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World Equestrian Center Highlights from Ocala and Wilmington



Tracy Fenney and MTM Apple (USA) topped the \$75,000 E-Z-GO Grand Prix during Summer VI at WEC – Ocala. **Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback Photography</u>**

Tracy Fenney Takes First and Second Place in \$75,000 E-Z-GO Grand Prix at WEC – Ocala



An international list of 40 competitors took on the \$75,000 <u>E-Z-GO</u> Grand Prix on Saturday, July 17, during week six of the World Equestrian Center – Ocala Summer Series. Tracy Fenney (USA) claimed the top two spots aboard MTM Apple and MTM Reve Du Paradis, both owned by MTM Farm. Fenney and MTM Apple, a 16-year-old Selle Francais gelding, topped a starting field of 10 jump-off contenders to take the win. Third place went to Jamie Taylor (USA) and Quatar.

Tracy Fenney (USA) and MTM Apple jumped to the win in the \$75,000 E-Z-GO Grand Prix at WEC – Ocala. Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback Photography</u>

An additional \$5,000 was awarded to Olympic team gold medalist Will Simpson (USA) and Chacco P for jumping the fastest four-fault round of Saturday night's \$75,000 E-Z-GO Grand Prix, in 69.580 seconds. The non-award winning entry that received the Luck of the Draw \$5,000 prize was Kris Killam (USA) and Gangster CHS.

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Rowan Willis and Lord Don Top the \$12,500 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby



Rowan Willis and Lord Don won the \$12,500 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby during Summer VI. Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback Photography</u>

Australia's Rowan Willis took his talents to the derby ring on Friday, July 16, taking the win in the \$12,500 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby with Lord Don, owned by Page H. Flournoy. Scores of 86 and 91 for a combined score of 177 put Willis and the 10-year-old stallion in the winner's circle.

"This is only our third week competing in the hunters," Willis said of Lord Don. "He was doing the jumpers, but he is very laid back, so the hunters suit him well. I've also always wanted to win a hunter derby."

Winning the \$10,000 WEC – Ocala 3' Hunter Derby was Timothy Maddrix and Cypress, owned by Missy Roebuck Nolen.

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Kady Abrahamson Wins Second Consecutive World Equestrian Center – Wilmington Grand Prix



Kady Abrahamson (USA) and Maraca LS La Silla jumped to victory again in the WEC – Wilmington \$30,000 Grand Prix on Saturday, July 17, topping a field of 25 entries. Kevin McCarthy (IRL) and HSS Catch A Star took second, while David Beisel (USA) and Essince W rounded out the top three.

Kady Abrahamson (USA) and Maraca LS La Silla won the \$30,000 WEC – Wilmington Grand Prix. Photo by <u>J. Winslow Photography</u>

"She has a big stride and is very brave," Abrahamson said of her winning mount. "I took a chance with her on the bigger jumps because I know if she has a good pace to support it she will do great. Today I left strides out in the rollbacks, and that really helped us."

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Melissa Donnelly and Corlando 49 Take Top Honors in the \$12,500 WEC – Wilmington 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby



Melissa Donnelly and Corlando 49 won the \$12,500 WEC – Wilmington 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby. Photo by <u>J. Winslow Photography</u>

Melissa Donnelly and Corlando 49, owned by Just A Folly Farm, topped 34 entries in the \$12,500 WEC – Wilmington 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby on Friday, July 16. A first round score of 92 put the pair on top early and a handy round score of 94, for a combined 186, secured the victory.

"We have developed a very superstitious routine," Donnelly said of her preparation with Corlando 49. "He always gets told that he is a good boy and he is loved, followed by a kiss on the neck and I kiss my pin on my jacket before we go in."

Winning the \$10,000 WEC – Wilmington Hunter Derby 3' Open was David Beisel and MTM Bentley, and Kiera Philpot took the win in the \$10,000 WEC – Wilmington Hunter Derby 3' Non-Pro aboard Red Roc.

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- July 21-25 WEC Ocala Summer VII
- July 21-25 WEC Wilmington Summer 2
- July 28-August 1 WEC Ocala Summer VIII
- August 4-8 WEC Ocala Summer IX
- August 11-15 WEC Ocala Summer X
- August 11-15 WEC Wilmington Summer 3

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