



WEEKLY WIRE

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BEAT MÄNDLI AND SIMBA CAPTURE FIRST \$75,000 Rosenbaum PLLC Grand Prix



The victory in the opening \$75,000 Rosenbaum PLLC Grand Prix at WEF 1 went to Beat Mändli and Simba. Photo © Sportfot.

The first week of the 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) concluded competition on Sunday, January 13, with the \$75,000 Rosenbaum PLLC Grand Prix at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center. Beat Mändli (SUI) and Simba, owned by Grant Road Partners LLC, flew to the win of the first grand prix of the season.

There were 37 entries in the Sunday afternoon grand prix, competing over a course set by Eric Hasbrouck of the United States. Only six found the key to a clear round and returned for a jump-off.

First in was Mändli on Simba, owned by Grant Road Partners LLC. As one of three clear rounds, they set an unbeatable time of 37.539 seconds to secure victory.

"I think he's naturally a fast horse, he's a really blood horse, he wants to go," Mändli said of his quick second round. "I don't need to force him to go forward; it's basically just braking. He did the two turns very well to the wall and everything came together."

This is the pair's third season together. After a full schedule of European competition last summer, Simba rested for three months leading into the winter circuit.

"That's his first coming out, and he actually surprised me a little bit because he was really honest and he really wanted to do it today," said Mändli of the 13-year-old Oldenburg gelding by Toulon x Argentinus. "He made my job real easy for today, and

it wasn't the goal to win today. I just tried to have a good round, or two good rounds, and it turned out like this which makes me very happy. It's a good start for the season."

Daniel Coyle (IRL) and Ariel Grange's Farrel were the only ones to come close to Mändli's time, finishing clear in 37.769 seconds for second place.

Coyle, who has been riding Farrel for three years, was pleased with the nine-year-old KWPN gelding's move up to a higher level. "He's really proven to me and everyone else that he deserves to be jumping this level because he can. I think after today there's good things to come," he said.

Taking it slower and counting on a clear round were Tiffany Foster (CAN) on Donjo, another Ariel Grange-owned entry. They stopped the timers in 44.64 seconds for third place.

"After I watched Beat's round I knew I had no chance, so I decided at that point I knew there had been a few people with a pole down and I knew Daniel was coming behind me on a super-fast horse and is a super-fast rider, so I thought I would kind of hedge my bets and be double clear," explained Foster. "My horse is very, very careful so it's usually a pretty good gamble to try and go that way.

"I could use his stride in a few places, but I was only seven seconds slower than these guys, so pretty close," she joked.

WOMEN RETURN TO DOMINANCE IN

\$75,000 Battle of the Sexes, presented by Wellington Regional Medical Center



The winning women's team with ringmaster Steve Rector and Marvin Pember, Keith Alexander, Pam Tahan, Robbin Lee, Dr. Nicholas Sama, Jackie Leibowitz, and Dr. Adam Bromberg of Wellington Regional Medical Center. Photo © Sportfot.

After suffering their first loss in 10 years in 2018, the women's team stormed back to dominate the \$75,000 Battle of the Sexes, presented by Wellington Regional Medical Center in 2019 by winning 29 points to the men's team's 11 total points. The competition ended after just five of the 10 match races completed when it was clear the men couldn't garner enough points to take victory.

In the opening speed round, the women and men tied with five points each. The fastest speed round of the night went to Jessica Mendoza (GBR), who recorded a time of 51.258 seconds to win her round over Daniel Coyle (IRL).

This was Mendoza's second time competing in Battle of the Sexes. "It's very fun," she said. "I think we're very competitive and it's really cool. I just went as fast as I could!"

The women took over in the second phase, the relay. They won all three relays, picking up 15 points to increase their total to 20 points, while the men remained on five points. While the men showed an early glimmer by winning the first two match races with David Blake (IRL) and Andrew Bourns (IRL), three subsequent victories by Carly Anthony (USA), KC Van Aarem (USA), and Sydney Shulman (USA) sealed the overall win for the women.

Team captain Nicole Bellissimo, participating in her seventh Battle of the Sexes and third as captain, was ecstatic with the win. She was joined by teammates Mendoza, Anthony, Van Aarem, Shulman, Abigail McArdle (USA), Taylor Land (USA), Amanda Derbyshire (GBR), Maggie Jayne (USA), and Kristen Vanderveen (USA). The men's team was captained by Charlie Jayne (USA) and included Coyle, Blake, Bourns, Alex Granato (USA), Darragh Kenny (IRL), Michael Tokaruk (USA), Andrew Welles (USA), Spencer Smith (USA), and Andy Kocher (USA).

