

World Equestrian Center Highlights

Ocala Summer II



Fresh from a successful European tour and a recent CSI5* win in Spruce Meadows, Canada's Erynn Ballard emerged victorious aboard Wight Show Stables LLC's Coconet in the \$125,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI3*.

"Right now, we're on a wild ride. Our hope for this year is the Paris Olympics. My road to Paris has taken me from Florida to Mexico City, New York, Vancouver, Calgary and here in Ocala. It's been a pretty spectacular, unbelievable, wild, crazy year, and amazingly enough there has been a lot of winning."

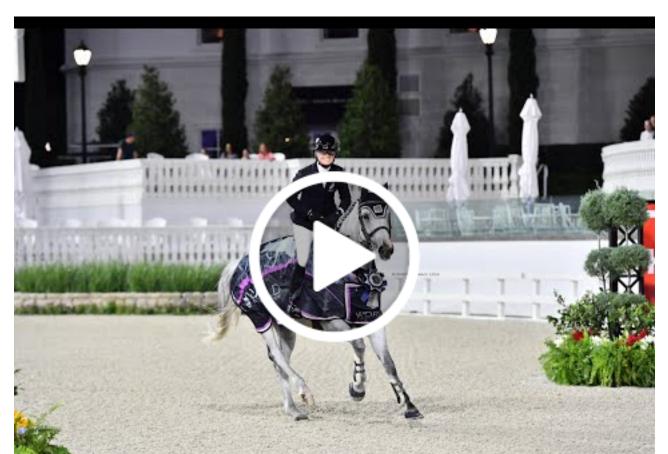


Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback Photography</u>



Watch Erynn Ballard and Coconet in their winning jump-off ride



Timothy Maddrix clinched the top title with his promising young partner Chesney, owned by Lee Cesery, in the \$20,100 Standlee/USHJA National Hunter Derby Regional South Championship – Open. Maddrix and the seven-year-old gelding earned an impressive first-round score of 188.5.

"He's only done the pre-greens twice, but we decided to enter him here because he's very brave. We thought he'd enjoy the big ring, and he did. He was second after the first round yesterday, which was his first handy ever. He was a little confused, but he got it together today."

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In an exciting 13-horse jump-off, Kristen Vanderveen (USA) and Bull Run Jumpers, Inc.'s Bull Run's Hesed clinched victory by a mere tenth of a second in the \$62,500 Grand Prix Qualifier CSI3*.

"I got him in the fall of last year, so I've had him for the winter circuit. Right off the bat, he won a four-star grand prix qualifier and has been great. His personality is my favorite because he is a can-do man. Anything he believes he can do, he will do. Tonight clearly proved he can fly!"

Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography



In the \$20,100 Standlee/USHJA National Hunter Derby Regional South Championship – Junior/Amateur, Hayley Waters Wear and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Waters' Genuine emerged victorious with an impressive 19.25-point lead.

"The first round was mostly single jumps." My main focus was to stay organized because the jumps had unrelated distances, but the ring is so big that it is easy to get on too big of a stride."

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Fresh off Saturday night's \$125,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI3* victory, Erynn Ballard (CAN) continued her success by claiming first place aboard Mullentine Shalom, owned by Ilan Ferder, in the \$40,000 <u>YETI</u> National Grand Prix.

"Today is [Mullentine Shalom's] first big win! She's a horse that we've been developing since she was eight years old. She's always knocking on the door. Their first win is a memorable one. I just think the world of her. A lot of the horses I ride come and go, so it's a bit different when you get to keep one and they really become your partner."

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Summer II Winners



In the \$12,500 Golden Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby, Victoria Colvin claimed top honors aboard Dicoblue PS, owned by Isabelle Castellanos. Photo by Andrew **Ryback Photography**



In the \$10,000 UF Veterinary Hospital USHJA National 3' Open Hunter Derby, Jake Evans secured his first WEC -Ocala derby win aboard Suntory, a hunter derby newcomer owned by Sleepy P Ranch LLC. Photo by Andrew <u>Ryback Photography</u>



The \$10,000 USHJA National 3' Jr/Am Hunter Derby featured 31 talented junior and amateur competitors vying for top honors, but it was Kristina Watkins and Firefly Farm's On Tap who claimed victory. Photo by Andrew Ryback <u>Photography</u>



In the \$31,500 1.45m Speed CSI3*, Rodrigo Lambre (BRA) emerged victorious, delivering a lightning-fast round on Ilan Ferder's J'adore Van Het Klinkhof. Photo by Andrew Ryback **Photography**



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Upcoming Events

<u>World Equestrian Center – Ocala</u>

2024 Summer Series Dates

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

<u>World Equestrian Center – Wilmington</u>

2024 Spring/Summer Series Dates

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

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