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Highlights From Winter Spectacular #9 at World Equestrian Center – Ocala



The ring crew stayed through the awards ceremony to celebrate Santiago Lambre (MEX) taking the win in the Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club Grand Prix on Saturday, March 6, over a course designed by Catsy Cruz (MEX).
Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

Mexico's Santiago Lambre Places One-Two in the Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club \$75,000 Grand Prix 1.50m

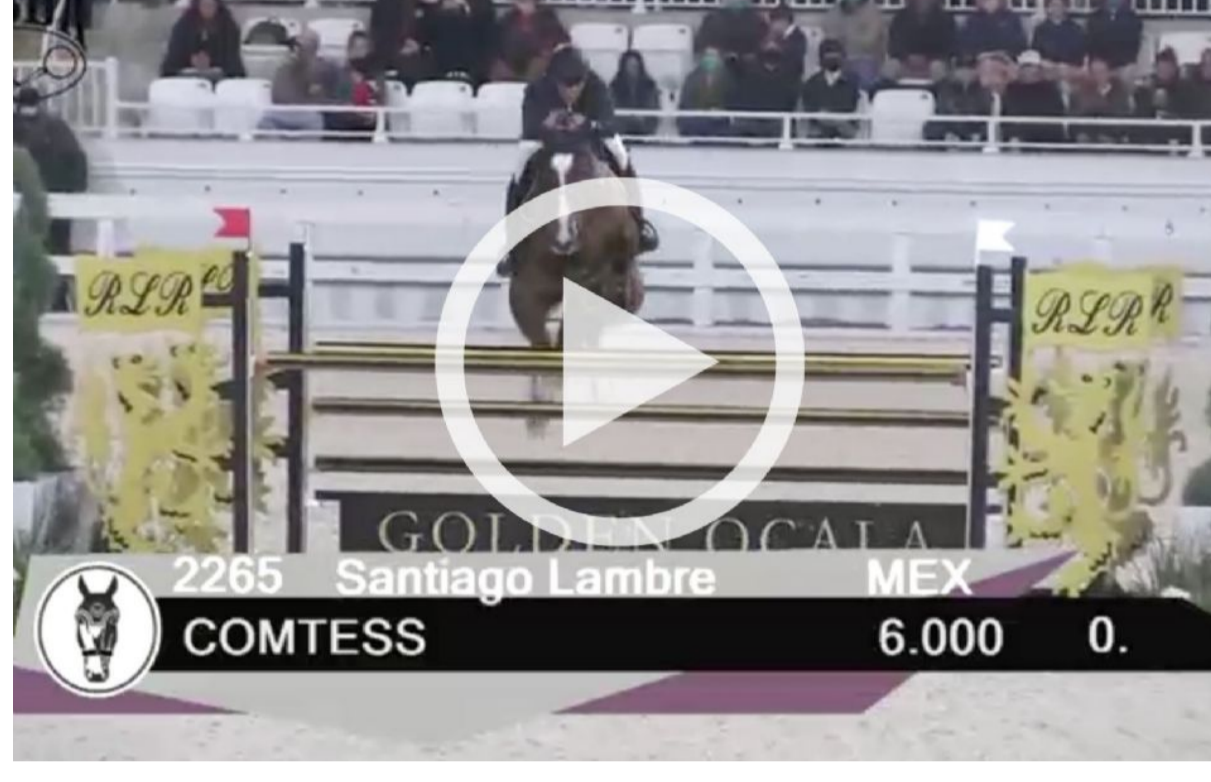


Santiago Lambre (MEX) and Comtess jumped to the win in the Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club Grand Prix.
Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

Ocala, FL – Santiago Lambre (MEX) scored a one-two finish on Saturday, March 6, in the Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club \$75,000 Grand Prix 1.50m, taking first place aboard Comtess and second place aboard Easy Girl. Both mounts jumped double-clear to land in the top two spots, but it was Comtess, the 10-year-old mare owned by Lambre, that jumped over a second faster than any other jump-off contender. "All four horses that I rode in the class jumped great," said Lambre of his successful night. "Tonight was not a crazy fast jump-off like the other week. I lost one grand prix at the beginning of the winter by running to the last fence, so I thought I would stay more conservative tonight." Third place went to Bryn Sadler (USA) and Cinven CR.

