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Highlights From Summer IX at World Equestrian Center – Ocala



No stranger to the winner's circle at WEC – Ocala, Aaron Vale (USA) took another victory gallop during week IX, this time aboard Prescott for his win in the \$75,000 Agricon Kubota Superstore Grand Prix. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**

Aaron Vale and Prescott Take Victory in the \$75,000 Agricon Kubota Superstore Grand Prix



Aaron Vale (USA) and Prescott jumped to the win in the \$75,000 Agricon Kubota Superstore Grand Prix. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**

Aaron Vale (USA) proved unstoppable yet again in the \$75,000 [Agricon Kubota Superstore Grand Prix](#) on Saturday, August 7, during week nine of the World Equestrian Center – Ocala Summer Series. Vale and Prescott, the nine-year-old Holsteiner gelding owned by Thinks Like A Horse, topped 16 jump-off contenders and 10 double-clear efforts for Vale's fourth grand prix win of the Summer Series and eighth grand prix win at World Equestrian Center.

An additional \$5,000 was awarded to Will Simpson and Chacco P, who jumped the fastest four-fault round of Saturday night's \$75,000 Agricon Kubota Superstore Grand Prix, in 70.465 seconds. The non-award winning entry that received the Luck of the Draw \$5,000 prize was Francie Nilforushan and Florencio.

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Jennifer Bliss and Poker Face Top \$12,500 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby



Jennifer Bliss and Poker Face won the \$12,500 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby during Summer IX. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**

Jennifer Bliss returned to the winner's circle on Friday, August 6, topping the \$12,500 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby aboard Poker Face, owned by Harris Hill Farm, LLC. Bliss took the lead early with a first round score of 93, which, combined with her handy round score of 85, secured the win. Bliss and the 16-year-old Dutch Warmblood are making final preparations for USHJA International Hunter Derby Championships in Lexington, KY. "We were able to eke it out over [Dorothy Douglas], who is always a really amazing handy rider," said Bliss. "I just wanted to have a nice smooth round to put him in a confident place for Derby Finals."

Dorothy Douglas finished second with MTM Lolah LOL, owned by Abigail Davenport, and Douglas also took the win in the \$10,000 WEC – Ocala 3' Hunter Derby aboard MTM Milagros, owned by MTM Farms.

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Jordan Petersen and Diamant's Legacy secure \$15,000 WEC – Ocala Welcome Prix



Jordan Petersen (USA) and Diamant's Legacy captured the \$15,000 WEC – Ocala Welcome Prix during Summer IX. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**

Jordan Petersen (USA) took the win in the \$15,000 WEC – Ocala Welcome Prix on Thursday, August 5, aboard Diamant's Legacy, a 12-year-old Oldenburg Stallion owned by Derek Petersen. Out of 40 entries to take on the track, 23 jumped clear, but it was Petersen who cleared the jump-off track the fastest for the victory. In second place was Santiago Lambre (MEX) and The Dorothy Rose Z, and rounding out the top three was Tracy Fenney (USA) and MTM Dolce Vita.

"Diamant's Legacy has a huge stride," Petersen said of her mount, with which she's now won three Welcome Prix this summer. "If I commit to something, he's right there for me. I knew he would help me with all of the numbers I left out, which is where I had the class."

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Dorothy Douglas and MTM Pablo Secure Second \$15,000 WEC – Ocala 1.45m Jumper Classic Win



Dorothy Douglas (USA) and MTM Pablo captured the \$15,000 WEC – Ocala 1.45m Jumper Classic during Summer IX. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**

Dorothy Douglas capped off her great weekend by winning the \$15,000 WEC – Ocala 1.45m Jumper Classic on Sunday, August 8, aboard MTM Pablo. Douglas and the eight-year-old Warmblood gelding, owned by Davenport Farms, took the win in a time of 37.797, besting five double-clear efforts. In second place was Santiago Lambre (MEX) with Doloris, and rounding out the top three was Alejandro Karolyi (VEN) and Venitienne.

"MTM Pablo is amazing," said Douglas. "He lights up a little bit every time he goes in the ring but in the sense that he knows it's time to do his job."

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World Equestrian Center has one remaining hunter/jumper competition at each facility this summer, but stay tuned for upcoming fall circuits to be announced soon.

- August 11-15 - WEC – Ocala Summer X
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