"It was really nice; a lot of us didn't have to jump again, so it was nice having it in the bag so early," said Bellissimo of the early finish to the match races. "I think the match race is so exciting and can change so quickly. It's really fun for the rider and the crowd."

Bellissimo believes that the Battle of the Sexes is the perfect way to kick off the "Saturday Night Lights" series and the Winter Equestrian Festival. "It's such a nice way to start off WEF," she said. "It gets everyone really pumped, and it's really fun. WEF gets very intense, very quickly, so it's a really fun way to remember why we're all doing this. We enjoy the crowd and enjoy our horses, and it's just a really fun night."

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FRIENDS OF ORPHANS EVENT

The 14th annual Equestrian Fundraising Luncheon and Silent Auction will be held on Sunday, January 20, at 12 p.m. at The Wellington Club. It will benefit Chateaublond Equestrian Center in Haiti therapy program dedicated to children with special needs. Individual tickets are available for \$90 and a table of six for \$550. Contact Romy Tschudi for information and ticket purchase at 954-643-8678.

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INTERNATIONAL POLO CLUB HAPPENINGS

The 2019 Polo season continues at the International Polo Club Palm Beach, with the Ylvisaker Cup tournament beginning this Saturday and concluding on February 10. Last Sunday, the Joe Barry Cup final took place at 3 p.m. between Patagones and Dutta Corp. After a close six chukkers, Dutta Corp kept their winning streak alive and claimed the 2019 cup!

The highlight match of this week will take place on Sunday, January 20, at 3 p.m. on U.S. Polo Assn. Field 1. Join us for a delicious brunch in the Pavilion with tables overlooking the match or reserve a table in the brand-new Celebrity Cruises® Polo Lounge. This Sunday will also be our first rosé day of the

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ROSENBAUM GRAND PRIX

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Slotting into fourth place with four faults in a time of 39.122 seconds was Adrienne Sternlicht (USA) on Quidam MB, owned by Starlight Farms LLC. Kristen Vanderveen (USA) and Bull Run's Faustino de Tili were fifth with 14 faults in 52.012 seconds, and Kevin Babington (IRL) placed sixth with 15 faults in 49.803 seconds.

"This year's class was incredible," said Daniel Rosenbaum, Managing Shareholder of Rosenbaum PLLC. "The number of entrants was great, the weather was wonderful, and the riders did a great job this early in the season. It's going to be a very, very good season and you're going to have very good competitions. It's going to be an amazing year and I really look forward to it."



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**FINAL RESULTS:
\$75,000 ROSENBAUM PLLC GRAND PRIX**

- 1 SIMBA: 2006 Oldenburg gelding by Toulon x Argentinus BEAT MANDLI (SUI), Grant Road Partners LLC: 0/0/37.539
- 2 FARREL: 2010 KWPN gelding by Cardento DANIEL COYLE (IRL), Ariel Grange: 0/0/37.769
- 3 DONJO: 2008 KWPN gelding by Zirocco Blue VDL x Ahorn TIFFANY FOSTER (CAN), Ariel Grange and Tiffany Foster: 0/0/44.640
- 4 QUIDAM MB: 2005 Oldenburg gelding by Quidam's Rubin x Argentinus ADRIENNE STERNLICHT (USA), Starlight Farms LLC: 0/4/39.122
- 5 BULL RUN'S FAUSTINO DE TILI: 2005 Belgian Warmblood stallion by Berlin x Darco KRISTEN VANDERVEEN (USA), Bull Run Jumpers Five LLC: 0/14/52.012
- 6 MARK Q: 2002 Irish Sport Horse gelding by Obos Quality 004 x Positively KEVIN BABINGTON (IRL), Kevin Babington: 0/15/49.803
- 7 JARCOBOND VAN DEN OUDE EIK: 2009 BWP gelding by Vagabond de la Pomme x Darco CHRISTINE MCCREA (USA), Candy Tribble: 1/79.009
- 8 FARONA: 2009 KWPN mare by Baltic VDL x Lux DANIEL COYLE (IRL), Ariel Grange: 1/79.031
- 9 QUALITY GIRL: 2003 Oldenburg mare by Quidam's Rubin x Dobrock TODD MINIKUS (USA), Quality Group: 4/73.714
- 10 EYECATCHER: 2009 KWPN mare by Harley VDL x Orthos MATTIAS TROMP (USA), Beyaert Farm, Inc.: 4/73.753
- 11 CLEARWATER: 2007 Holsteiner gelding by Clearway x Come On MARILYN LITTLE (USA), Karen O'Connor: 4/74.523
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Chateaublond Equestrian Center Riders

