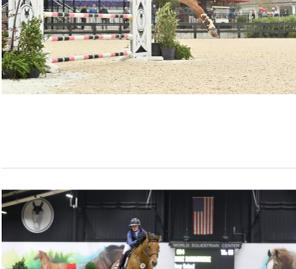




World Equestrian Center Highlights From Ocala Winter Spectacular VI and Wilmington Winter in the Midwest IX



For the second week in a row, Aaron Vale (USA) secured victory in the \$100,000 **Budweiser** Grand Prix at WEC – Ocala, this time aboard Elusive, owned by Thinkslikeahorse.

“When he’s operating and you’re going against the clock, he gets a little freaky kicking out that hind end. Even in the first round, something woke him up, and he was putting in that extra effort in a few places. When he has that feeling you know it’s going to be a good day.”

Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography



Izzy Beisel (USA) and her own Diaz Barbotiere topped the podium in the \$30,000 WEC – Wilmington Grand Prix.

“Diaz is already naturally really fast. My dad [David Beisel] wanted me to ride [the jump-off] like the first round and have a nice canter to start and find the jumps out of a big pace.”

Photo by Winslow Photography



Kate Egan and Ypaja Kashmir, owned by Redfield Farm, won the 2023 WEC Premier Equitation Cup Championship powered by Gary Yeomans Ford at WEC – Ocala.

“The work-off was very hard, and I was with three other amazing riders. I wanted to take everything into consideration before I made my plan. I watched the other girls go, and knew I had to produce a good round to stay on top.”

Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography



Jenny Miller and MTM Nabilli, owned by Erica Prockow, earned the top prize in the \$20,000 **MARS Equestrian** 3’6”-3’9” Hunter Derby at WEC – Ocala. The duo received impressive scores of 89 and 90.

“To win with that many horses in this class and with my mom and entire barn here is just unbelievable. Everyone was screaming and doing the wave. I always have fun, but tonight was something special.”

Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography



Jennifer Schwartz and Haley Maher's Esperanza secured the win in the \$15,000 **USHJA National Hunter Derby** 3' Open at WEC – Wilmington. The pair earned scores of 91 and 93.

“I wanted to do all of the inside turns on both of them. The younger horse [Victory Gold] landed the wrong lead after the trot jump, so I didn't accomplish all of the inside turns on him since I needed the lead change. Esperanza is very handy and landed every lead. He felt really confident today.”

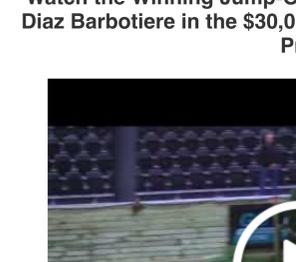
Photo by Winslow Photography



Will Simpson (USA) and Quentin VA, owned by Two Socks Farm LLC, were victorious in the \$15,000 **Buckeye Nutrition** Futures Prix at WEC – Ocala.

“Quentin VA is a super careful and brave horse. He was a little bit of a naughty type as a youngster but now he's really becoming a solid citizen. This is his third Futures Prix, and he's been clear each time. Today, I wanted to put the hammer down and get him the win he deserves.”

Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography



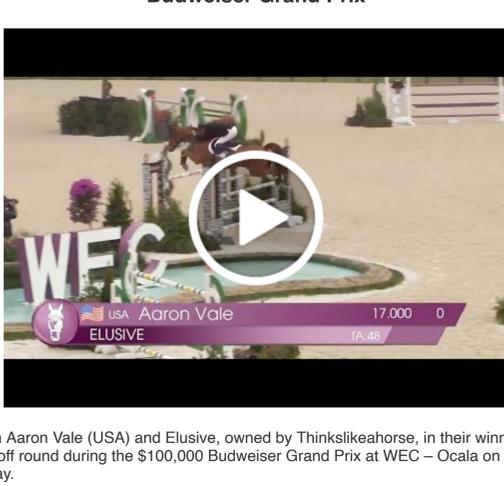
Darby Pease (USA) and Tyson Ziebarth's Fenn won the \$10,000 Futures Prix at WEC – Wilmington.

“Fenn is full of sass. She likes everything to be done her way, and as long as you do it her way it works out for the best! She has definitely taught me to be patient and cognizant of what the horse wants and needs. I am very grateful to her owner for letting me continue working with her and figuring out what makes her happy and what makes her thrive.”

