



## March Competition Highlights



Erynn Ballard and Gakhir represented Canada in the \$150,000 Nations Cup CSI4\* where the team finished in second place during WEF 8.  
*Photo by Jump Media*



Natalie Dean and Chance Ste Hermelle produced a clear round in the \$150,000 Nations Cup CSI4\* to help the United States earn a third-place finish at WEF 8.  
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Erynn Ballard and Gremlin won a 7-Year-Old Young Jumper class for a successful start to WEF 8.  
*Photo by Elegant Equus Photography*



Michael Murphy piloted Cerolino to the blue ribbon in the CabanaCoast 1.35m out of 57 entries during WEF 8.  
*Photo by Kind Media*



Michael Murphy and Catoki's Son Z earned second place in the CabanaCoast 1.35m at WEF 8. The pair also claimed second in the Bainbridge 1.40m Speed Challenge during WEF 10.  
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Erynn Ballard and Chill Ma flew to a second-place finish in the Bainbridge 1.40m at WEF 8.  
*Photo by Elegant Equus Photography*



Lexi Ferder and Forenteme secured the championship ribbon in the Adult Amateur Hunter Middle Section A during WEF 9.  
*Photo by Sportfot*



Erynn Ballard rode Fury d'Ange to the top of the leaderboard in the 7-Year-Old Young Jumpers at WEF 9.  
*Photo by Elegant Equus Photography*



Natalie Dean and Fachoda de Hus took second place in the 7-Year-Old Young Jumpers at WEF 9.  
*Photo by Boss Mare Media*



Wesley Newlands and Maestro Van Het Binnenveld earned fourth place in the \$50,000 Corro Grand Prix CSI2\* during WEF 9. The duo also placed third from more than 80 entries in the \$37,000 Beerbaum Stables CSI2\* 1.45m Qualifier held during WEF 11.  
*Photo by Kind Media*



Lexi Ferder and Oquido Van Het Eikhof started their partnership off on a high note with a fantastic clear round in a competitive Low Amateur Jumper class during WEF 10.  
*Photo by Sportfot*



Sophia Ahearn and Brienne claimed second place in the Medium Amateur Jumpers at WEF 10.  
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Natalie Dean piloted Kamilla D to second place in the \$37,000 Douglas Elliman 1.45m CSI4\* during WEF 10.  
*Photo by Boss Mare Media*



Jennifer Bliss rode Franki to the championship honors in the 3/4-Year-Old Pre-Green Hunters during WEF 10.  
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Erynn Ballard and Diamond won a 7-Year-Old Young Jumper class in the International Arena at WEF 10.  
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Michael Murphy and Jack Sparrow Z took the top prize in the Southern Arches 1.30m during WEF 11.  
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## Five Questions With the Ilán Ferder Stables Team

### Meet Savannah Skeete



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**How long have you been riding, and how did you get involved with horses?**  
I started riding when I was five years old, so 16 years now. My family has a long lineage of horsemanship dating back to my great-great-grandfather teaching the troops how to ride in World War I. My mother taught me to ride on my first pony, Blaze, and I have loved it ever since.



*Photo by Andree-Anne Brunet Photography*

**What is your favorite part about being a working student at IFS?**  
My favorite part has been watching so many amazing riders achieve their goals with their horses. In addition, I love working with the incredible horses at the farm. From everyday chores to riding, they are just amazing athletes, have the kindest hearts, and have the best personalities.

**What is one of the most important things you have learned while working with IFS?**  
I have had the great opportunity to ride many amazing horses at IFS. In addition to understanding their differences and similarities, the most important thing I learned from Ilán Ferder was to really listen to what your horse is telling you about themselves, what they want to do, and what they need you to do to make them their best. This is a skill that goes a long way for riders at the top level of the sport, like Erynn Ballard, who I hope to ride at the same level with someday.

**What is your favorite horse show and why?**  
Since I am Canadian, I would have to say that my favorite horse show is the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. We don't have many indoor horse shows, but this one is so special to a lot of Canadians. It was where I had my first opportunity to watch international show jumping in person. The atmosphere is incredible for show jumping, and I'm excited that it will be back this year for its 100th anniversary!

**Who is your favorite horse and why?**  
I couldn't possibly pick just one. My favorite horses at IFS would have to be Diableur, who has the most personality; Comedie de Talma, who is always whinnying in the barn and loves cuddles; and Latina 262, Cameron Fraatz's barn whinny. They are truly all amazing! I would be remiss if I didn't mention my own County 7 and Celino. I truly believe you have to love the horse before the sport, and these two horses have taught me so much in and out of the competition ring. It really is an incredible thing to have such partnerships with these amazing creatures, and I am so grateful for them.

## WEF Rider Spotlight: Natalie Dean



*Photo by Ashley Neuhoof Photography*

The Chronicle of the Horse featured Natalie Dean's story of transitioning to the top level of the sport in its show jumping issue. In this article, Natalie discussed her background with horses, how Ilán Ferder Stables helped her riding career, and her Nations Cup debut at Spruce Meadows.

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## About Ilán Ferder Stables

Ilán Ferder Stables (IFS) is an international show jumping training and sales business based in Wellington, Florida. Owned and operated by Israeli Show Jumping Team veteran Ilán Ferder, IFS offers world-class prospects that are ready to win and has sold numerous riders their next champion. IFS is also home to Canada's Erynn Ballard, currently the top-ranked female show jumping athlete in the world.