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Highlights From Wilmington Winter III at World Equestrian Center – Wilmington



Kevin McCarthy on Catch a Star HSS earned back-to-back grand prix wins in the \$30,000 World Equestrian Center Grand Prix at the 2021 Winter III show. *Photo by Winslow Photography.*

Kevin McCarthy and Catch a Star HSS End 2021 With a Victory at World Equestrian Center – Wilmington Winter III

Kevin McCarthy (IRL) wrapped up the 2021 show season with the top prize in the \$30,000 World Equestrian Center Grand Prix during the Winter III Show at World Equestrian Center – Wilmington on Saturday, December 18, 2021. This was the second grand prix victory in a row for McCarthy and his own 11-year-old Swedish Warmblood mare.

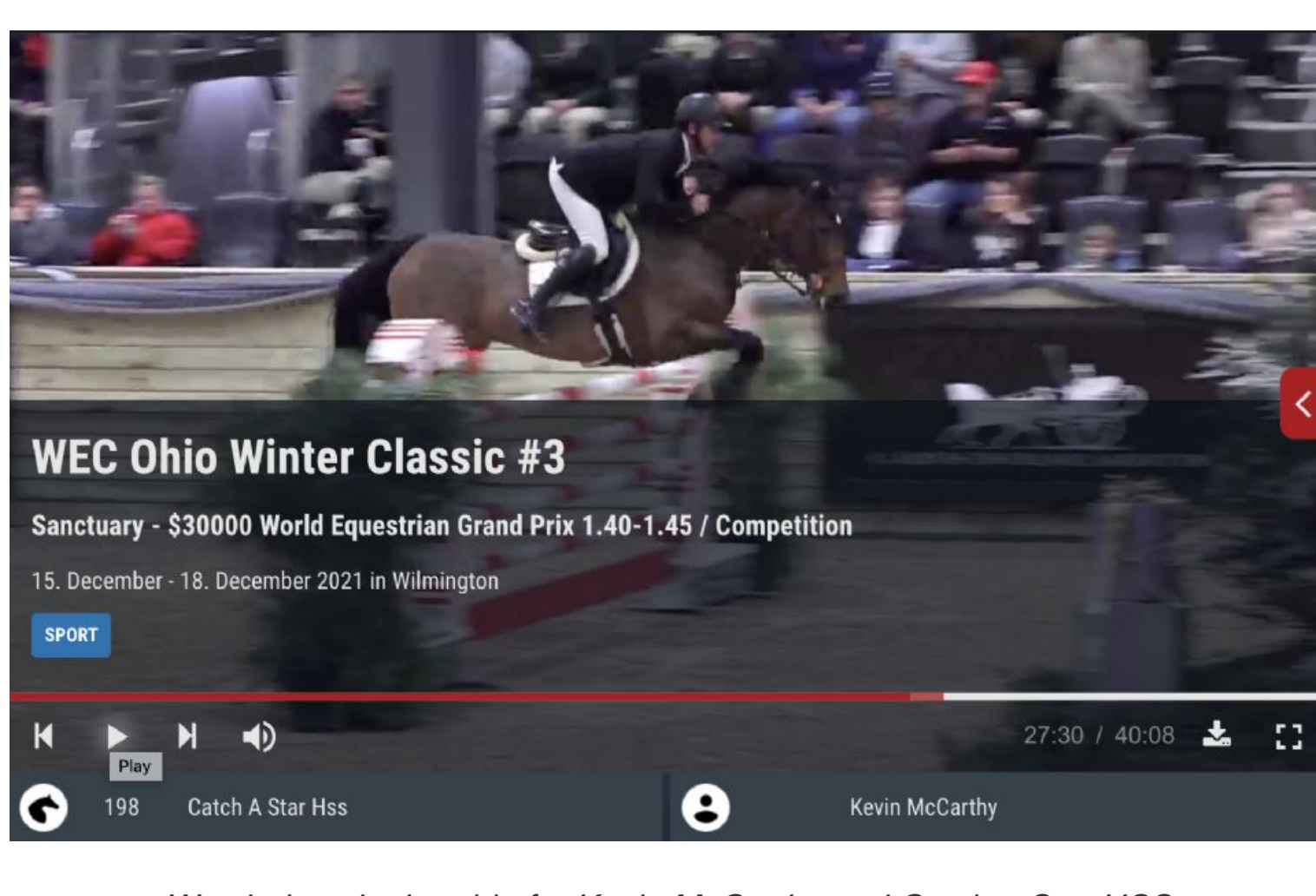
Bobby Murphy designed a technical track for the 17 horse-and-rider combinations that entered the class, and eight competitors cleared the first round to return for the jump-off. McCarthy and Catch a Star HSS crossed the timers at 34.141 seconds to take the lead by just over one second. The winners of the \$10,000 Welcome Stake on Thursday, Genevieve Munson and Contendo Star, earned a second-place finish in the class. Charlotte Clark and Kinsella took home third place.

