



## World Equestrian Center Highlights

### Wilmington Spring 2



The \$25,000 World Equestrian Center Grand Prix at World Equestrian Center – Wilmington was the highlight event of the week during Spring 2. In a competitive eight-horse jump-off, Sam Pegg (CAN) secured victory by a full two seconds aboard his rising-star mount Gin Tonic 158.

“We bought him just over a year and a half ago from Germany, and we clicked right away. He’s been very successful for us. I think he’s won 12 grands prix for us now, just in the time we’ve had him.”

*Photo by Winslow Photography*



Hunter Derby Friday hosted a field of top hunters in the Main Hunter Arena to vie for the top prize in the \$10,000 USHJA National 3’ Open Hunter Derby. Tamara Provost piloted Angela Pietig Brown’s Mariner (Viscount x Escada) to his first derby win.

Out of a field of 18 talented horse-and-rider combinations, Provost and the 10-year-old Hanoverian gelding stood out, earning a top score of 87 in the first round, outpacing the second-place pair by five points.

“This was [Mariner’s] second derby ever. He is still very green at it, but I couldn’t be prouder of him. It was a very challenging derby, and he isn’t the bravest horse, so it was a great experience for him.”

*Photo by Winslow Photography*



There were 26 combinations in the \$7,500 Devoucoux Welcome Stake, but it was Nikko Ritter (USA) who emerged victorious aboard Wendy Peralta’s Kandle.

Nine combinations successfully navigated a clear first round to qualify for the jump-off, where only two managed to produce a double clear effort.

“He is a nine-year-old and quite the success story. He was gifted to my stepfather as a foal. He came over from Europe around four or five years old and has been developing ever since. He has grown up so much this year. I was out of a top-level horse, and I knew he had the ability. He kind of got thrown into the deep end, but he has really risen to the occasion.”

*Photo by Winslow Photography*



In a blistering jump-off round four seconds ahead of the second-place rider, Claire Austin (USA), clinched victory in the \$7,500 Futures Prix with her own K T Miel.

“He’s naturally fast and has been with me for two and a half years. He helped me move up from 1.10m to 1.30m classes. This week we competed in our first welcome stake, which is the biggest and we’ve never shown. So now I am hoping to get a few more of those under my belt and see where things go!”

*Photo by Winslow Photography*

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## Upcoming Events

### World Equestrian Center – Ocala

#### 2024 Summer Series Dates

Summer Series I CSI2\*: June 11-16  
Summer Series II CSI3\*: June 18-23  
Summer Series III CSI4\*/2\*: June 25-30  
Summer Series IV: July 2-7  
Summer Series V: July 10-14  
Summer Series VI: July 17-21  
Summer Series VII: July 24-28  
Summer Series VIII: July 31-August 4  
Summer Series IX: August 7-11

### World Equestrian Center – Wilmington

#### 2024 Spring/Summer Series Dates

Summer 1: July 10-14  
Summer 2: July 17-21  
Summer 3: August 7-11

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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 provides an unparalleled experience for exhibitors, spectators, vendors, sponsors and retailers built on three core values: Quality. Class. Distinction.

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