

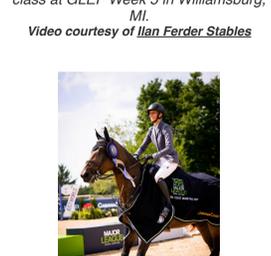
August Competition Highlights



Michael Murphy and Carolino placed third in the CSI2* 1.40m at Great Lakes Equestrian Festival (GLEF) Week 5 in Williamsburg, MI. Photo by Kind Media



Sydney Shulman Desiderio rode Narcotique v/h Dingsenhof to second place in the CSI5* 1.40m during GLEF Week 5 in Williamsburg, MI. The pair also earned a third place in the CSI5* 1.50m that week. Photo by Four Oaks Creative



Gia Rinaldi piloted Diamond to top honors in a 7-Year-Old Young Jumper class at GLEF Week 5 in Williamsburg, MI. Video courtesy of Ilan Ferder Stables



Sydney Shulman Desiderio and Nani Van d'Abelendreef placed second in the \$35,000 Traverse City National Grand Prix during GLEF Week 5 in Williamsburg, MI. Photo by Four Oaks Creative



Natalie Dean rode Dotcom d'Authuit to victory in the CSI2* \$37,000 CabanaCoast Grand Prix at GLEF Week 5 in Williamsburg, MI. Photo by Boss Mare Media



Sophia Ahearn and Diva Z were second in the Low Amateur Jumper Classic during GLEF Week 5 in Williamsburg, MI. Photo by Kind Media



Sophia Ahearn and Brienne took home second place in the Medium Amateur Jumper Classic at GLEF Week 5 in Williamsburg, MI. Photo by Kind Media



Erynn Ballard and Gakhir put in beautiful rounds for Canada at the 2022 ECCO FEI World Championships in Herning, Denmark, to help the team finish 10th. Photo by Ashley Neuhof Photography



Karime Perez and Felicie de Coquerie won two Medium Junior/Amateur Jumper classes at Major League Show Jumping (MLSJ) week at Angelstone Events in Toronto, ON. Video courtesy of Ilan Ferder Stables



Erynn Ballard and Quilana Denfer earned second place in the CSI5* MLSJ 1.40m during MLSJ week at Angelstone Events in Toronto, ON. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography



Erynn Ballard piloted Castor d'Hem to second place in the CSI2* Equine Choice 1.40m at MLSJ week at Angelstone Events in Toronto, ON. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography



Samantha Wight and Barambo had a fantastic clear round in the CSI2* \$37,000 MarBill Hill Grand Prix Qualifier during MLSJ week at Angelstone Events in Toronto, ON. Photo by Mackenzie Clark



Wesley Newlands rode Maestro Van Het Binnenveld to second place in the CSI2* \$37,000 MarBill Hill Grand Prix Qualifier at MLSJ week at Angelstone Events in Toronto, ON. Photo by Mackenzie Clark



Erynn Ballard and Narcotique v/h Dingsenhof took home third place in the CSI5* \$214,300 MLSJ Kubota Grand Prix during MLSJ week at Angelstone Events in Toronto, ON. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography



Natalie Dean and Iron Lady Van de Kranenburg earned the top prize in the CSI2* Premier Equestrian 1.40m during MLSJ week at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, ON. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography



Erynn Ballard and Gucci placed third in the CSI2* \$37,600 Kubota Grand Prix Qualifier at MLSJ week at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, ON. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography



Wesley Newlands and Kanselier v/d Donkhoeve won two High Junior/Amateur Jumper classes to earn champion of the division during MLSJ week at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, ON. Photo courtesy of Ilan Ferder Stables



Samantha Wight and Ice jumped double clear in the Medium Junior/Amateur Jumpers to place in the top eight at MLSJ week at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, ON. Photo by Four Oaks Creative



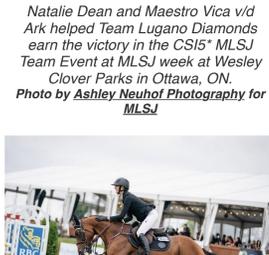
Natalie Dean and Dotcom d'Authuit won the CSI5* CabanaCoast 1.45m Speed during MLSJ week at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, ON. Video courtesy of Ilan Ferder Stables



Natalie Dean and Maestro Vica v/d Ark helped Team Lugano Diamonds earn the victory in the CSI5* MLSJ Team Event at MLSJ week at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, ON. Photo by Ashley Neuhof Photography for MLSJ



Erynn Ballard piloted Nani Van d'Abelendreef to a top-10 finish in the CSI5* \$215,000 RBC 1.55m Grand Prix during MLSJ week at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, ON. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography



Natalie Dean and Acota M earned a top-10 finish in the CSI5* \$215,000 RBC 1.55m Grand Prix at MLSJ week at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, ON. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography



Michael Murphy rode Carolino to a top-12 placing in the \$30,000 Hampton Classic Jumper Challenge at the Hampton Classic Horse Show in Bridgehampton, NY. Photo by Kind Media



Michael Murphy and Langobardo BF placed in the top 12 in the \$30,000 Hampton Classic Jumper Challenge during the Hampton Classic Horse Show in Bridgehampton, NY. Photo by Kind Media

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Five Questions With the Ilan Ferder Stables Team

Meet Samantha Wight



Samantha Wight and Ivysinaa competing at the Great Lakes Equestrian Festival in Williamsburg, MI. Photo by Kind Media



Samantha Wight and Mundill DS at the 2022 Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL. Photo by Jump Media

How long have you been riding, and how did you get involved with horses?
I started riding at a summer day camp in Colorado when I was five years old. I did that for a few years and then I started riding in Wellington, FL, at about 12 years old. Even before I started riding, I'd draw pictures of horses and talk about them frequently; I think my love for horses has been around since I first saw one.

