



## World Equestrian Center Highlights

### Ocala December I



The \$120,000 [Lugano Diamonds](#) Grand Prix CSI3\* took center stage during Ocala December I, and Paul O'Shea (IRL) riding Imerald Van't Voorhof, owned by Patricia Hurter, Andrea Sinner and the Tisbo Family, stole the show as the last to go and capped off their year with a victory.

"Imerald has been with me since he was nine, and he's an incredible horse. He's still winning at 16 years old. Just this year, he's won three grands prix. He feels great, as good as ever."



*Watch the winning jump-off ride for Paul O'Shea and Imerald Van't Voorhof*



Ireland's Paul O'Shea soared to the top in the \$63,000 [Wheels Up](#) Grand Prix Qualifier CSI3\* aboard the lightning-fast Squirt Gun, owned by Eye Candy Jumpers and Paul O'Shea.

"I saw Beat (Mändli) have a beautiful round, and then I watched Richard (Spooner) go, and he was fast. I told myself, 'I have to go as fast as I can here to get even close to him.' He inspired me to go as fast as I could."



Finishing off the week in the \$50,000 [YETI](#) National Grand Prix, Tracy Fenney aboard the famous MTM Apple claimed the overall victory with only six other pairs managing clear rounds.

"This was a great class for her. I used it to get warmed up for showing next week and to get her muscles in gear. I didn't want to pull anything too crazy and start our season poorly by doing something wrong. Today she felt fresh and a little wild. She's just great, and I have fun with her every time we step in the ring."



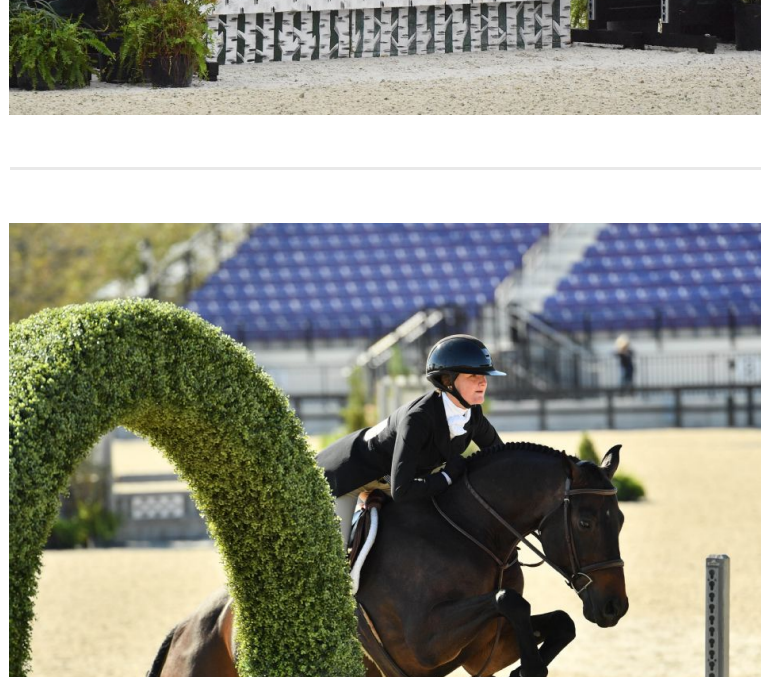
Megan Young delivered two stellar rounds in the \$12,500 [Golden Ocala](#) 3'6"- 3'9" Hunter Derby with Malito, owned by Jane Baysore, to secure the top prize. Jumping all four high options effortlessly for a score of 87 plus a handy score of 92, Young took top honors by 16.5 points.

"We got him last March. He was freshly imported after competing as a 1.50m jumper. When we tried him in Europe, they put the jumps up, and he was amazing — super scopey and brave. My friend Meredith Bross was with us and said, 'You need this horse to be your derby horse,' and now here we are."



Jennifer Jones earned a one-two finish in the \$10,000 [UF Veterinary Hospital](#) USHJA National 3' Open Hunter Derby, earning first place on Lincoln, owned by Elle Gibbs, and second place with Copper Canyon, owned by Adele Einhorn.

"They were both really great today. I'm looking forward to the upcoming winter circuit. Last year, they both won a few derbies, and they love this ring, so I'm excited to get them back out here."

