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Highlights From Summer VIII at World Equestrian Center – Ocala



Aaron Vale (USA) and Major secured their third grand prix win of the summer circuit in the \$75,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**

Aaron Vale and Major Capture the \$75,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix



Aaron Vale (USA) and Major jumped to the win in the \$75,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**

Aaron Vale (USA) and Major pulled off their third win this summer circuit in the \$75,000 [Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix](#) on Saturday, July 31. Vale and the 14-year-old Danish Warmblood gelding, owned by Don Stewart and Sleepy P Ranch LLC, topped eight jump-off contenders for the win. Second place went to Jordan Petersen (USA) and Diamant's Legacy, and Sharn Wordley (NZL) rounded out the top three with Gatsby.

"I rode everything exactly how I wanted to," Vale said of his course. "Everything that I planned and walked happened just how I imagined it."

An additional \$5,000 was awarded to Kyle Dewar and Clever Van De Helle, who jumped the fastest four-fault round of Saturday night's \$75,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix, in 72.341 seconds. The non-award winning entry that received the Luck of the Draw \$5,000 prize was Tricia O'Connor and KT Adonis.

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Brady Mitchell and Landmann Top \$12,500 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby



Brady Mitchell and Landmann won the \$12,500 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby during Summer VIII. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**

Brady Mitchell returned to the winner's circle on Friday, July 30, winning the \$12,500 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby aboard his own Landmann. Scores of 95 and 91.5 for a combined 186.5 secured Mitchell's third victory in the class this season. "Landmann is an eight-year-old that I imported to be a top equitation horse," Mitchell said of his winning mount. "However, the more that I do the hunters with him, the more I think it would be worth putting him in some aluminum shoes and do this full time."

Mitchell also claimed second place aboard Casting Call, a seven-year-old Westphalian gelding owned by Float On Equestrian LLC.

Megan Young and Comanche, owned by Lee D. Cesery, topped the \$10,000 WEC – Ocala 3' Hunter Derby.

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Jamie Taylor Wins the \$15,000 WEC – Ocala Welcome Prix Aboard Cocoliche of Greenhill Z



Jamie Taylor (USA) and Cocoliche of Greenhill Z captured the \$15,000 WEC – Ocala Welcome Prix during Summer VIII. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**

Jamie Taylor (USA) captured the win in the \$15,000 WEC – Ocala Welcome Prix on Thursday, July 29, aboard Cocoliche of Greenhill Z, an 11-year-old Zangersheide gelding owned by Ali Nilforushan. The pair bested nine double-clear efforts to take top honors. In second place was Tracy Fenney (USA) and MTM Dolce Vita, and rounding out the top three was Jordan Petersen (USA) and Diamant's Legacy.

"He is a very careful horse but when you run him at something he gets so catty," Taylor said of her mount. "So, I figured I would go as fast as I could and try to win."

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Ireland's Darragh Kerins and Delight M-G C De Leuze Secure \$15,000 WEC – Ocala 1.45m Jumper Classic Win



Darragh Kerins and Delight M-G C De Leuze captured the \$15,000 WEC – Ocala Welcome Prix during Summer VIII. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**

Darragh Kerins (IRL) and Delight M-G C De Leuze topped the \$15,000 WEC – Ocala 1.45m Jumper Classic on Sunday, August 1. Kerins and the 12-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare, owned by Nrg Farm LLC, were the quicker of only two double-clear rounds. Sharn Wordley (NZL) took second aboard Mick Jagger, just one-tenth of a second behind Kerins, and Alejo Maddalena (USA) took third with Puertas Larcelo.

"She is a spectacular jumper and gives 100 percent every time she steps into the ring," Kerins said of his mount.

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