What is one of the most important things you have learned while training with IFS?
I'd have to say one of the best things I've learned at IFS is the importance of a team. It's not necessarily something I was actively taught by anyone, but it's rare to find a barn where everyone involved from trainers to grooms to other clients want everyone in the barn to do well. It is necessary to have a supportive environment in this sport, and fortunately, it's something we are all able to benefit from at IFS.

Are you involved in the breeding part of Wight Show Stables? If so, what do you enjoy about that the most?
A few years ago it became apparent to my mother and me that if we wanted to maintain a competitive string of horses we would have to start breeding. We decided it would be a good way to either up our chances at getting a top horse without spending the money or we could have some extra income from the ones we sell. My mother picks the stallions she breeds to our mares. She spends a lot of time looking at the genealogy, progeny, and performance records of each individual pairing and makes her decision based on what she feels would be the best biological fit.

My favorite part of our breeding business so far is seeing our babies in new homes. Fortunately, many of our babies have been sold to wonderful homes and are performing at the top of their individual levels. There's a unique sense of pride that comes with watching horses you bred excel at their jobs and make other riders happy.

What is one of your favorite horse show memories?
My favorite horse show memory would have to be showing in a three-star grand prix at Great Lakes Equestrian Festival during the Summer of 2019 with my horse Dream des Bergeries, known in the barn as "Dreamer." It was an Olympic qualifier and far bigger than anything I had jumped at that time. Dreamer packed me around like it was nothing. He was my horse of a lifetime, and honestly any horse show memory I have with him would have to be my favorite.

Which is your favorite horse and why?
I love all of my horses equally and all for different reasons, but if I had to pick one it would be Barambo. I first saw Barambo during the summer of 2021 showing at the Great Lakes Equestrian Festival. I immediately fell in love. When I decided I was going to purchase him I had a lot of pushback from many people and friends in the industry. They said he wasn't quality enough and wasn't a horse that would jump clear frequently. We bought him anyway. It is now rare that Barambo doesn't jump a clear round. The reason he is my favorite is not because of his newborn performance, but for two other reasons. First, I think he is a perfect example of what love can do for a horse. I believe, along with his performance, his whole demeanor in the barn has changed because he has realized he has found a forever home and that he is genuinely loved. The second reason is that I think he has stepped up for me because he knows he has big shoes to fill. Shortly after we purchased Barambo, my horse of a lifetime, Dreamer, passed away. Barambo is one of those horses that is so smart and personable. I genuinely believe he knows what happened and has stepped up to help me and honor Dreamer.

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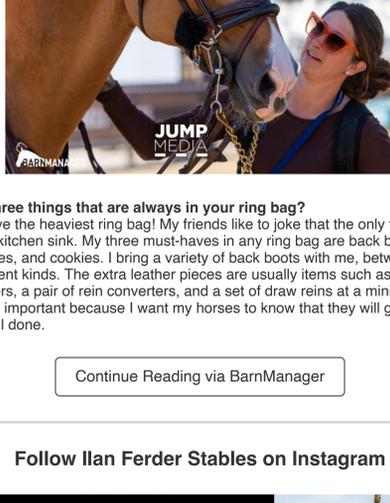
Meet the Canadian Team Athletes: Erynn Ballard



Erynn Ballard's name is synonymous with Canadian equestrian sport. Since making her debut at Toronto's Royal Horse Show in 1988, Ballard has not missed a single edition. She made headlines in 1998 when she became the second Canadian to win the prestigious ASPCA Maclay Medal National Final at Madison Square Garden in New York City, and made her presence felt in the show jumping ring by claiming the individual gold medal at the 1999 North American Young Riders' Championships with Leacock, a horse her grandfather had purchased for her.

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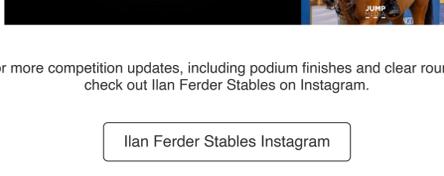
BarnManager Q&A with Alyssa Ferguson



What are three things that are always in your ring bag?
I always have the heaviest ring bag! My friends like to joke that the only thing I don't have is the kitchen sink. My three must-haves in any ring bag are back boots, extra leather pieces, and cookies. I bring a variety of back boots with me, between four to seven different kinds. The extra leather pieces are usually items such as a flash, a set of blinders, a pair of rein converters, and a set of draw reins at a minimum. Cookies are important because I want my horses to know that they will get rewarded for a job well done.

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Ilan 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 Ilan 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, one of the top-ranked female show jumping athletes in the world.