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Darragh Kenny and Red Star d'Argent Win \$216,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSIO 4*



Darragh Kenny took his second grand prix win of the season with Red Star d'Argent in the \$216,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix. © Sportfot

Week eight of the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) concluded on Sunday, March 6, with a win for Darragh Kenny (IRL) and Red Star d'Argent in the \$216,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSIO 4*. Riders representing five different countries qualified for the jump-off, with Kenny leading the way for Ireland over Colombia's Roberto Teran Jr. and Woklahoma in second, and Australia's Matt Williams aboard Valinski S in third.

USA's Steve Stephens and Ken Krome were the course designers in the International Ring at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) for CSIO week at WEF. In their final competition of the week, Stephens and Krome saw 50 entries in the Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix, with five riders qualifying for the jump-off.

Matt Williams and Wyndmont's Valinski S were first to qualify, and first to return for the short course, completing the track without fault in the third place time of 45.79 seconds. Roberto Teran, Jr. was next to jump-off aboard Ark Partners' Woklahoma, with another clear round and a faster time of 44.89 to finish second. Next in the ring, Darragh Kenny and Red Star d'Argent clocked the winning time of 42.83 seconds. Hardin Towell (USA) and Jennifer Gates' Emilie de Diamant AS had one rail down in 46.84 seconds to finish fifth. Last to go, Ben Maher (GBR)

and Jane Clark's Sarena also dropped a rail, but finished in a faster time of 44.43 seconds to place fourth.

Red Star d'Argent is an 11-year-old Selle Francais gelding (by Quick Star) that Kenny's Oakland Ventures owns in partnership with Spanish rider Sergio Alvarez Moya. This was the second win of the circuit for the newly paired duo, who also topped the \$130,000 Grand Prix CSI 3* during week six competition at The Stadium at PBIEC.

Speaking of their partnership and what he has learned about the gelding over the last several weeks, Kenny remarked, "I am learning that he is a really good horse. He can go anywhere and do anything at the moment. The horse gives me a great feeling every time I jump him; he is getting better and better."

"I was working a lot with the rideability, and getting him confident, and feeling confident with me," Kenny explained. "Today, I must say he jumped excellent from the word go. He felt super. He feels really happy and he is jumping great. Up until this week I had never even jumped him over the water. I called Sergio on Wednesday and was like, 'Does he jump the water?' I must say, I am lucky to have the horse, and Sergio is great. He puts no pressure on me and lets me do what I want with the horse, and it is paying off. He is going to want him back next week!"

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Ireland Wins \$150,000 Nations Cup CSIO 4*



Ireland, USA, and Colombia finished as the top three teams in the \$150,000 Nations Cup. © Sportfot

The \$150,000 Nations Cup CSIO 4* was held on Friday evening at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) with an exciting win for the squad from Ireland. Teams representing seven different countries competed, with Ireland earning the victory over USA in second and Colombia third. It was the first time that Ireland has won a Nations' Cup in Wellington since 2005.

Friday's \$150,000 Nations' Cup consisted of two rounds shown over a course set by USA's Steve Stephens and Ken Krome. Teams of four represented the nations of Canada, USA, Ireland, Mexico, Brazil, France, and Colombia. After the first round, each team dropped their highest score. In the second round, the top six teams returned in order of highest to lowest total faults. The winner was determined by the lowest total of each team's top three riders from each round.

Team Ireland, led by Chef d'Equipe Robert Splaine, included Conor Swail aboard Ariel and Susan Grange's Martha Louise, Shane Sweetnam riding The Blue Buckle Group's Buckle Up, Richie Moloney with Equinimity LLC's Carrabis Z, and Cian O'Connor aboard Ronnoco Jump Ltd. and Jean-Claude Jobin's Sam du Challos.

In round one, Swail, Sweetnam, and O'Connor all completed clear rounds, and Moloney's score of 12 was dropped, leaving the team tied with USA on a score of zero.

Swail had an unfortunate four faults in his second round with Martha Louise. Sweetnam and Buckle Up also had

one down in round two. Moloney with Carrabis Z, and O'Connor aboard Sam du Challos, each jumped clear in round two to secure their team's victory. One score of four was dropped, leaving the team on a four-fault total overall.

Settling for second place was the home team from USA, made up of Georgina Bloomberg riding Gotham Enterprises' Lilli, Audrey Coulter aboard Copernicus Stables' Capital Colnardo, Laura Kraut riding Old Willow Farms' Zeremonie, and Beezie Madden on Abigail Wexner's Simon, led by Chef d'Equipe Robert Ridland.

The team had a perfect score of zero in round one, as Bloomberg, Coulter, and Kraut all completed clear rounds. Madden did not need to jump in round one since each team had a dropped score.

Heading into round two, the team was tied for the lead with Ireland, but things did not go as planned. Bloomberg and Lilli returned with an eight fault score in round two. Coulter with Capital Colnardo and Kraut aboard Zeremonie each jumped double clear rounds. Madden and Simon then returned, but Simon was not himself, and after the gelding had trouble with the first three fences on course, Madden pulled up and retired. The unfortunate turn of events made her round the drop score and left the team to finish on eight faults as their overall total.

Following the Irish win, Chef d'Equipe Robert Splaine was very proud of his team and was not at all surprised to see the four horses and riders lead the night's round of honor.

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Douglas Elliman Real Estate Announces Three-Year Partnership with Winter Equestrian Festival

Douglas Elliman proudly announces the title sponsorship of Week 9 at the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival taking place March 9-13 at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL. The week's highlight event will take place on Saturday night, March 12, with the \$380,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate Grand Prix CSI 5*.

From January to April, PBIEC is the epicenter of the horse world. During these 12 weeks the venue attracts more than 3,000 horses and 2,800 riders from 50 states and 33 countries, making it the largest and longest running equestrian competition in the world. Douglas Elliman has a lengthy history of corporate affiliation with the equestrian community, and the newest office located at the Palm Beach Polo & Country Club in the Village of Wellington allows the company to provide continued personalized attention to the existing clientele in the equestrian community, while capitalizing on the equestrian relations the company has access to through the Douglas Elliman network.

With a count of 16 offices in South Florida and another three on the immediate horizon, Douglas Elliman has collectively led the revolution of the South Florida Real Estate industry with the basic principles of integrity, professionalism, honesty and diligence. The company remains ahead of the market leading the New York infiltration of South Florida, staying ahead of international initiatives in the industry through a strategic global alliance with Knight Frank Residential and continuing to attract the best management and real estate professionals in the country.

"The Winter Equestrian Festival has become the premier equestrian destination in the world and we are thrilled to be supporters again in 2016," said Jay Phillip Parker, CEO of Douglas Elliman's Florida brokerage. "We remain committed to leading the industry in the luxury market and our affiliation with this global attraction further allows us to continue paving the way."

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PBIEC Week 9 Upcoming Events:

AMERICAN EQUESTRIANS GOT TALENT

The American Equestrians Got Talent Auditions continue on Wednesday, March 9, at 7:30 pm at the White Horse Fashion Cuisine. The event is open to the public. Each week's audition and the Finale will be live streamed on The Chronicle of the Horse, which is brought to you by Equestrian Sport Productions, LLC. Every week the winner is chosen by audience applause and receives \$1,000 prize money. Didn't win? Come back the following week and try again! For auditions, please email rdover2@aol.com to sign up. For table reservations at White Horse Fashion Cuisine, please call 561-847-4549. The AEGT Finale is on March 20 with a \$10,000 grand prize!

