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## World Equestrian Center Highlights From Ocala Winter Spectacular X and Wilmington Winter Classic Spring Forward



Aaron Vale (USA) and Prescott, owned by Thinkslikeahorse, secured victory in the \$100,000 <u>CaptiveOne Advisors</u> Grand Prix CSI3\* at WEC – Ocala.

"You can't beat the crowd here. Last week everyone was on the edge of their seats during the class, and tonight they were all about the jump-off. Prescott really likes showing here under the lights and always does well."

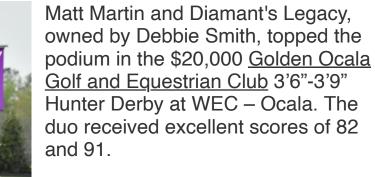
Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography



Lani Hutchison (USA) and her own Iconic earned the win in the \$30,000 <u>Shires Equestrian Products</u> Grand Prix at WEC – Wilmington.

"We imported 'Icon' when he was six, and he is turning 10 this year. We just moved up to the prix at the end of last year so this is huge for him! I started him in the baby two-foot jumpers, and I wasn't quite sure if he would make it up to this level. We have shown here quite a lot, and this is his place."

#### Photo by Winslow Photography



"Originally, [Diamant's Legacy] was purchased by his owner Debbie Smith to be her jumper. We did one show in Aiken, and during week two we decided to play around in the hunters. He seemed to like it a great deal. I think he has tremendous style. Each week he gets softer and smarter, trying to figure it out."

#### Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography



Melissa Donnelly and Elizabeth Becker's Corlando 49 captured the win in the \$15,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Open at WEC – Wilmington.

"Cory' is mister personality! He certainly had his game face on today. He does the 3'6" Performance Hunters with me, and when his owner is home from school she does the Amateur-Owner Hunters. I am blessed that while she is away at school they still allow me to keep him going."

#### Photo by <u>Winslow Photography</u>



Taylor Flury (USA) and Carrasca Z, owned by Aliboo Farm Inc., were victorious in the \$15,000 <u>Buckeye</u> <u>Nutrition</u> Futures Prix at WEC – Ocala.



"[Carrasca Z] had an injury two years ago where I was told he'd never show again, but I am a bit like a badger and didn't give up. This was his fourth show back, and he has all the heart in the world. I felt like I could go for it with him."

#### Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography



Leann Kelly (USA) and Graf Joe, owned by Sarah Hunter, won the \$10,000 Futures Prix at WEC – Wilmington.

"I watched Sarah [Long], and I knew she was very fast on her first horse. I thought really in order to win I needed to do seven down the first line and just continue."

Photo by <u>Winslow Photography</u>

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## Watch the Winning Jump-Off Round for Lani Hutchison and Iconic in the \$30,000 Shires Equestrian Products Grand Prix



Check out Lani Hutchison (USA) and her own Iconic as they secure victory in the \$30,000 Shires Equestrian Products Grand Prix at WEC – Wilmington on Saturday in the Sanctuary Arena.



## Aaron Vale and Rowan Willis Go Head to Head in the \$100,000 CaptiveOne Advisors Grand Prix



Aaron Vale (USA) and Rowan Willis (AUS) competed for top honors on Saturday night under the lights during the \$100,000 CaptiveOne Advisors Grand Prix at World Equestrian Center – Ocala. Vale and Prescott were unbeatable after stopping the clock at 33.917 seconds.