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Watch Santiago Lambre's Winning Jump-Off



Amanda Steege and Lafitte de Muze Triumph in the \$20,000 WEC Hunter Derby 3'6"-3'9"



Amanda Steege won the WEC Hunter Derby 3'6"-3'9" aboard Lafitte de Muze.
Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

Fresh off their win in the WCHR Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular at the Winter Equestrian Festival, Amanda Steege and Lafitte de Muze continued their winning streak by topping the \$20,000 WEC Hunter Derby 3'6"-3'9" on Friday, March 5. Scores of 99 and 94 in the respective rounds propelled them to the top with a total score of 193. "I am so thankful for Lafitte's team," said Steege. "It takes a village to keep a horse in top form, so thank you to everyone from his farrier, to his vet, to his grooms, to his owner, Cheryl Olsten, and to Tim Delovich. It makes a huge difference having such a great team behind you."

Steege also took the win aboard Balou in the \$15,000 WEC Derby 3' Open, and Canada's Addison McQuaker took the top spot in the WEC Hunter Derby 3' Non Pro with Golden Ticket.

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A Birthday Victory for Kady Abrahamson in the \$20,000 Welcome Prix 1.45m



Kady Abrahamson (USA) and Banco de Moulin topped the \$20,000 Welcome Prix 1.45m on Abrahamson's 23rd birthday.
Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

Kady Abrahamson (USA) and Banco de Moulin took the win in the \$20,000 Welcome Prix 1.45m on Friday, March 5, her 23rd birthday. Abrahamson and the 10-year-old Selle Francais gelding, owned by Sharn Wordley and Steve Tinti, edged out Santiago Lambre (MEX) and Easy Girl by only four one-hundredths of a second. In third was CoPilot and Chase Boggio (USA). "He is super easy-going and very game," Abrahamson said of Banco de Moulin. "He is always looking ahead in the jump-offs and he is super careful, so I know that I can take a bit of a chance here and there. He does not want to touch the jumps. He gave me a great birthday present with today's win!"

She also added, "Thank you to Steve and Sharn for allowing me to ride Banco Du Moulin. It's been really fun."

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Sunday Spotlight: Lawson Whitaker



Lawson Whitaker and Brownie and Cream competed in the Medium Junior/Amateur Jumper division at Winter Spectacular #9.
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WEC: How did you get into riding?
Lawson: I got into riding by watching my older sister take a riding lesson. I was about 4 years old at the time, and the first time that I saw her ride I decided that I wanted to ride, too. I wanted to do the same thing that she did. I started out on a little green chestnut pony. We went to local schooling shows and I started in the Novice Hunters. I moved my way up to the Crossrails, then switched into the jumpers.

WEC: What made you decide to make the switch to the jumper ring?
Lawson: Someone had told me that you can win money in the jumpers, so I thought that would be fun. It seemed a little more exciting, too. I still show in the jumpers. I just moved up to the Medium Junior/Amateur Jumpers with one of my horses, which is the 1.30m. I also have two horses that do the Low Junior/Amateur Jumpers, which is the 1.20m.

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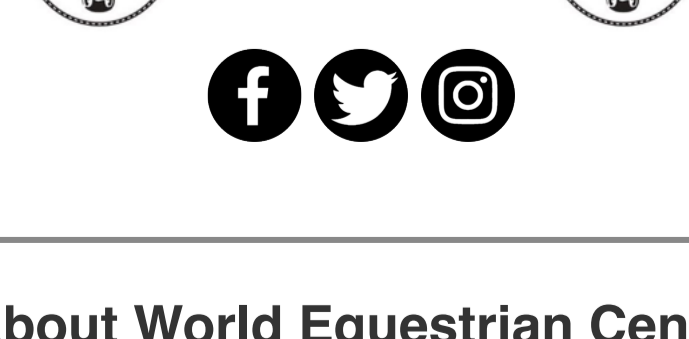
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