to Compete at Special Olympics

By Katie McCoy

Darlene Milord and Christopher Pouloute of Haiti's therapeutic riding program at the Chateaublond Equestrian Center will welcome guests to the 14th Annual Fundraising Luncheon on Sunday, January 20 at 12 p.m. at The Wellington Club at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center.

Darlene and Christopher have qualified and will be competing in the Special Olympics in Abu Dhabi in March of this year. This is made possible by the financial support the therapeutic riding program has received from the Wellington community over the past 12 years, principally from the revenue raised by the fundraising luncheon with additional generous support received from Jeannie Tisbo, Georgina Bloomberg, Jimmy Doyle, and Katherine Bellissimo.

Darlene, age 27, and Christopher, age 16, are receiving special training and have been riding two horses every day at the facilities in Haiti. While here in Wellington, additional resources and training will be the order of the day for these two world-class competitors.

The therapeutic riding program at Chateaublond Equestrian Center in Haiti sits alongside Our Little Sisters and Brothers Orphanage and has been providing children with the opportunity to have



Christie Fueyo, Jeannie Tisbo, Darlene Milord, Christopher Pouloute, and Clothaire Polemus.

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charity, The Rider's Closet, provides riding and show clothes to the riders in the program.

Obtaining a passport in Haiti is very complicated, especially when some children are orphans and don't have birth certificates or any type of paperwork. Through the decade-long efforts of The Chateaublond Equestrian Center, the individuals in the therapeutic program are able to receive passports to make the trip to the United States and elsewhere.

Romy Tschudi, who works with the therapeutic riding program in Haiti explained, "Thanks to horses, these two kids are traveling all around the world representing Haiti, which is so positive and they are changing lives for special needs children in Haiti. They give hope to parents, so they will not hide these children but come and seek help for them...this makes me happy."

The luncheon will be hosted at The Wellington Club at PBIEC. The Haitian children bring with them many unique arts, crafts, and jewelry that will be auctioned off. In addition, various Grand Prix veterans have offered clinics up for bid at the silent auction.

Tickets are \$90.00 for an individual and \$550.00 for a table of six. Contact Romy Tschudi for more information at 954-643-8678.

Standings and Awards

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WEF WEEK 1

Leading Lady Jumper Rider, sponsored by Martha Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman Real Estate

(after 2 qualifying events)

1. Tiffany Foster (CAN): 103
2. Christine McCrea (USA): 98
3. Lillie Keenan (USA): 74
3. Marilyn Little (USA): 74
5. Margie Engle (USA): 71



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1. Celso Ariani (BRA): 37
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3. Peter Lutz (USA): 34
4. Christine McCrea (USA): 33
5. Conor Swail (IRL): 32



Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award: Everwonder, ridden by Scott Stewart for Bikoff Equestrian LLC



Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award: Bendorado, ridden by Alex Parrish for Lexander Farm



Michael Baum and Checkpoint were the Equiline Adult Amateur 18-35 Hunter Section B champions.



Sunset Hill and Brad Wolf were the Marshall & Sterling Adult Amateur Hunter Older Section B champions.



The championship in the Palm Beach International Academy Large Junior 15 & Under Hunter Section A went to Small Anecdote and Gabrielle Sokolow.



The Palm Beach Equine Clinic Amateur-Owner 3'3" 36 & Over Hunter champions were Kingsford and Christina Plichta, presented by Dr. Hilary Clayton.



El Primero, owned by Bryan Baldwin's Meralex Farm Inc. and ridden by Victoria Colvin, was the Antares High Performance Hunter champion.



The Leading Lady Jumper Rider, sponsored by Martha Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman Real Estate, for WEF 1 was Tiffany Foster.

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I work for Kent Farrington and I groom for Alexandra Crown. We have been in Europe all summer, doing the horse shows over there, but now we are excited to be here in Wellington for the winter.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT WEF AND GROOMING HERE?