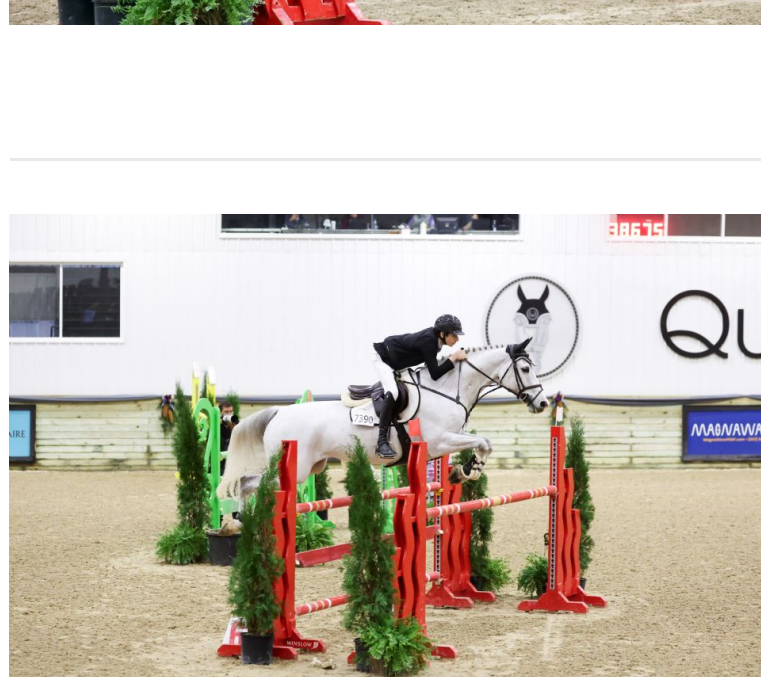


Madison Stewart claimed victory in the \$10,000 USHJA National 3' Jr/Am Hunter Derby riding E Di Luca, owned by Reynolds Cole. The duo impressed with two flawless rounds to secure the win.

"Coming back on top, I wanted to just have a smooth handy round. Norman is very handy and turns super easy, so the handy is always a class we can show off in."

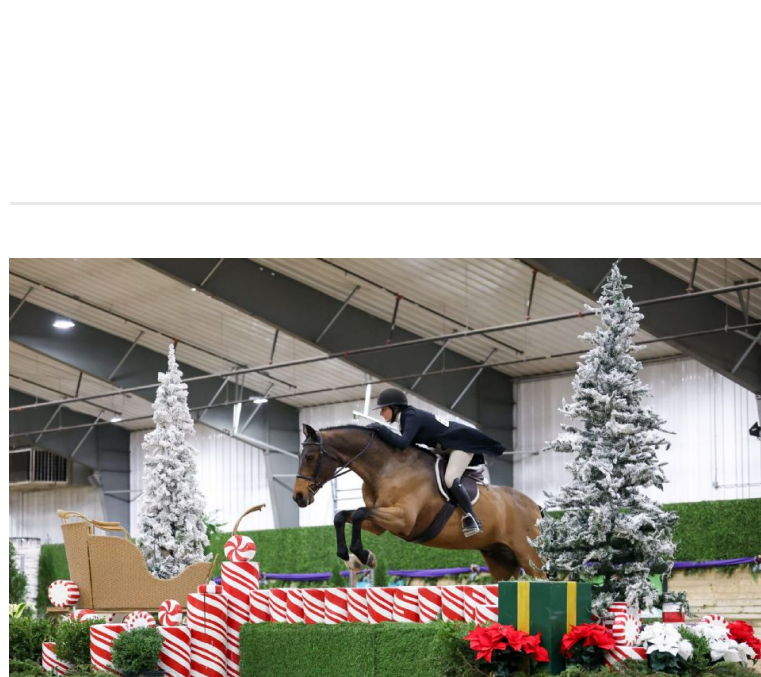
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### Wilmington Winter Classic II



In the \$30,000 [Magnawave](#) Grand Prix, Patricio Rodriguez was able to hold onto the lead until the end with Ashland Farms' Icarus.

"I got him a few weeks ago from my friend Francisco [Goyoaga Mollet] at Ashland Farms. This is my second week showing him, and he has been nothing but great for me. He has done it all. It is cool to get on him because he really knows the job. I want to thank Ashland for giving me the ride on this horse!"