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

On Thursday, March 10, the Lunch & Learn Series will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Wellington Club. This informational and educational series has a variety of subjects for horsemen and women to learn more for their horses. Admission is free for riders, trainers, and owners, while all others are \$25. Register at the door for a chance to win exciting prizes. The season finale door prize includes a custom trunk provided by Clever Jumps & Trunks and TheraPlate. The subject for WEF 9 is "Maximizing the Recovery and Future Success of the Injured Competition Horse" Tentative topics and speakers: Therapeutic shoeing with Dr. Stephen O'Grady, Alternative Therapies with Dr. Janet Greenfield & Dr. Natalia Novoa, and Current Surgical Options with Dr. Weston Davis, sponsored by Palm Beach Equine Clinic and Zoetis™. Contact Laura Bostwick at 561-784-1130 or laura@equestriansport.com for more information.

\$130,000 RUBY ET VIOLETTE WEF CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 9

The popular Thursday grand prix class will feature top prize money and is a qualifier for Saturday night's \$380,000 Douglas Elliman Grand Prix. Some of the best jump-offs of the circuit are found in the Thursday classes, so grab a seat and watch top show jumping action on Thursday, March 10, in the International Arena.

ARTISAN FARMS UNDER 25 GRAND PRIX SERIES LEARNING SESSION

An educational session for riders competing in the Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Series will be held on Thursday, March 10, at 4 p.m. in The Wellington Club.

PANDAHAUS EQUESTRIAN APP LAUNCH PARTY

On Thursday, March 10, from 7-10 p.m. in The Gallery, there will be a launch party for the pandaHAUS Equestrian app, the first app dedicated to equestrian sports. Hosted by Eric Lamaze, Rodrigo Pessoa, Nic Roldan, Ben Maher, Tiffany Foster, Yann Candele, Guilherme Jorge, and Laura Kraut, there will be cocktails and hors d'oeuvres to learn more about this exciting new app created by Core Platform.

GIVE A BUCK PONY DERBY AND GALA

It will be an enchanted evening of dancing, dining, and live entertainment in celebration

of the pony derby gala in The Gallery overlooking the International Arena on Friday, March 11, from 6-9:30 p.m. It will be a "A Night in Neverland", presented by Baxter Hill to support Give a Buck for Special Equestrian's mission of providing horsepower that heals. Tables and individual tickets are available. The Give A Buck Pony Derby will begin on the grass derby field at The Stadium at PBIEC (AGDF show grounds) on March 11 at 9 a.m. For more information please call Tara Bieling at 239-200-2230 or email tara@giveabuck.org. See more at www.giveabuckeq.com.

ATTENTION OWNERS: JUMPING OWNERS CLUB COCKTAIL RECEPTION

The Jumping Owners Club is hosting a cocktail party and dinner on Saturday, March 12, at 5:30 p.m. in The Wellington Club. Dinner and viewing of the \$380,000 Douglas Elliman Grand Prix CSI 5* to follow. Please RSVP to magali@compear.ch.

"SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" \$380,000 DOUGLAS ELLIMAN GRAND PRIX CSI 5*

Five-star competition returns to the International Arena at PBIEC with the \$380,000 Douglas Elliman Grand Prix CSI 5* on Saturday, March 12. Gates open at 6 p.m., and there is free general admission. Don't miss more exciting grand prix action for week 9!

AGDF 9 NATIONAL SHOW

The Adequan® Global Dressage Festival hosts national competition on Saturday and Sunday, March 12-13, at The Stadium at PBIEC. Enjoy watching top national riders and horses as they compete in tests of all levels.

Save the Date for Weeks 10 & 11 Upcoming Events

RIDE & LEARN WITH KEN SMITH

The Ride & Learn Series will take place each Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. during WEF. Each week will feature a mounted riding clinic instructed by highly esteemed industry professionals and will be held in various venues and arenas at PBIEC. Week 10 features top trainer Ken Smith teaching equitation at the PBIEC Ring 7 on Tuesday, March 15. The clinic is sponsored by NightWatch™. Participation to ride in the clinic is \$100 per horse/rider per clinic, with a maximum of 12 horses, 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.

LIGHTNING PROTECTION 101 - EDUCATIONAL LUNCH SESSION

You're invited to the Lightning Protection 101 Educational Lunch Session on Wednesday, March 16, at 12-1:30 p.m. Bonded Lightning Protection is pleased to invite you to a free lunch and education program on Lightning Protection, in The Wellington Club. Florida receives 1.45 million lightning strikes each year. Come learn how to keep your projects safe. Space is limited! RSVP by March 11- please contact 561.746.4336 kim@bondedlightning.com.



PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Palm Beach International Academy will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, March 16, from 5-7 p.m. at the school located at 13421 South Shore Blvd. There will be an open bar and small bites served. Please RSVP by phone (561) 338-3811 or by email cwathey@pbiafl.com. We will be highlighting our Summer Academic Programs and our Year-Round Learning Opportunities.

AGDF FEI GRAND PRIX MUSICAL FREESTYLE

Dressage freestyle returns with the "Friday Night Stars" series on Friday, March 18, with gates opening at 6 p.m. The FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Havensafe Farm, will feature horses completing their freestyle choreography to entertaining music ensembles. Dressage is part of the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival and held at The Stadium at PBIEC at 13500 South Shore Blvd.

AMERICAN EQUESTRIANS GOT TALENT FINALE

American Equestrians Got Talent brings together equestrians from all disciplines to show off their non-horse-related talents and compete for a \$5,000 top prize. Contestants have earned their spots in the Finale through a series of auditions over the past several

Located in the Special Events Pavilion, The Suites offer prime viewing, a full buffet, and premium bar options in a semi-private suite. Each suite accommodates up to 22 people, or just buy individual tickets or tables. The Suites are available for \$150 per person for WEF 10 - March 19, WEF 11- March 26, and for \$200 per person during the CSI 5* weeks: WEF 9 - March 12, and WEF 12 - April 2. Availability is on first-come, first-served basis, so book now before they all fill up! Contact Patti Miele at 561-784-1125 or pmiele@whitehorsetavernflorida.com today.

months in Wellington. The finale is on Sunday, March 15, at 6 pm at The Stadium at PBIEC (AGDF show grounds). Their diverse talents range from singing and dancing to stand-up comedy and fire-baton twirling and the finale grand prize is \$10,000. The AEGT benefits USEF High Performance programs through the USET Foundation.

AREA GAMES FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Athletes from Palm Beach, Martin, Okeechobee, and Broward counties will be competing in the Area Games for Special Olympics on Saturday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Van Kampen Covered Arena at The Stadium at PBIEC (AGDF show grounds). Approximately 100 riders will compete in English or Western Equitation, Trail and Obstacle, Dressage, and Pole Bending (a speed and agility class). Come support them as they compete to qualify for the State Games.

GEORGE MORRIS BOOK SIGNING

The Winter Equestrian Festival is proud to host a book signing with George Morris for his new book, "Unrelenting - The Real Story: Horses, Bright Lights, and My Pursuit of Excellence," written with Karen Robertson Terry. The book signing will be held on Sunday, March 27, at the derby field at The Stadium at Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (AGDF show grounds). Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the WEF Boutique.



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Hollow Creek Farm FEI Children's, Junior and Young Rider Series Complements CSIO Week in Wellington

The Hollow Creek Farm FEI Children's, Junior, and Young Rider Nations' Cups were held on Saturday, March 5. In its fourth year, the series drew riders from nine different countries to compete throughout CSIO week in Wellington. On Saturday, Mexico won the Children's Nations' Cup, and USA topped the Junior and Young Rider Nations' Cup classes.