### **World Equestrian Center Winners**



Tracy Fenney (USA) and MTM Apple took home the blue ribbon in the \$24,000 <u>C. Jarvis Insurance</u> Welcome Welcome Prix in Ocala. **Photo by** <u>Andrew Ryback</u> <u>Photography</u>



Sam Pegg (CAN) and Gin Tonic 158 were victorious in the \$10,000 WEC – Wilmington Welcome Stake. **Photo by** <u>Winslow Photography</u>



Timothy Maddrix rode Cypress to victory in the \$15,000 <u>UF Health Veterinary</u> <u>Hospital</u> 3' Open Hunter Derby at WEC – Ocala. **Photo by** <u>Andrew Ryback</u> <u>Photography</u>



Lily Rupinski and Bella Noche earned the win in the \$15,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Non-Pro in Wilmington. **Photo by <u>Winslow Photography</u>** 

### **Memorable Moments From World Equestrian Center**

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### Sunday Spotlight: Samuel Overton and Coquelicot VH Heuvelland Z



Sam Overton and Oaks Cassanova competing at WEC – Wilmington. **Photo by** <u>Winslow Photography</u>

This week's Wilmington Sunday Spotlight shines on Australia's Samuel Overton of Overton Showjumping. The hardworking athlete juggles his incredible professional career while also running a business designing, manufacturing and installing sleeper cab air conditioners on the road. He stopped at World Equestrian Center – Wilmington with his 14-year-old Warmblood gelding, Oaks Cassanova, to jump indoors and prepare for their debut at the FEI World Cup<sup>™</sup> Finals in Omaha, NE. After claiming second place in Saturday evening's \$30,000 Grand Prix, we caught up with Overton to learn more about his career.

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Sean Jobin and Coquelicot VH Heuvelland Z competing at WEC – Ocala. **Photo by** <u>Winslow Photography</u>

This week's Ocala Sunday Spotlight shines on Coquelicot VH Heuvelland Z owned by Foxridge Farms Stables and ridden by Sean Jobin of Canada. Coquelicot VH Heuvelland Z, aka 'Licot' wowed the crowd during the FEI CSI3\* competition at the Winter Spectacular IX show with his huge heart and impressive jumping style. Jobin piloted the talented 11-year-old Zangersheide gelding to three clear international rounds with thirdplace finishes in the \$50,000 Wheels Up Welcome Prix and \$150,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI3\*. We caught up with Jobin to learn more about the handsome gelding.

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## **Upcoming Events**

World Equestrian Center – Ocala

2023 Winter Spectacular

Winter Spectacular XI: March 15-19 Winter Spectacular XII: March 22-26 <u>World Equestrian Center –</u> <u>Wilmington</u>

2023 Winter in the Midwest

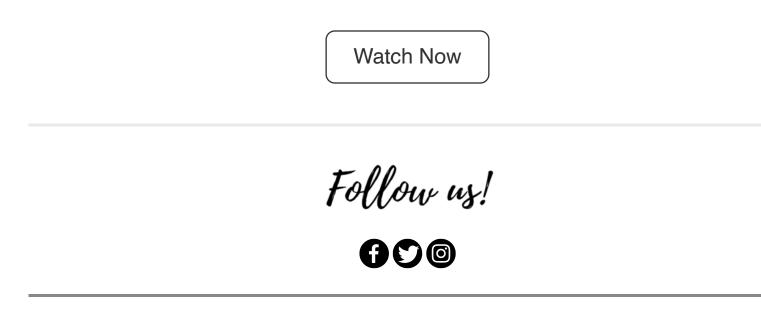
Winter Classic XIV: March 15-19 Winter Classic XV: March 22-26 Winter Classic XVI: March 29-April 2 Winter Classic XVII: April 12-16

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## **About World Equestrian Center**

World Equestrian Center features two premier equestrian and multidisciplinary venues in Ocala, Florida, and Wilmington, Ohio.

These exclusive facilities comprise state-of-the-art arenas, expansive stadiums, versatile outdoor space, sporting fields and well-appointed exposition centers. An abundance of lodging options and luxury accommodations are conveniently located on-site, along with shopping and dining throughout each property.

Dedicated to offering great sport and good fun in a family-friendly environment, World Equestrian Center promises an unparalleled experience for exhibitors, spectators, vendors, sponsors and retailers built on three core values: Quality. Class. Distinction.

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