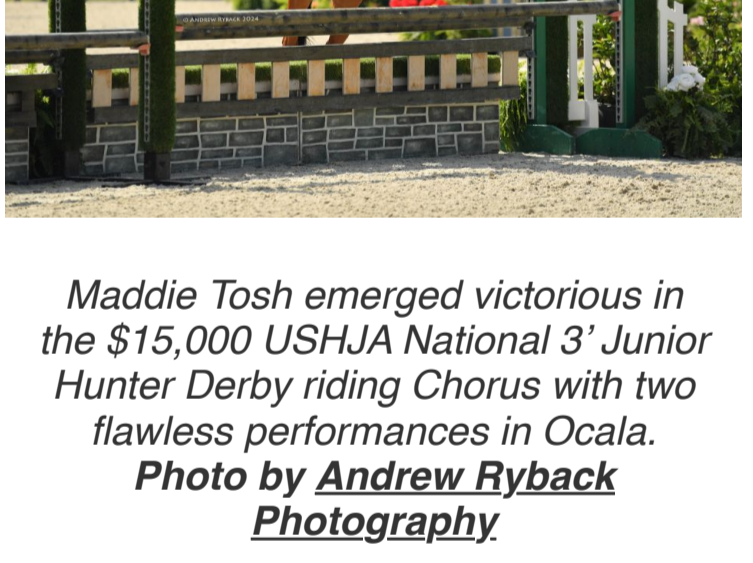
Alisa Berry scored a career high of 98 aboard her winningest mount, On Point, in the first round of the \$15,000 USHJA National Non-Pro Hunter Derby sponsored by [Shoo-fly](#) to ultimately maintain her top spot for victory in Wilmington. **Photo by Winslow Photography**



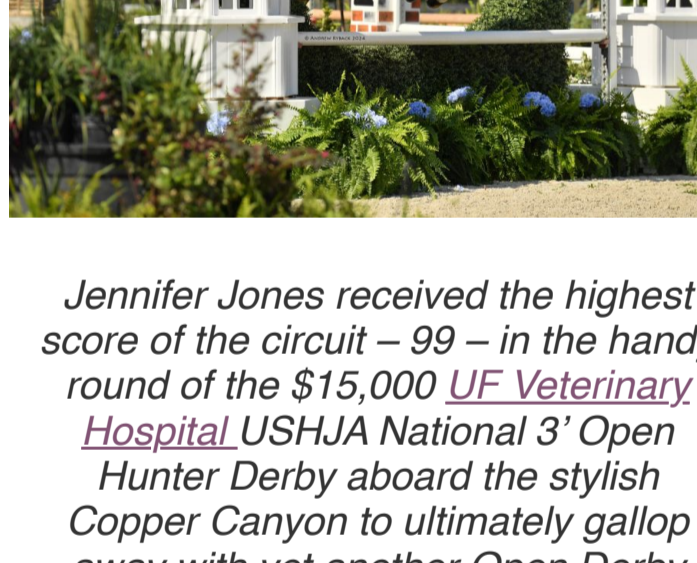
The \$24,000 [C. Jarvis Insurance](#) Welcome Prix saw a change of scenery in the WEC Stadium. With a license to thrill, Samantha Schaefer (USA) and James Bond Hx snagged the win in Ocala. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**



Thirty-two exceptional horse-and-rider duos showcased their talents in pursuit of victory, but it was Hayley Waters Wear and Geneine that captured the win in the \$15,000 USHJA National 3' Amateur Hunter Derby. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**



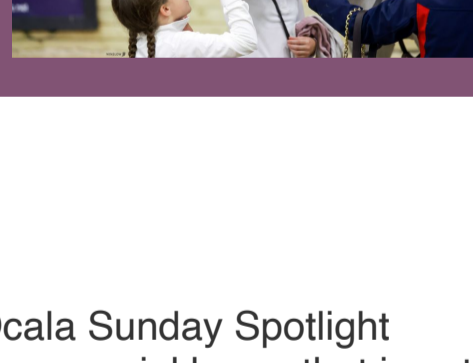
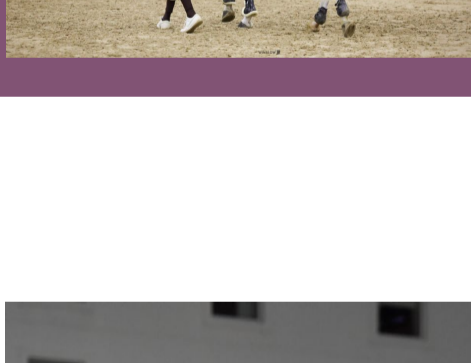
Maddie Tosh emerged victorious in the \$15,000 USHJA National 3' Junior Hunter Derby riding Chorus with two flawless performances in Ocala. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**