The \$5,000 Hollow Creek Farm FEI Young Rider Nations' Cup saw a win for Team USA, finishing on just one time fault over Brazil in second with a score of 13, and Ireland third with a score of 15.

The U.S. Young Rider Team, coached by Chef d'Equipe DiAnn Langer, included Kelli Cruciotti (18) and Serenity Equestrian Ventures' Chamonix H, Alexandra Crown (20) aboard her own Von Cim, Madison Goetzmann (15) riding her own Wrigley, and Victoria Colvin (18) aboard Springfield Showjumpers' Zidane.

"I think you can say that America's got talent," Langer said after the team's fantastic finish. "It is extraordinary the talent that we have in this country. This is just an extraordinary group of girls. Their accomplishments are huge. We had many applicants for this team and

all of them were fantastic. This group of girls really brought it home and when they were asked to step up and do this they said, 'Yes, we are here,' so I am really proud of them."

The young rider team from Brazil finished second with Yasmin Almendros Marinho Santos riding Jorge Rodriguez Carneiro's Piaf de Quintin, Anna Victoria de Lorenzi Campelo aboard her own Fleur de Vauxelles, Giulia del Canton Scampini with Constantino Scampini's Keep on Fighting, and Joao Victor Castro riding Madame Sandrine Gitton's Quentin PJ, led by Chef d'Equipe Caio Carvalho.

The third place team from Ireland included Cormac Hanley with Missy Clark and Stephex Stables' Twan, Noelle Barry aboard Spy Coast Farm's Venturo 9, Paraic Kenny riding Jennifer Gates' Pepperpot, and Jenny Rankin on Colorland's Cheyenne, owned by Richard Bourns. The team was coached by Michael Blake and John Ledingham.

The win in the \$2,500 Hollow Creek Farm FEI Junior Nations' Cup once again went to the U.S. team over Brazil in second and Ireland third. The Junior Team for USA was made up of Emily Moffitt (17) aboard Poden Farms' For Sale 6, Kira Kerkorian (17) and Lisa

Kerkorian's Nightfire 25, Emma Heise (16) with Old Willow Farms' Quentucky Jolly, and Brett Burlington (17) riding Alden Burlington's Bluf, with Chef d'Equipe DiAnn Langer.

USA finished on a three-fault score with just two time faults in round one and one time fault in round two. Moffitt and Kerkorian each had one of the time faults in round one, Heise was the drop score with an unfortunate elimination, and Burlington jumped clear. In round two, Moffitt had the drop score of four faults, Kerkorian and Heise each jumped clear, and Burlington finished on just one time fault.

Speaking of her winning team and the fantastic event, Langer stated, "I think that it is absolutely necessary to send our thanks forward to Hollow Creek Farm and to Equestrian Sport Productions for developing our young riders for the future. These girls are our future, and this competition is one of the very most important markers as far as high performance is concerned in the United States. Talking with the other chefs here developing their young riders, they feel the same."

The team from Brazil finished second with a 13-fault score. Their team included Frederico Morais Menezes Abdul-Hak

riding Claudio M.A.M. Antelo's Salto Sela Platina Z, Nicolle Pantoja Margeotto and Eduardo Monaco's Chap Lando Z, Pedro Grandi Backheuser and Joao Pedro Backheuser's Uncle Berry, Victoria Junqueira and Heleine Horst Klaus's Una Bella 9, with Chef d'Equipe Caio Carvalho.

Ireland finished third on a score of 17 overall. Their team was Jack Ryan and Wood Run Farm's Mullaghdrin Rado, Phillip Carey with Matt Garrigan's Sterling un Prince, Jennifer Kuehnle riding Carl Hanley Sporthorses' Larineta, and Conor McMahon aboard Casinjo Ex Z. Their co-Chef d'Equipes were Michael Blake and John Ledingham.

The Hollow Creek Farm FEI Children's Nations' Cup was first to go in the evening session and crowned the team from Mexico its 2016 winner. Mexico last won in 2014 and gained their place on the top of the podium this year with a perfect score of zero throughout both rounds of competition. USA finished second and Brazil placed third.

The Mexican team included Franco Huesca Perez (13) aboard Jaime Azcarraga's Brigitte B, Nicole Velazco Magana (12) riding Jose Ignacio Valenzuela's Dreamer, Jose Maria Quintana Melgoza (13) with Alberto



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Aldana M's Romarin de Louzes, and Luciana Gonzalez Guerra (13) riding H.R.M. Melse's Zidane. They were led by Chef d'Equipe Mauricio Guerra.

After their win, Guerra spoke of his team's great day, stating, "I am very proud of all of these riders. They won a National Championship in December and at that moment they got the qualification to come here. As you see, they do a very good job, and that is why they won."

The team from USA finished second on a score of four faults overall. The U.S. children's team included Catalina Peralta riding Wendy Peralta's Cruz Z, Ava de Caster aboard her own Campbell, Ellie Ferrigno with Maarten Huygen's Femke K, and Genevieve Munson riding Kama Godek's Calahan. They were led by Chef d'Equipe DiAnn Langer.

Brazil finished third on an eight-fault total. Their children's team was made up of Carolina Chade Souza riding Alexandre Saddy Chade's Twinkel Z, Philip Greenlees aboard Edson Fragnan's Eros B, Otaviano Vilaca with Rodrigo

Otaviano Vilaca's Quadino Infant, and Lys Katherine Park Kang riding Laura Kim Park Kang's Capuava Jmen, led by Chef d'Equipe was Caio Carvalho.

The Hollow Creek Farm FEI Children's Grand Prix was the first class of the day in the International Ring on Sunday with a win for Mexico's Luciana Gonzalez Guerra (13) riding H.R.M. Melse's Zidane. Guerra is from Mexico City and has had her horse Zidane, a 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood stallion (Celano x G. Ramiro Z), for two years.

The division also presented a leading rider award to the competitor with the best overall placings in the week's children's classes. The award went to Juana Trosch of Argentina riding Emanuel Andrade's Black Pearl.

The \$2,500 Hollow Creek Farm FEI Junior Grand Prix was next to go in the International Ring Sunday morning with another win for Mexico. The junior class saw 28 entries, with a seven-horse jump-off, and four double clear rounds. The win went to Carlos Hank Guerreiro aboard Eurohorse BVBA's Golden Horta

with the fastest time of 30.01 seconds.

For his success throughout the week, Guerreiro earned the leading rider award for the junior division. He and Golden Horta also placed fourth in the Welcome class on Thursday. The 15-year-old rider, from Mexico City, trains with Brazil's Eduardo Menezes and has been competing at WEF since the beginning of the circuit in January. His mount, Golden Horta, is a ten-year-old Belgian Warmblood by Lord Z x For Pleasure.

This was Guerreiro's third year coming to Wellington to compete in the Hollow Creek Farm Series. He won the gold medal with team Mexico in the 2014 Children's Nations' Cup and also showed on the junior team in 2015.

The \$10,000 Hollow Creek Farm FEI Young Rider Grand Prix concluded the 2016 series with a win for USA's Victoria Colvin. The Young Rider Grand Prix saw 13 competitors, with six advancing to the jump-off, and four double clear rounds. For the win, Colvin and Springfield Showjumpers' Zidane

were last to go on the short course, completing the track in 34.97 seconds.

Colvin and Zidane made a clean sweep of the Young Rider classes this year, winning the Welcome class on Thursday, topping the Nations' Cup with Team USA on Saturday night, and finally winning the closing grand prix. For her success, she was also presented the young rider's leading rider award for the week.