Photo by Winslow Photography

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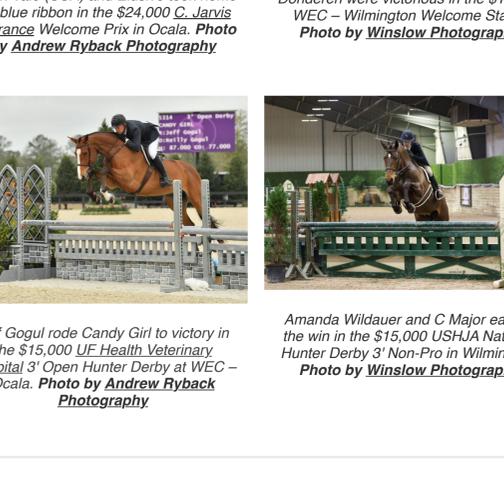
Watch the Winning Jump-Off Round for Izzy Beisel and Diaz Barbotiere in the \$30,000 WEC – Wilmington Grand Prix



Check out Izzy Beisel (USA) and her own Diaz Barbotiere secure victory in the \$30,000 WEC – Wilmington Grand Prix on Saturday in the Sanctuary Arena.

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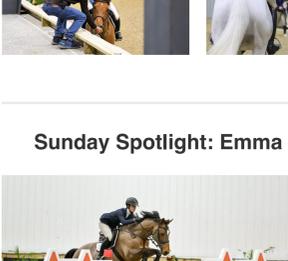
Watch Aaron Vale and Elusive Claim Victory in the \$100,000 Budweiser Grand Prix



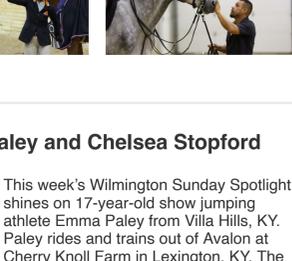
Watch Aaron Vale (USA) and Elusive, owned by Thinkslikeahorse, in their winning jump-off round during the \$100,000 Budweiser Grand Prix at WEC – Ocala on Sunday.

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World Equestrian Center Winners



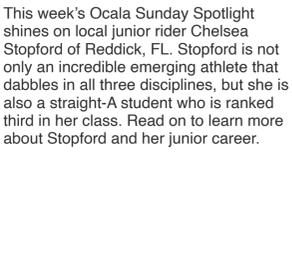
Aaron Vale (USA) and Elusive took home the blue ribbon in the \$24,000 **C. Jarvis Insurance Welcome Prix** in Ocala. *Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography*



Darby Pease (USA) and Carel Van Donderen were victorious in the \$10,000 **WEC – Wilmington Welcome Stake**. *Photo by Winslow Photography*



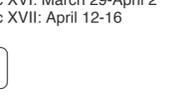
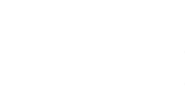
Jeff Gogul rode Candy Girl to victory in the \$15,000 **UF Health Veterinary Hospital 3' Open Hunter Derby** at WEC – Ocala. *Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography*



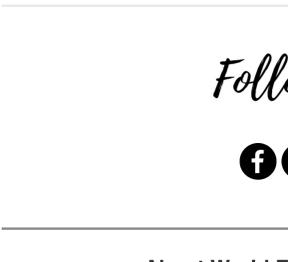
Amanda Wildauer and C Major earned the win in the \$15,000 **USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Non-Pro** in Wilmington. *Photo by Winslow Photography*

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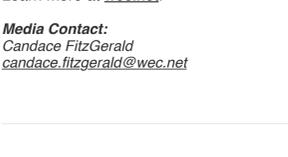


Sunday Spotlight: Emma Paley and Chelsea Stopford



Emma Paley and Ventura 9 competing at WEC – Wilmington. *Photo by Winslow Photography*

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Chelsea Stopford and Celleiko competing at WEC – Ocala. *Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography*

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This week's Wilmington Sunday Spotlight shines on 17-year-old show jumping athlete Emma Paley from Villa Hills, KY. Paley rides and trains out of Avalon at Cherry Knoll Farm in Lexington, KY. The talented young rider successfully manages her busy high school schedule and her two horses on the show circuit. Paley has worked her way up from ground poles to the \$10,000 Futures Prix at WEC – Wilmington and took time to tell us more about her riding journey.

This week's Ocala Sunday Spotlight shines on local junior rider Chelsea Stopford of Reddick, FL. Chelsea is not only an incredible emerging athlete that dabbles in all three disciplines, but she is also a straight-A student who is ranked third in her class. Read on to learn more about Stopford and her junior career.

Upcoming Events

World Equestrian Center – Ocala

2023 Winter Spectacular

- Winter Spectacular VII: February 15-19
- Winter Spectacular VIII: February 22-26
- Winter Spectacular IX: February 28-March 5
- Winter Spectacular X: March 8-12
- Winter Spectacular XI: March 15-19
- Winter Spectacular XII: March 22-26

World Equestrian Center – Wilmington

2023 Winter in the Midwest

- Winter Classic X: February 15-19
- Winter Classic XI: February 22-26
- Winter Classic XII: March 1-5
- Winter Classic Spring Forward: March 8-12
- Winter Classic XIV: March 15-19
- Winter Classic XV: March 22-26
- Winter Classic XVI: March 29-April 2
- Winter Classic XVII: April 12-16

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