I really like being in one place for three months. It's nice to settle in and not have to pick up and move within a few weeks. The horses can go in the turn out. It really becomes home for us.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST IN THE REST OF THE CIRCUIT?

I am really looking forward to seeing how my horses go. We are really excited about our young one. We are looking to be consistent and have a good winter circuit.

HOW DID YOU GET INTO HORSES AND GROOMING?

I have been riding for a long time, and at a certain point, I really discovered I enjoyed the grooming aspect of the sport, rather than the riding. From that point on, it has just gone on from there.

WHEN YOU ARE NOT BUSY TAKING CARE OF THE HORSES, WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING?

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MATÉO COLES BRINGS GOLD MEDAL HOME

TO HAITI AND WELLINGTON

By Katie McCoy



Matéo Coles (second from left) on the podium at the Youth Olympic Games. Photo courtesy of Romy Tschudi.

Along with Olympians and World Champions, the Winter Equestrian Festival is also host this year to 16-year-old Matéo Coles, who won the first Youth Olympic gold medal for his country of Haiti at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Argentina. Matéo lives in Ft. Lauderdale and used last year's WEF circuit as training before competing in the Youth Olympic Games.

Matéo was one of five members to represent North America, and he led the team to victory. "I was shocked to find out that I had won the first gold medal for Haiti, but thrilled to have won it for myself and especially my country," said Matéo.

The journey to the Youth Olympics was not an easy one, as Maréo explains. "The journey was very tough, exactly like a roller coaster," he admitted. "I had my ups and downs, but the experience at the Games was absolutely amazing."

Returning home from the Youth Olympics, he was invited to the National Palace by the President and First Lady of Haiti. The President awarded him the honor of Youth Ambassador for Haiti. "It was an absolute honor when I heard the news," said Matéo.

Currently, Matéo trains at Southwest Ranches with Daniela Roy and Romy Tschudi. He has one horse named "AJ", which he shows in the Low Junior Jumpers, but is training to move up to the medium division. Matéo looks forward to showing as much as possible this year at WEF and is training to become a professional after his junior career.

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The Small Green Pony championship went to Rock On and Olivia Sweetnam.



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Hunter Riders Start off the Season in Winning Form

– Week 1 of WEF –



Scott Stewart and Bright Side won the Equine Tack & Nutritionals Green Hunter 3'6" championship at WEF 1. ©Sportfot

Week 1 of the 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival saw many new and veteran teams taking home a tricolor ribbon across the hunter divisions. A long-time hero in the

hunter ring, professional Scott Stewart was awarded the first championship with an easy win in the Equine Tack & Nutritionals Green Hunter 3'6" division. Stewart piloted new mount, Stephanie Danhaki's Bright Side, to an easy victory as the pair was awarded two firsts, a third, and a fourth over their courses.

In that same division, hunter veteran Kelley Farmer and Larry Glefke's six-year-old mare Me Too produced two solid rounds to secure second place in both the Handy and Stake classes. The placings were high enough to earn the duo the reserve championship during the opening week.

Long-time partners Laurie Stevens and Santiago returned to the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Field after a year-long hiatus to capture the championship title in the Adult Amateur Hunter Older Sec. A. The pair performed consistently throughout the division with two firsts, a second, a third, and fifth. Stevens and the coming 12-year-old Bavarian gelding (San Romantiko x La Crima) have been partners ever since

she purchased him from trainer Lainie Wimberly when he was imported as a young dressage horse. Wellington, FL, resident Margaret O'Meara and Woodland Way, Inc.'s 11-year-old gelding, Just Nick, tallied a first, two seconds, and a fourth over fences to procure the reserve champion title behind Stevens.

Kicking off the weekend for the junior riders, 16-year-old Maggie Hill rode O'Ryan to a sweep in the Small Junior Hunters 3'6" 16-17. After two firsts, a second, and a fifth over fences along with another second under saddle, Hill of Jackson, WY, and Stella Styslinger's 17-year-old Holsteiner gelding took home the tricolor ribbon.

She and O'Ryan have been successful partners for the past two years under the careful tutelage of three-time USHJA International Hunter Derby Championship winner Liza Boyd. The pair have been successful with their junior hunter endeavors, but Hill hopes to compete the veteran hunter in several derbies throughout the rest of the season. Jordan Allen of West Bloomfield, MI,

captured the reserve champion title aboard Airplay. Airplay is an eight-year-old Belgian Sport Horse (Tin Tin De La Pomme x Flavie De Roloux) owned by Don Stewart.