"Tonight was a very special win for me," explained McCarthy. "My family back home in Ireland was watching the live feed and it was great to catch a win for my dad and family. I knew going into the class that we had to give it our all because we were up against some other great riders and horses. We can't wait to be back in January. In the meantime, I plan to keep my horse fit and happy."

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\$30,000 World Equestrian Center Grand Prix 1.40m – 1.45m Results

1. Catch a Star HSS, Kevin McCarthy – 0 | 0 | 34.141
2. Contendo Star, Genevieve Munson – 0 | 0 | 35.286
3. Kinsella, Charlotte Clark – 0 | 0 | 36.017
4. Unesco Do Rouet, Christian B. Currey – 0 | 0 | 36.298
5. Zonderling, Genevieve Munson – 0 | 0 | 36.710
6. Vegas H, David Q. Beisel – 0 | 0 | 37.385
7. Cumbaya W, Darby Pease – 0 | 0 | 40.227
8. Charlene, Genevieve Munson – 0 | 4 | 38.334
9. PDR Pinion, Diana Conlon – 1 | 80.917
10. Jackson VDL, Megan Bash – 4 | 73.103



[Watch the winning ride for Kevin McCarthy and Catch a Star HSS](#)

Melissa P. Donnelly Pilots Corlando 49 to the Win in the \$5,000 WEC 3' Open Hunter Derby



Melissa P. Donnelly and Corlando 49. *Photo by Winslow Photography.*

Melissa P. Donnelly of Oxford, MI, and Elizabeth Becker's Corlando 49 bested a field of 16 competitors to claim the blue ribbon in the \$5,000 WEC 3' Open Hunter Derby on Friday, December 17. Donnelly and the 15-year-old Holsteiner gelding earned a first-round score of 89 to put them in second place. The pair returned to their handy round and impressed the judges with their tight turns and rideability to score a 95. Donnelly and her mount finished with a total score of 184, which topped the leaderboard by 11 points.

"Corey was such a good boy today and he felt great to ride," commented Donnelly. "I mainly wanted to focus on not over-doing it in the handy and really work on nailing our slices."

David Beisel and Steller secured second place with a score of 173. Kali Jerman and Silver Boy Du Toultia Z rounded out the top three with a total score of 170.

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Wilmington Winter III Winners



Genevieve Munson and her own Contendo Star won the \$10,000 Welcome Stake 1.35m. *Photo by Winslow Photography.*



Izzy Beisel and Ammeretto, owned by David Beisel, were victorious in the \$10,000 Futures Prix. *Photo by Winslow Photography.*



Elizabeth Becker rode her own Cinda to victory in the \$5,000 WEC Hunter Derby 3' – Non-Pro. *Photo by Winslow Photography.*

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Upcoming Events

2022 WEC – Wilmington Winter in the Midwest Show Series

USEF Show Dates – USEF Premier/Level IV
WEC Winter 4 – Jan. 5-9 – *A World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Week*
WEC Winter 7 – Jan. 26-30
WEC Winter 8 – Feb. 2-6
WEC Winter 9 – Feb. 9-13
WEC Winter 11 – Feb. 23-27

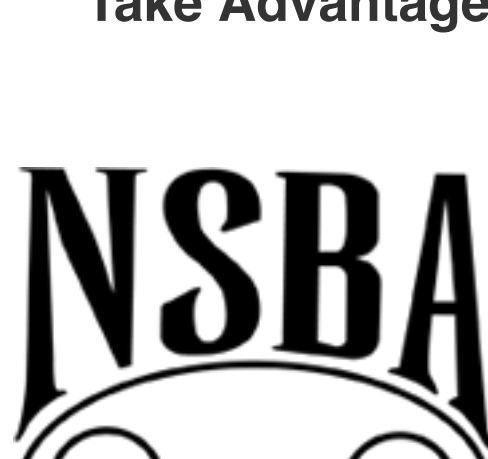
NSBA Show Dates
WEC Winter 5 – Jan. 12-16
WEC Winter 6 – Jan. 19-23
WEC Winter 10 – Feb. 16-20
WEC Winter 12 – Mar. 2-6
WEC Winter 13 – Mar. 9-13
WEC Winter 14 – Mar. 16-20
WEC Winter 15 – Mar. 23-27
WEC Winter 16 – Mar. 30-April 3
WEC Winter 17 – April 6-10

2022 WEC – Ocala Winter Spectacular Show Series

Winter Spectacular I – January 5-9
Winter Spectacular II – January 12-16
Winter Spectacular III – January 19-23
Winter Spectacular IV – January 26-30
Winter Spectacular V – February 2-6
Winter Spectacular VI – February 9-13
Winter Spectacular VII – February 16-20
Winter Spectacular VIII – February 23-27
Winter Spectacular IX – March 2-6
Winter Spectacular X – March 9-13
Winter Spectacular XI – March 16-20
Winter Spectacular XII – March 23-27

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