



World Equestrian Center Highlights

Wilmington Fall I



The \$50,000 Buckeye Nutrition Grand Prix was the highlight event Saturday at World Equestrian Center – Wilmington (WEC) Fall Classic I. Loic Cannaert (BEL) led the pack over the short course and ultimately posted the only double clear effort to secure the win on Ultimately Cooley, owned by Orpen Horses.

"They are the best team. The chances and the support that Declan and Cassandra [Orpen] give me are unbelievable. They have done so much for me, and I never could have dreamed to have people to supporting me like this. They are the best."

Photo by Winslow Photography



The \$10,000 Devoucoux Sellier Futures Prix saw a group of promising young horses and developing combinations to kick off show jumping competition Saturday afternoon. In a seven-horse jump-off with times just tenths of a second apart, Richard Rinehart (USA) ultimately found the fastest path with Equine Holdings LLC Ismael.

always trying his best. That always makes it easier to produce clear rounds."

"I am really fond of 'Melvin,' and he is

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In the \$15,000 USHJA National Open Hunter Derby, Havens Schatt caught the ride on the Rinehart family's Bond to top the leaderboard over 20 horse-and-rider combinations. Schatt also claimed second place aboard Julie McNerney's Chacoolou. "Richard [Rinehart] asked me if I would

show Bond this week while Lizzie [Rinehart] is at Capital Challenge, and I was more than happy to help them out. It is fun to ride a horse like Bond that knows his job. I ride so many young ones that sometimes I feel like I am always holding their hand, but Bond was ready to go and do it. It was fun to ride him, and I appreciate that they asked me!"

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This week's Wilmington Sunday Spotlight shines on young professional Tina



Robinson. Growing up with her familyowned Brookfield Farms in Clarence, NY, Robinson's path in equestrian sport was paved at a young age. Today, Robinson operates her own business, Verve Equestrian, with Manu Defossez. The duo journeyed to WEC - Wilmington for the first time for Fall Classic I with two talented horses, Quetza Hero & DB and Lollipop 27. We caught up with Robinson to learn more about her business and her goals. Read More

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