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World Equestrian Center Highlights

Ocala November I



Saturday night Grand Prix action thrilled crowds once again at World Equestrian Center – Ocala (WEC) in the \$75,000 [Florida Coast Equipment](#) Grand Prix, where Luis Sabino Goncalves (POR) and Sigma Stables LLC's remarkable mare Vick Du Croisy claimed victory and repeated their win from the same week in 2023.

"Sometimes we are a bit faster than the horse — we do too much — and that's how we lose the class. So I wanted to be smart and do enough to put the pressure on the rest."



In the \$12,500 [Golden Ocala](#) 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby, Stephanie Frey captured her first WEC – Ocala Hunter Derby win aboard Leslie Kramer's Storyville.

"This is only his third or fourth big derby. [For the handy round], I let him rip. I really just wanted to go out there and let him have fun. I did an inside turn to the trot jump and the double."



Megan Wexler emerged as the winner aboard Catherine Merrill's Cupido ZG Z in the \$10,000 [UF Veterinary Hospital](#) USHJA National 3' Open Hunter Derby.

"He loves that ring. Today he felt like I never had to change rhythm; he was so relaxed and every stride was smooth. I didn't have to touch the reins – he just hunted all the way around the ring."



Hayley Waters Wear made a strong return to WEC – Ocala, picking up right where she left off. The skilled amateur athlete dominated Friday's \$10,000 USHJA National 3' Jr/Am Hunter Derby taking first place with Malcombe and second with Genuine.

"I was a little conservative today because I was coming back first and second. Genuine was still leading when I returned on Malcombe, so I decided to play it safe and opted for the round route to fence two."

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Wilmington Midwest Indoors I



Sibling rivalry made for an exhilarating jump-off in the \$30,000 Grand Prix. Just five advanced to the jump-off, including Izzy Beisel (USA) and Cooper Beisel (USA). A double clear effort for Izzy and her 11-year-old Selle Francais gelding Diaz Barbotiere was enough to claim the victory.

"When Cooper was going in the ring, my friend told me that he thought I had the time. But Cooper will do everything in his power to beat me! That is just the sibling rivalry. It has been so much fun ever since we started doing the same classes on some really amazing horses. We battle it out, and it has been so fun to do it together."



Emma Linton (USA) marked a historic day in her riding career, clinching her first \$10,000 Futures Prix win with the Shady Lane Ranch entry Victory RW Broekkant Z.

"This is my third time doing this class. I really didn't think I was going to win! The last horse looked so fast when they went in, so I wasn't expecting it. It is a really great feeling."



Despite slight nerves about Joe Carnicom's tracks for the \$15,000 USHJA National Open Hunter Derby, Kelsey Epperson proved her excellence once again with her winningest mount, Didgereedoo VDL.

"I was actually really nervous for the first round because I love single jumps. I could gallop single jumps all day long, and this track was all related distances. I really had to pay attention. I knew I was going to have to be on my game, and it rode nicer than I expected."



It was a day full of sweet victory for Madelyn Kuhn in the R+L Arena as she claimed her first derby win with her own No Salt All Sugar in the \$15,000 USHJA National Open Hunter Derby.

"I have gotten so many seconds and thirds. I have been trying to win for so long and have been getting knocked out by one point. It felt really good to finally win one!"

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Wilmington Midwest Indoors I Sunday Spotlight



Morgan Clarke and Medallion. Photo by [Winslow Photography](#)

This week's Sunday Spotlight shines on a longtime exhibitor at WEC – Wilmington, Morgan Clarke. Originally from Cincinnati, OH, Clarke has moved all the way up the ranks at WEC, from her junior years to her professional career. Since graduating from The Ohio State University, Clarke has continued her lifelong passion for horses, honing her skills and managing the program at Wind Crest Farm. We caught up with the hardworking young professional to learn more about her dedicated riding journey and the community at WEC – Wilmington.

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December II: December 11-15

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