The first week wrapped up with a victory for Tina Allen in the Hunt Limited Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 36+ division. Returning for the flat phase and two additional over fences classes, Allen of New Canaan, CT, accumulated 24 points to claim the championship title. Already in good standing with a first place, a seventh, and eighth place, and a third in the under saddle, Allen piloted her self-owned grey gelding, Sinatra, to a win in the stake class. The victory was enough to push the pair into the lead just several points over Krysia Nelson who took home the reserve championship. Nelson finished the division on a total of 19 points aboard Cobham Park.

Hunter competition will resume for the second week of the Winter Equestrian Festival on Wednesday, January 16.

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WEF 1 JUMPER HIGHLIGHTS

course designed by Eric Hasbrouck of the United States. The Kessler Show Stables Europe BV's 12-year-old Selle Francais mare by Kannan x Karioa Grand Pre has been well-versed in international competition with previous rider Reed Kessler.

Second place went to Kaely Tomeu (USA) aboard the Sibony Ranch's 10-year-old Swedish Warmblood mare Cassandra F, falling short of Ward by four seconds with a time of 32.755 seconds. Sarah Scheiring (USA) closed in only seconds apart from Tomeu to take third place with Cheval Equestrian LLC's Dutch Warmblood gelding Dontez in 33.009 seconds.

The experience of both Ward and his mount was obvious as the team maintained their lead throughout the power-and-speed course and crossed the timers in a blazing 28.986 seconds.

With their share of \$35,000 on the line, Brazil's Celso Ariani and his mount Ukulman de la Nutria were fast across the ground and careful over the fences to top a six-horse jump-off over courses designed by Eric Hasbrouck of the United States. The pair will now focus on the \$75,000 Rosenbaum PLLC Grand Prix, which takes center stage on Sunday, January 13.

From a starting field of 36, Ariani

saved the best for last and posted the fastest double-clear time in 40.530 seconds as the final rider. He bumped Hunter Holloway (USA) and VDL Bravo S, owned by Hays Investment Corp., to second in 41.402 seconds. Peter Lutz (USA) rode Excellent to third for Bosch Sport Horses in 42.464 seconds, while Christine McCrea (USA) settled for fourth aboard Jacobond van den Oude Eik, owned by Candy Tribble, with a single rail in 45.043 seconds in the tie-breaker. Ireland's Conor Swail rounded out the top five by riding Koss van Heiste for Eadaoin Collins to an eight-fault jump-off performance in 42.238 seconds.

Also winning in the International Arena at WEF on Thursday, Carly Anthony (USA) claimed the \$8,000 Douglas Elliman 1.45m riding Jana van d'Abdijhoeve and McLain Ward (USA) triumphed in the \$6,000 Bainbridge 1.40m aboard Queen Jane.

In Friday's featured \$6,000 Bainbridge 1.40m Speed Challenge, Ireland's Darragh Kenny and Billy Dorito were the seventh entry to contest the Eric Hasbrouck-designed track, stopping the clock in a quick and clear 71.221 seconds. While 21 entries would jump clear throughout the class, none would catch the early time to beat set by Kenny and the

nine-year-old bay Anglo European Studbook gelding (Billy Mexico x Vechta) owned by Vlock Show Stables LLC.

Coming the closest and ultimately taking second with a time of 74.482 seconds were James Chawke - also of Ireland - and Valentino D'Elte, a 10-year-old Selle Francais gelding owned by Vanessa Mannix. Proving to be quick across the board, Kenny also finished in third with a time of 74.691 seconds aboard Kavalli di Magico, a nine-year-old Belgian Warmblood stallion owned by Clear Ride LLC.

Out of a field of 29 entries in Saturday's \$25,000 CaptiveOne Advisors Classic, Adrienne Sternlicht (USA) stood at the top after a fast jump-off round in 37.178 seconds riding Just A Gamble. Eleven advanced to the jump-off over a course set by Eric Hasbrouck of the United States. Coming in second place was Mario Deslauriers (CAN) on Amsterdam 27 in 37.202 seconds, while Jonathan McCrea (USA) and Aristoteles V took third place with a time of 37.748 seconds.

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