The Hollow Creek Farm Children's, Junior, and Young Rider divisions hosted their Welcome classes to kick off their week at WEF on Thursday afternoon. The win in the \$1,500 Hollow Creek Farm Young Rider Welcome went to USA's Victoria Colvin aboard Springfield Showjumpers' Zidane. The \$1,000 Hollow Creek Farm Junior Welcome saw a win for Ecuador's Gabriela Rodriguez and Creamy Z, owned by Xavier Rodriguez, Vicki Briones, and Accell. Argentina's Juana Trosch rode Emanuel Andrade's Black Pearl to victory in the Hollow Creek Farm Children's Welcome.

■ Lauren Fisher



Left: The top three teams of USA, Brazil, and Ireland in the 2016 Hollow Creek Farm FEI Junior Nations' Cup.



Bottom Left: The top three teams of Mexico, USA, and Brazil in the 2016 Hollow Creek Farm FEI Children's Nations' Cup.



Below: The top three teams of USA, Brazil, and Ireland in the 2016 Hollow Creek Farm FEI Young Rider Nations' Cup.

Hollow Creek Farm Nations Cup Photo Gallery



Victoria Colvin rode a different Zidane to the win in the Hollow Creek Farm Young Rider Grand Prix. © Sportfot



Luciana Gonzalez Guerra and Zidane were victorious in the Hollow Creek Farm Children's Grand Prix. © Sportfot



Carlos Hank Guerreiro and Golden Horta won the Hollow Creek Farm Junior Grand Prix. © Sportfot



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"We have four very professional lads, and they are used to the winner's [podium]. They have been there before, and they will be there again," Splaine stated. "They worked hard for this Cup. They delivered fantastic results. Every combination jumped a clear round for us tonight, and we had one double clear. That for me, as Chef d'Equipe, is very significant, that every rider had a zero score tonight."

"Well done to the lads, and thank you to the Wellington show organizers for inviting us back," Splaine continued. "It is always an honor to jump the Nations' Cup. I have been coming here a long time, and it is a great pleasure to at last win a Nations' Cup here. A special word of thanks to the owners - without them we could not be here and it is fantastic to be on the podium. Wellington is a great home to many Irish, and we appreciate the hospitality. The USA gave us a good run for our money. I felt us slipping a little bit in the second round, but we fought back and pulled it off."

Cian O'Connor was the only Irish rider to jump double clear rounds as the anchor for his team. He had great confidence in his mount, Sam du Challos, a ten-year-old Selle Francais stallion (Quaprice Boimargot Quincy x Adam IV) that jumped one Nations' Cup before.

"I was very happy with my horse, Sam. He was really good," O'Connor stated. "It is his second time jumping this level. He jumped on the team in Ocala and he performed well there too, jumping well in the second round. There is added pressure here; there are a lot of Irish here, and this is a Nations' Cup that we want to do well at, so it obviously put the pressure on us."

Swail's mount for the evening was

Martha Louise, a 12-year-old Swedish Warmblood mare (Maloubet de Pleville 1039 x Wolfgang) that he has had a lot of success with, but had never jumped in a Nations' Cup previously.

"I thought it was a great win for us tonight," Swail said of the evening. "We were coming in with a little bit of confidence. We thought we had a nice chance to win and some nice horses. My horse has had a good bit of experience. She had never jumped a Nations' Cup before, but she has been around, and she has some very good wins. Her record speaks for itself, so I was confident enough that she could do a good job, and I thought she jumped extremely well tonight. I was a little unlucky to have the wall down in the second round, but I was very pleased with how she went and how the night progressed obviously."

Sweetnam was also jumping his mount, Buckle Up, in the pair's first Nations' Cup together and the ten-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding (Colandro x Caretino) handled himself very well.

"Obviously it was a great night for the Irish," Sweetnam remarked on their win. "We thought we had a chance. We were definitely hungry for it. I think the way the class went, we started off really strong and I think the MVP has to go to Richie, because we looked like we were dead and buried if he did not go clear. When he went clear, that put us right back into action because you know Cian is going to go clear anyway. I think it is my ninth year in a row jumping the Nations' Cup here, and I have never won it. I have been second five times, so it is a very special night for me."

Speaking of Buckle Up, Sweetnam detailed, "It is a very new horse to me. He

is a great horse. He has been jumping clear since I got him, and he already won one class. I was very lucky; I had to really push to organize to buy this horse, to organize a syndicate. Lisa Lourie, the Gilbertsons, the Devries, and Paul Tracy really helped me out to do this, and now they are getting the rewards, and it is a great horse."

Although Moloney and Carrabis Z had the drop score of 12 in round one, the pair rallied and came back strong with a critical clear trip in round two. The 13-year-old Zangersheide stallion (Canabis Z x Grannusso) settled down for his second round and gave Moloney a great ride.

"My first round was not very good and I thank the lads - they did a great job in the first round and the second round," Moloney stated. "My horse was a little bit more rideable after being around once, and I am glad to have jumped a clear round."

"I have very good owners, and I am very glad to have a nice team of horses," Moloney added. "It is very important to do well tonight for my owners and the big Irish crowd that is here for us. It is one we look forward to, and it is great to win."

Despite the disappointing finish for USA, Robert Ridland and his team felt good about their efforts and ended the night mostly concerned about Simon's well-being.

"We felt good coming in, and we felt really good after the first round," Ridland stated. "We had a good night. Georgina started us right off with a clean and we got two double clears after that. It was fabulous. It is a tough way to end, but Simon did not feel real comfortable at the end of his school and we are guessing he is going to be fine. That is show jumping; it's sport.

We really had control of the class, but it is not over until it's over. We had a wonderful team tonight, and we knew we had a good chance, and it showed."

"This is our home Nations' Cup, and darn those Irish; they spoiled our party," Ridland joked. "We are a little down because of the way it ended. We can't say we are overjoyed, but we can say we are very pleased with a really incredible effort out there. We left everything on the table and our hats are off."

Speaking to the level of competition Friday night, Kraut noted, "I think the level was very high tonight. Canada fielded a very good team, obviously Ireland did, Mexico was good, and Colombia. It was very close actually. From the first round to the second round, nobody could really rest easy. It is nice with only seven teams. It was all quality, and the course was very good. They did a nice job with it tonight. It was tough, but it was not too difficult. For some of the younger horses, it was good experience."

Colombia finished third in the class for the first time, with team riders Daniel Bluman aboard Conconcreto Sancha LS, Mark Bluman riding Stransky's Mission Farms' Uitteraard, Fernando Cardenas riding Quincy Car, and Roberto Teran aboard ARK Partners' Woklahoma. The team, led by Chef d'Equipe Marcel Delestre, finished on a total of 16 faults with eight in each round as Teran and Woklahoma anchored both rounds with clear efforts.

Mexico placed fourth with their overall score of 17. Brazil finished fifth on a score of 20. Team Canada earned sixth place with a score of 25, and France placed seventh on a score of 29. ■ Lauren Fisher



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Darragh Kenny was named the best Irish rider during the CSIO Nations' Cup week and presented with the Niall Grimes "Cheers" Perpetual Trophy from ESP President Michael Stone.



Juana Trosch (ARG), riding Black Pearl, was named the Leading Rider of the Hollow Creek Farm Children's division.



Conor Swail was awarded the Kate Nash Boone Style Award as the international equestrian who exemplifies best style of riding along with maintaining a sportsmanlike composure while competing in the CSIO Nations' Cup week at WEF, presented by Michael Meller and ringmaster Christian Craig.



Tracey Gorin-Byrne was awarded the championship in the Omega Alpha Adult Equitation division, as well as the Kastel Denmark Best Turnout Award.