Jennifer Jones received the highest score of the circuit – 99 – in the handy round of the \$15,000 [UF Veterinary Hospital](#) USHJA National 3' Open Hunter Derby aboard the stylish Copper Canyon to ultimately gallop away with yet another Open Derby victory in Ocala. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**

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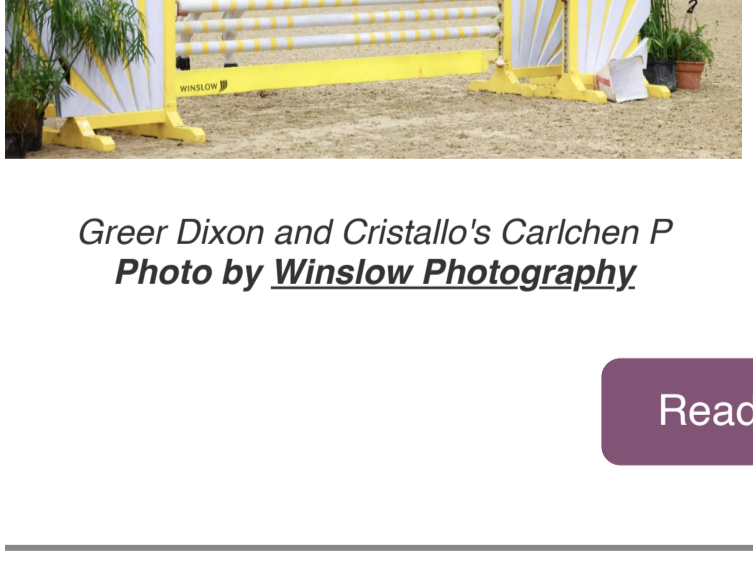
Sunday Spotlight



Aaron Vale and Carissimo 25 **Photo by Winslow Photography**

This week's Ocala Sunday Spotlight shines on a very special horse that is set to compete next week during the Longines League of Nations™ North American Qualifier with Ocala's very own hometown hero, Aaron Vale, in the irons. Meet Carissimo 25, aka "Ducky," a special 11-year-old Holsteiner gelding who teamed up with Vale in July of 2023. Known for his breathtaking style and impressive scope, Carissimo 25 has captivated spectators and exhibitors alike with his talent. We caught up with Vale to learn more about his impressive partner ahead of next week's event.

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Greer Dixon and Cristallo's Carlchen P **Photo by Winslow Photography**

This week's Wilmington Sunday Spotlight shines on Greer Dixon of Columbus, OH. The 16-year-old rider from Sugar Run Farm can be found at WEC – Wilmington with her favorite partner, Cristallo's Carlchen P, in all of the big equitation classes. Dixon comes to the equitation ring with a background in the Quarter Horse industry and has made her first year showing on the hunter/jumper circuit a successful one. We caught up with Dixon to learn more about her journey and her partnership with "Carl".

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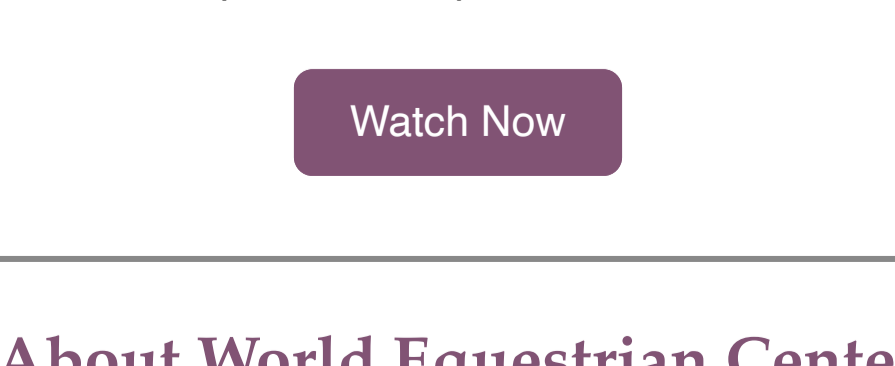
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