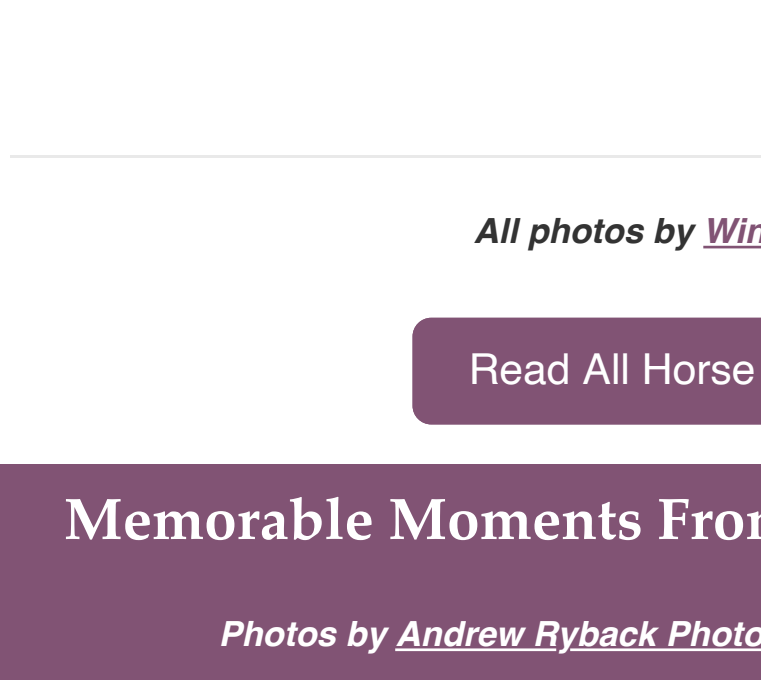
The \$10,000 Futures Prix was won by Aiden Udelson. He laid down the fastest round aboard Cleveland Equestrian's Jackson VDL to secure his first career Futures Prix win.

"I really appreciate my mom [Megan Bash] letting me take over the ride on him. He has taught me so much. I know going in the ring over these bigger jumps that I am on a horse that will be able to help me out because he has already competed in and won so many big classes with her. I walk in so confident knowing he already has that experience."



In the \$15,000 USHJA National Open Hunter Derby, Jennifer Schwartz rose to the top of the leaderboard with Sarah North's Pura Vida.

"I thought the first trip rode super smooth. The lines were flowing, and I think the end jumps are a really good test for the horses to jump out of the turn. My horse stepped right up in the handy and went around very nicely for me. He is a really nice horse, and I was super excited for the opportunity to ride him in the derby."



While consistently winning in the jumper ring, Amy Krebs switched gears to ultimately claim victory aboard Brittany Kasprack's Meraki in the \$15,000 USHJA National Non-Pro Hunter Derby.

"He just turned seven. He hasn't done a whole lot, and I am honored to have the ride on him! We took him to Maclay Finals, and he had never done the Equitation before. He is really great minded and straightforward. We are getting him in the ring as much as we can and getting him some more mileage."

*All photos by Winslow Photography*

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### Wilmington Winter Classic II Sunday Spotlight



*Gracie Folger and Windhover Miss America. Photo by Winslow Photography.*

This week's Wilmington Sunday Spotlight shines on 12-year-old rider Gracie Folger of Chagrin Falls, OH. Since learning to ride right in her backyard, Gracie is consistently in the winner's circle at WEC – Wilmington with her string of young ponies. We caught up with Gracie after her second-place finish in the \$1,500 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby aboard her tried-and-true small pony, Windhover Miss America, also known as Diva, to learn more about her journey.

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### Upcoming Events

#### World Equestrian Center – Ocala

[2024 December Show Series Dates](#)

December II: December 11-15

[2025 Winter Spectacular Show Series Dates](#)

Winter Spectacular I: January 1-5  
Winter Spectacular II: January 7-12  
Winter Spectacular III: January 14-19  
Winter Spectacular IV: January 21-26  
Winter Spectacular V: January 28-February 2: World Champion Hunter Rider Week  
Winter Spectacular VI: February 4-9: WEC Premier Equitation Cup Championship on February 8  
Winter Spectacular VII: February 11-16: CSI5\*-W  
Winter Spectacular VIII: February 18-23  
Winter Spectacular IX: February 25-March 2: World Champion Hunter Rider Week  
Winter Spectacular X: March 4-9  
Winter Spectacular XI: March 12-16  
Winter Spectacular XII: March 18-23: CSIO5\* Longines League of Nations™

[2025 Spring Series Dates](#)

Ocala Spring I: March 26-30  
Ocala Spring II: April 1-6

#### World Equestrian Center – Wilmington

[2024 Show Dates](#)

Winter Classic 3: December 11-15  
WEC Christmas: December 18-22\*

[2025 Winter in the Midwest Dates](#)

USEF Premier/Level 4 Jumpers  
USEF National/Level 4 Jumpers\*  
Winter Classic 5: January 8-12  
Winter Classic 6: January 15-19  
Winter Classic 7: January 22-26\*  
Winter Classic 8: January 29-February 2\*  
Winter Classic 9: February 5-9  
Winter Classic 10: February 12-16  
Winter Classic 11: February 19-23  
Winter Classic 12: February 26-March 2\*  
Winter Spring Forward: March 5-9  
Winter Classic 14: March 12-16  
Winter Classic 15: March 19-23  
Winter Classic 16: March 26-30  
Winter Classic 17: April 2-6

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