The championship in the Maria Mendelsohn Low Junior Jumpers went to VDL D'Inzeo and Jamie Buis.



Vogue and Madison Arani were the Children's Hunter 15-17 champions.



In the Sleepy P Ranch High Junior Jumpers, Rembrandt and Emily Perez won the championship.

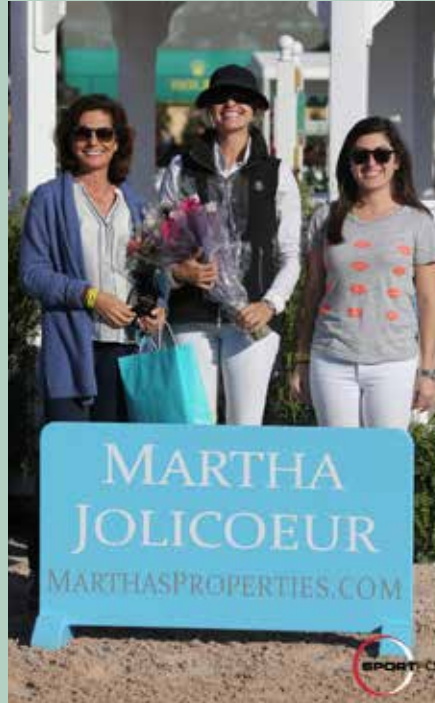


Jane Gaston swept the Amateur-Owner Over 35 Hunters, sponsored by Gretchen Hunt of Hunt Ltd., with Because and Taken.

WEF 8 Award Photo Gallery



Tiffany Foster of Canada and Emanuel Andrade of Venezuela (pictured) were both winners in the SSG Gloves "Go Clean for the Green" promotion during WEF Week 8. Foster won the \$35,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round VIII while wearing SSG 'Digital' riding gloves to claim a \$3,000 bonus while Andrade topped the \$15,000 Maybach – Icons of Luxury High Amateur Owner Classic aboard Walter 61 to pick up a \$1,000 bonus. "I love this promotion," said Andrade, 19, who was also the division champion. "This is one of the most exciting classes for my grooms because I always give them the money. They are very happy today!" ©Jump Media



The Leading Lady Jumper Rider Award, presented by Martha W. Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman, once again went to Tiffany Foster for her consistent performances during WEF 8. She and Brighton also won The Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award. © Sportfot



Diego Muyshondt of El Salvador and Val d'Isere are presented with the Equis Boutique "Best Presented Horse" Award by Patricia De Ferrari during CSIO4* WEF week 8. © Jump Media



Levland and McKayla Langmeier were the Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award winners, presented by Laura Fetterman. © Sportfot



Avedon, owned and ridden by Jamie Jarvis, won the Omega Alpha Healthy Horse Award.



Tara Metzner and Celebrity won the Vita Flex Victory Pass Award.



Young Rider Adrian Berganza of Mexico and My Floris are presented with the "Best Presented Horse" Award and an Anna Scarpati custom blanket by Elena Couttenye of Equis Boutique during CSIO4* week. © Jump Media

At WEF on this past Saturday March 5, Allison Stagg (right) of Woodstock, Illinois, won the Vita Flex Key to Success Tack Trunk Contest. Allison's lucky key won her the Vita Flex tack trunk filled with Vita Flex products.



Kenny had the opportunity to watch Williams complete his jump-off round before he entered the ring, and had an idea of what he needed to do to get the win.

"I watched Matt go, and Matt's horse was amazing and he had a super round," Kenny stated. "I felt that I just wanted to go as fast as I felt comfortable. I know the horse is very fast. I know I did one less stride after the black skinny, and I just had a feeling where I was and that I was up a little bit (on the time). I did not realize I was going as fast as I was, but it ended up being great."

"He is just a great horse; it does not matter you do with him," Kenny continued. "You can go fast, slow, deep, long and he just wants to jump the jumps, and that is what a great horse does. He has been stepping up every time. I did not know what he was going to do today. He was very good week six, and I gave him week seven light, and I knew my plan was to gradually build him up towards this grand prix. Right now my

plans are working."

Roberto Teran, Jr. has had his mount, Woklahoma, for three years and continues to earn very consistent results with the 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare (Sheraton x Calvados).

"She has been improving month-by-month, year-by-year, and now she is at a point where she is a very good Nations' Cup horse," Teran detailed. "She went to the Pan American Games and was outstanding. Our goal is to make it to Rio in good shape. Now it is about good management to get us from here to there in the best condition possible. She is super careful, super serious, and is getting better everyday. She is a dream to ride."

Matt Williams also has his sights set on the Olympic Games in Rio and has a great new partnership with Valinski S, a 14-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding by Nijinski x Julius.

"I have not had him that long. I got him at

the beginning of the winter and every time he has gone in a big grand prix, he has been clear or four faults, so he is consistent and giving me a great feeling," Williams said of his mount. "He jumps with a lot of heart, so at the moment I just have to keep him fresh and hopefully it will keep going to way it is going."

Speaking of his opening ride in the jump-off, Williams noted, "I have not jumped this grand prix in four years, and the last time I did it, I was first to go in the jump-off as well, but unfortunately there were 12 in the jump-off that time and it did not work out as well. I went out there today with an idea to do as much as I could and leave the jumps up. I got a little bit wide to the last jump. I drifted out a little bit, but I do not think I would have gone any quicker if I was after Darragh. I would not have been able to catch him; his

round was as good as it comes."

Red Star d'Argent's groom, Nickki O'Donovan, accepted the Groom's Initiative Award presented by Mark Bellissimo, managing partner of Wellington Equestrian Partners, to reward her dedication and hard work as an integral member of the winning team.

Kenny was also presented the Niall Grimes "Cheers" Perpetual Trophy, which is presented each year to the top Irish rider during the CSIO Nations' Cup week.

Another special award was presented to fellow Irishman Conor Swail. Swail earned the Kate Nash Boone Style Award as the international equestrian who exemplifies best style of riding along with maintaining a sportsmanlike composure while competing in the CSIO Nations' Cup week at WEF.

■ Lauren Fisher

Final Results: \$216,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSIO 4*

1. RED STAR D'ARGENT: 2005 Selle Francais gelding by Quick Star DARRAGH KENNY (IRL), Oakland Ventures & Sergio Alvarez Moya: 0/0/42.83
2. WOKLAHOMA: 2003 KWPN mare by Sheraton x Calvados ROBERTO TERAN, JR. (COL), Ark Partners LLC: 0/0/44.89
3. VALINSKI S: 2002 KWPN gelding by Nijinski x Julius MATT WILLIAMS (AUS), Wyndmont: 0/0/45.79
4. SARENA: 2006 Selle Francais mare by Calvaro Z x Damoiseau d'Or BEN MAHER (GBR), Jane Clark: 0/4/44.43
5. EMILIE DE DIAMANT AS: 2004 Belgian Warmblood mare by Diamant de Semilly x Flipper D Elle HARDIN TOWELL (USA), Jennifer Gates LLC: 0/4/46.84
6. FERRO CHIN VH LINDENHOF: 2005 Belgian Warmblood gelding by Chin Chin x Nimmerdor RODRIGO PESSOA (BRA), Vanam Int'l Hamleoot & Rodrigo Pessoa: 1/87.44
7. QUENELLE DU PY: 2004 Anglo Arab mare by Tresor du Renom AC x Ryon d'Anzex OLIVIER ROBERT (FRA), Olivier Robert: 4/80.01
8. HH CARLOS Z: 2002 Zangersheide gelding by Chellano Z x Voltaire MCLAIN WARD (USA), Double H Farm: 4/80.35
9. CHECK PICOBELLO Z: 2006 Zangersheide gelding by Cardento x Orlando ERIC LAMAZE (CAN), Artisan Farms & Torrey Pines Stable: 4/80.80
10. VICTOR: 2002 KWPN gelding by Elmshorn x Grandeur TIFFANY FOSTER (CAN), Artisan Farms LLC & Torrey Pines Stable: 4/81.08
11. CONCONCRETO SANCHA LS: 2003 SLS mare by Chin Chin x Polydor DANIEL BLUMAN (COL), Daniel Bluman LLC: 4/81.88
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Young Hunters Continue to Impress at WEF 8



Emma Kurtz swept the Equestrian Sotheby's Junior Hunter 15 & Under division with Evermore (pictured) and Wisdom. © Sportfot

Lainie Wimberly of North Salem, NY, had a stellar week as both a rider and a trainer. Laurie Stevens, who rides with Wimberly at Brigadoon Show Stables, captured the Equine Tack and Nutritionals Pre-Green Hunter 3' division championship aboard Echelon. Echelon is a seven-year-old KWPN mare owned by Stevens. The pair won three of the four over fences classes and placed second in the under saddle. Lainie Wimberly piloted Brigadoon Show Stables' Caruso to great ribbons in the division as well, topping the under saddle class and earning second, fourth, and sixth-place ribbons over fences. Wimberly and Caruso also placed third in the Equine Tack and Nutritionals Pre-Green Incentive Class Level 1.

Lainie Wimberly's success continued in the Pre-Green 3'3" division, riding Decoy to the division reserve championship. Decoy is a seven-year-old Hanoverian gelding owned by Laurie Stevens. Wimberly piloted the gelding to a first and two third place ribbons over fences on her way to the reserve title. Decoy also earned an eighth place ribbon in the under saddle. On Thursday, the pair topped the Pre-Green Incentive Class Level 2, winning with a high score of 88.

The champion of the Pre-Green 3'3" division, sponsored by Perfect Products, was Kings Landing, ridden by Louise Serio for Meralex Farm, Inc. They won three over fences classes and were sixth in the remaining jumping class. Kings Landing is a six-year-old Hanoverian gelding by Contagio.

The Amateur-Owner Hunters, presented by The Bainbridge Companies, wrapped up on Sunday morning in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Field. Lexi Maounis and her

longtime mount Sienna were crowned champions after winning both jumping rounds on Sunday and placing second and fourth over fences on Saturday. Sienna is 14-year-old Hanoverian mare. Alliy Moyer rode Carlson, a 12-year-old Hanoverian gelding, to the reserve title. The pair topped one over fences class and placed second in two others. Carlson also placed second in the under saddle.

Debbie Lovinger and Rio D'Oro were crowned the Carolex Stables Cross Rails Hunter Older champions this week. Lovinger piloted her 14-year-old Hanoverian gelding to the win in both over fences classes. The pair also placed second in the under saddle. Remington, an 18-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, settled for the reserve title with owner and rider Kim Schneider. The pair topped the under saddle and placed second and seventh over fences.

The Gochman sisters dominated the Large Pony Hunter division this week. Mimi Gochman took home the champion tricolor aboard Fair Play Farm's Storyteller, who is a 13-year-old German Sport Pony gelding. Storyteller topped the under saddle and earned first, second, third, and fourth place ribbons over fences. Sophie Gochman took home the reserve title with Westside, a 13-year-old Warmblood gelding owned by Scott Stewart. Westside topped two of the over fences classes and also earned second and a seventh place finishes. The gelding also earned a third place finish in the under saddle.

Hunter competition will resume on Wednesday, March 9, for the ninth week of competition at the Winter Equestrian Festival. ■ Callie Seaman

Faces of WEF: Genevieve Munson

When Kama Godek received a text from 11-year-old Genevieve Munson asking her for a horse to jump the Hollow Creek Children's Nations' Cup, she thought she was being punked. Munson, who turned 12 at the end of February, was named to the Nations' Cup team, but her own horse suffered from a lesion in his suspensory in December and was saddled with eight weeks of rehabilitation, leaving Munson horse-less. But, that didn't stop her.



Munson and her family drove from their home in northwest Arkansas to Wellington, FL, in January determined to find a horse. That led them to Godek and her horse Calahan.

"In the beginning, I thought this family was crazy," Godek laughed. "I was sitting at a Saturday evening class and got a text from an 11-year-old telling me she needed to try my horse. This horse jumped 1.50 classes; it was going to be too much for a kid."

Despite her apprehension, Godek agreed to a trial. Munson sat on the horse for the first time three weeks ago.

"She had to have four faults or less in a 1.20m class to qualify, and we had three weeks to do it. We jumped that Tuesday, flatted Wednesday, rested on Thursday. On Friday, I put her in a 1.10m class and a 1.15m on Saturday. She was clean in both. The next day, she was clean and eighth out of 90 or so in her first-ever Low Junior Jumpers – that was the clean she needed."

Once qualified, Munson was well on her way to checking off a bucket list item on her short but commendable riding career.

HERE'S A CLOSER LOOK AT GENEVIEVE MUNSON:

How did you get involved with horses?

I've grown up around the sport. My grandfather was a vet, so my dad grew up with it and my older brother and sister rode. My parents have an equestrian facility, and I have grown up as the farm grew up. This is my first time at WEF, and it's beautiful. You can't compare it to many facilities in the U.S.

What are some of the highlights of your riding career?

Up until I was eight, I basically did local and regional showing. When I was nine, I started doing more national shows and when I was ten I became the youngest rider to win the U.S. Pony Jumper Championships. I rode for a pony club team, and our team had a gold medal that year as well. That was a really big highlight of my career. And then being able to get on the U.S. Children's Nations' Cup Team was very awesome.

You and Calahan bonded quickly. How did you make that happen?

It was a big change. In every part of the world the horses are trained differently and respond to different aids, so it was new for me to ride a horse that was German-bred and trained versus my horse that is French-bred and trained. I had to work very hard to use my seat and my leg more than my hands. I have learned so much by riding him.

Were you nervous to jump the Nations' Cup?

It doesn't matter when you go, you have to go one way or another. There's no reason to get nervous. You go out there and ride your round, however big it is. Riding on a team forces you to stop thinking about yourself and focus on your team. Your team wants you to ride clean rounds. You have to ride for your team first.

What are some of your riding goals?

Our stretch goal would be to jump 1.40m with four faults or less before August 31st. That's the deadline for National Junior Jumper Championships.

Will you be a professional one day?

Yes - I love this sport. I couldn't see myself without it. Candice King described me very well. She said I am a 50-year-old to teach, but around the barn, I am an 11-year-old again.

Who is your idol?

I have five or six. McLain Ward is amazing. He is the ultimate thing that I want to be, and Beezie Madden is right there with him. Some other people that I aspire to be - Laura Kraut. The way she responded when I first met her - she was so happy to meet me no matter who I was. Also, Todd Minikus and Candice King. Eric Lamaze is probably my favorite non-U.S. rider. ■

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WEF 8 International Jumper Highlights

Week eight of the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) began Wednesday morning at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) in Wellington, FL. The \$5,000 Carolex Stables Welcome Stake was held in two separate classes, with a day session and an evening session. The win in the day session went to Darragh Kenny (IRL) and Kerry Anne LLC's Glamour van de Kakebeek. The night session saw a win for Tiffany Foster (CAN) aboard Artisan Farms' Brighton.

Week eight continued on Thursday with a win for Canada's Tiffany Foster and Brighton, owned by Artisan Farms and Torrey Pines Stable, in the \$35,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup

Round 8. The Hollow Creek Farm Children's, Junior, and Young Rider divisions also hosted the first of their classes for the week with wins for Juana Trosch (ARG), Gabriela Rodriguez (ECU), and Victoria Colvin (USA) respectively.

For Thursday's WEF Challenge Cup, Stephens and Krome set a speed track for 58 competitors, with 20 clear rounds. Tiffany Foster and Brighton were the winners in a time of 61.26 seconds. Bezie Madden (USA) and Abigail Wexner's Vanilla followed close behind in a time of 61.36 seconds. Todd Minikus (USA) and Two Swans Farm's Babalou 41 finished third in 61.91 seconds. Juan Jose Zendejas Salgado (MEX) placed fourth in 62.81 seconds riding Alejandro

Zendejas' Tino la Chapelle, and Jessica Springsteen took fifth place honors aboard Stone Hill Farm's Tiger Lily with a time of 62.94 seconds.

Also competing in the International Ring on Thursday, the Douglas Elliman 1.45m speed class saw a win for Daniel Coyle (IRL) and Susan Grange's Tennyson.

On Friday, the \$6,000 Illustrated Properties 1.40m Speed Challenge was held in a California split with wins for Georgina Bloomberg (USA) and Gotham Enterprizes' South Street

in Section A and Lillie Keenan (USA) aboard Chansonette Farms' Balance in Section B. A \$10,000 Speed Stake was also held in the afternoon with a win for Katie Dinan (USA) and Grant Road Partners' Bijou de Balou.

On Saturday, the \$35,000 1.45m Classic was held first in the morning with a win for Lisa Goldman (USA) aboard Hindsight. The \$25,000 Sunecast® 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic saw a win for Lorenzo de Luca (ITA) riding Stephex Stables and T&L NV's Halifax van het Kluizebos.

Tiffany Foster won in CSIO week with Brighton in the \$35,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round 8. © Sportfot



Week 8 Jumper Classic winners:

- \$15,000 MAYBACH – ICONS OF LUXURY SJHOF High Amateur-Owner Jumpers – Emanuel Andrade and Walter 61
- \$10,000 Sleepy P Ranch SJHOF High Junior Jumpers – Emily Perez and Rembrandt
- \$10,000 Animo USA Medium Amateur-Owner Jumpers – Emanuel Andrade and Sothis D Oully
- \$10,000 Martha Jolicoeur, Douglas Elliman Low Amateur-Owner Jumpers – Whitney Lyon and Bugs Bunny V Overis Z
- \$10,000 Rosenbaum Mollengarden PLLC Adult Jumpers 18-35 – Olivia Lawton and Cassandra Dreams
- \$10,000 Engel & Völkers Adult Jumpers 36-49 – Alissa Kinsey and Capella 37
- \$10,000 Maria Mendelsohn, Douglas Elliman Low Junior Jumpers – Jamie Buis and VDL d'Inzeo
- \$10,000 Hollow Creek Farm Medium Junior Jumpers – Emily Moffitt and Harrii
- \$10,000 Horeware Ireland Don Little Masters – Christian Currey and Vigaró

Week 8 Jumper Champions:

- Palm Beach International Academy Children's Jumper 14 & Under – Hailey Royce and Rapidash
- Equis Children's Jumper 15-17 – Cheyenne Considine and Venturesome
- FarmVet Adult Modified Jumpers – Catherine Wu and Ren Round Number
- Griffis Residential Children's Modified Jumpers – Ashley Harman and Clear Lady
- Equiline Low Adult Jumper 18-35 – Brittany Hildebrand and Cinco
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Leading Lady Jumper Rider, sponsored by Martha Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman Real Estate (after 16 qualifying events)



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| 1 Laura Kraut (USA): 780 | 4 Margie Engle (USA): 557 |
| 2 Tiffany Foster (CAN): 705 | 5 Laura Chapot (USA): 534 |
| 3 Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum (GER): 672 | |

Suncast® 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic Series (after 8 qualifying events)



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| 1 Shane Sweetnam (IRL): 278 | 4 Richard Spooner (USA): 201 |
| 2 Eric Lamaze (CAN): 273 | 5 Laura Kraut (USA): 200 |
| 3 Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum (GER): 233 | |

Hermès Talented Young Rider Award (after 39 qualifying events)



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| 1 Jessica Springsteen (USA): 620 | 4 Katie Dinan (USA): 403 |
| 2 Emanuel Andrade (VEN): 445 | 5 Adrienne Sternlicht (USA): 365 |
| 3 Chloe Reid (USA): 420 | |

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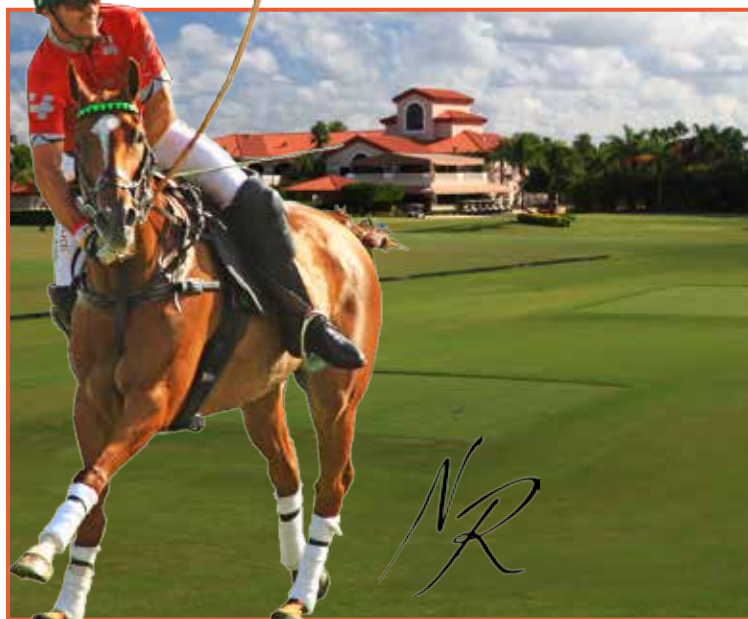
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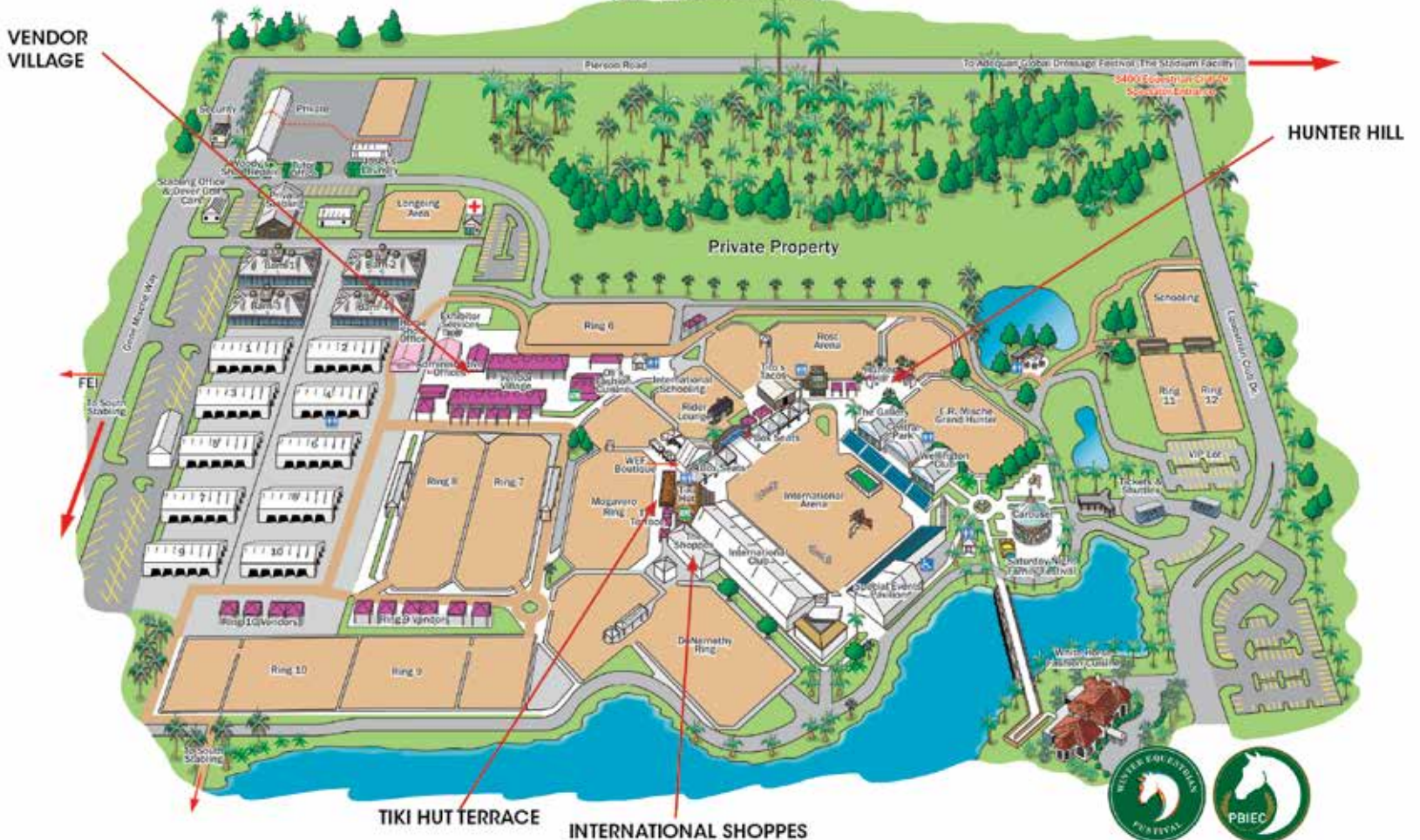
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Victoria Colvin and Austria 2 Win \$25,000 Nutrena Jumper Classic

Victoria Colvin of Loxahatchee, FL, rode Austria 2 to victory in the \$25,000 Nutrena Jumper Classic to open up jumper competition at WEF 8.

USA's Steve Stephens and Ken Krome were the co-course designers in the International Arena for week eight's jumper competition and for the opening \$25,000 Nutrena Jumper Classic. There were 53 entries in the class and a 22-horse jump-off. Thirteen entries went double clear over the short course as the times steadily got faster.

Colvin and Take the High Road LLC's Austria 2 clocked in at 33.63 seconds, just ahead of McLain Ward (USA) and his own and Arthur Hawkins' Tina la Boheme in a time of 33.92 seconds. Paul O'Shea (IRL) and Nordic Lights Farm's NLF Newsflash finished third in 34.98 seconds. Ian Millar (CAN) and The Baranus Group's Baranus placed

fourth in 35.37 seconds, and Alexander Zetterman (SWE) and Springfield Showjumpers' Cordalis finished fifth in a time of 35.49 seconds.

Class winner, Austria 2, is an eight-year-old Holsteiner mare (Casall x Corrado I) that was previously ridden by Belgium's Jonas Vervoort. The mare was purchased in Sweden when she was seven years old, and Colvin has slowly been bringing her along.

"She has not shown a lot, so we are trying to save her and start her slow, but she was fantastic today," Colvin said following her win. "She is a spicy mare, and I love that. She is just fast, and little, and quick in the air. She is like a cat; she just slides right over the jumps, and she is amazing."

Speaking of her winning jump-off, Colvin noted, "I have never really gone super fast with her because she

is younger, so I do not want to run her off her feet. I was planning seven strides down the last line, and it was very good in the beginning and she felt amazing, so I went for the six and she was fantastic. When I saw McLain go before me, he went really fast and I was like, 'Oh boy.' I was not planning on going that fast because I have never really gone for it with her, but I was feeling it today. I was ready."

Colvin also spoke about Austria's ride, comparing the mare to Lauren Hough's mount Ohlala.

"It is a different ride. She is very easy, but you have to kind of let go and then hold her a bit," Colvin described. "It is kind of like a hunter ride, but she

is very spicy at the same time. She is fun. She is little, so sometimes you have to add a stride. I would compare her to Ohlala. Hopefully someday she will be that good. She is a very tiny, spicy mare. You have to package her a little bit, but she is great."

As Austria 2 continues to develop, Colvin will continue to compete her at the 1.45m level and hopes to possibly step up to 1.50m by the end of the year.

"This was only my second 1.45m on her," Colvin pointed out. "We have really gone slow with her because I think that she is going to be very special, so we are just trying to do it right." ■ Lauren Fisher



Victoria Colvin and Austria 2 sped to victory in the \$25,000 Nutrena Jumper Classic. © Sportfot



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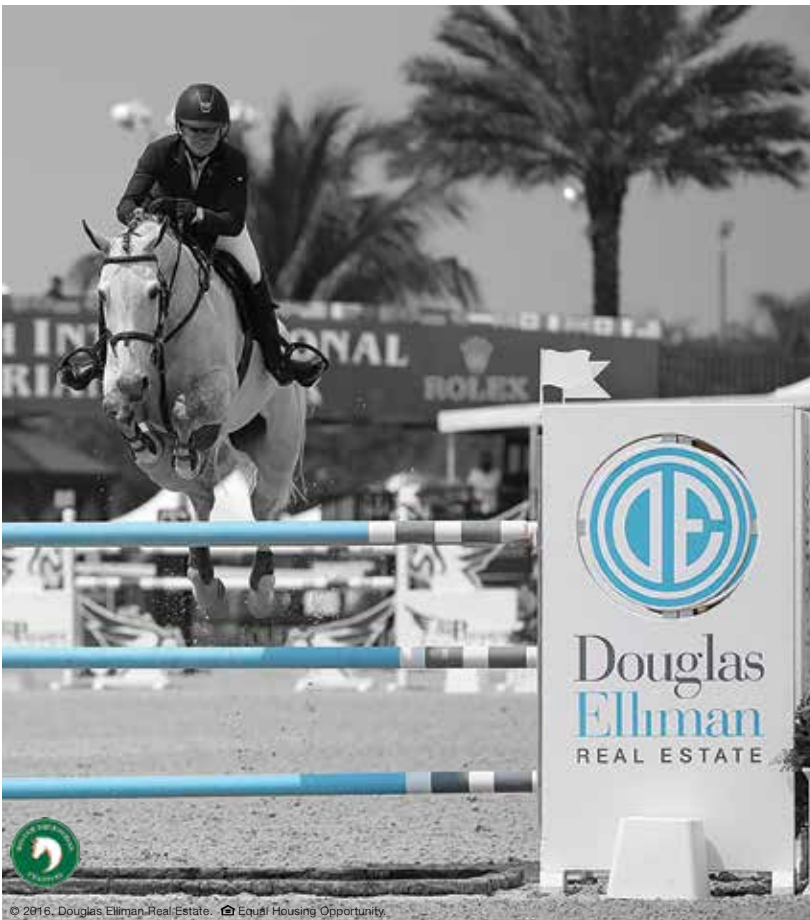
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