



ILAN FERDER
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September Competition Highlights



Michael Murphy and Cerolino placed fifth in the CSI2* \$37,000 Wölffer Estate Grand Prix Qualifier at the Hampton Classic Horse Show in Bridgehampton, NY.

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Sophia Ahearn piloted Brienne to eighth place in the \$12,500 Pacaso Medium Amateur Jumper Classic during the Hampton Classic Horse Show in Bridgehampton, NY.

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Natalie Dean and Chance Ste Hermelle earned third place in the CSI15* Friends of the Meadows 1.50m at the Spruce Meadows 'Continental' tournament in Calgary, Canada.

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Natalie Dean and Cocolina won the CSI3* \$37,500 Marsh Canada Cup then continued their winning streak in the CSI3* \$75,000 Enbridge Grand Prix at the Spruce Meadows 'Masters' tournament in Calgary, Canada.

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Erynn Ballard and Narcotique v/h Dingshof competed in the CSI105* Nations Cup during the Spruce Meadows 'National' tournament in Calgary, Canada.

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Erynn Ballard and Gakhir finished in the top 12 during the CSI15* Longines Global Champions Tour Grand Prix of New York in New York, NY.

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Five Questions With the Ilán Ferder Stables Team

Meet Natalie Dean

How did it feel to win two classes back-to-back at Spruce Meadows with Cocolina?

It felt amazing to win two classes at the Spruce Meadows 'Masters' this year. I had a great time competing at the event last year, but the competition was at a much lower level compared to this year with all the European riders. I was feeling a little defeated in the bigger classes, so it was really nice to win the three-star grand prix.



Natalie Dean and Cocolina after their win during the Spruce Meadows 'Masters' in Calgary, Canada.

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How long have you had Cocolina?

I got Cocolina at the end of 2020. She came into my life at a time when my best horse, Jewel de Kwakenbeek, was hurt and facing retirement. Cocolina is the horse that helped me step up to the five-star level in 2021. She is such a trier, and she really wants to do everything right. I know her really well at this point and she gives me a lot of confidence going in the ring. I'm unbelievably grateful to have Cocolina in my life.

What is one of the most important things you have learned while training with IFS?

I think the biggest thing I have learned is that making horses takes a lot of time. Ilán is extraordinarily gifted at buying and selling horses as well as training and producing horses to jump at the 1.60m level. I have had to learn that although we want all of the horses to become 1.60m horses eventually, when you buy young horses you never really know if they will make it until they do it. I am still working on developing my patience but this year in particular has been quite exciting because I have a lot of younger horses and they are all starting to step up into the FEI classes.



Natalie Dean and Chance Ste Hermelle competing in the CSI104* \$150,000 Nations Cup at the 2022 Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL.

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What do you enjoy about competing and working with younger horses?

I love producing younger horses. It feels very rewarding to jump a big class on a horse that we have developed ourselves. It's different from buying a horse that has already done it before. I got Maestro Vica v/d Ark as a six-year-old and all the FEI classes he has done have been with me, which is pretty cool. "Maestro" was the first young horse I ever purchased. Erynn and Ilán did a lot of the hard work to help me produce him. Now I am starting to do more of the work in training my young horses. Ilán is also always there to step in if he needs to ride or show them for me. I currently have a very competitive seven-year-old named Fachoda de Hus that is really a speed demon, and she wins a lot of classes. I also have a six-year-old stallion, Gandhi de Nantuel, and it has been a really rewarding year seeing how much he has improved. I am pretty much the only one that rides "Gandhy," and I really believe in him. I think he will have a bright future in the sport.

What are some of your long-term goals as a rider?

I think any rider that competes at this level dreams of going to a championship one day. A long-term goal of mine is definitely to represent the United States at a senior championship. I also want to be able to develop more young horses into five-star grand prix horses.

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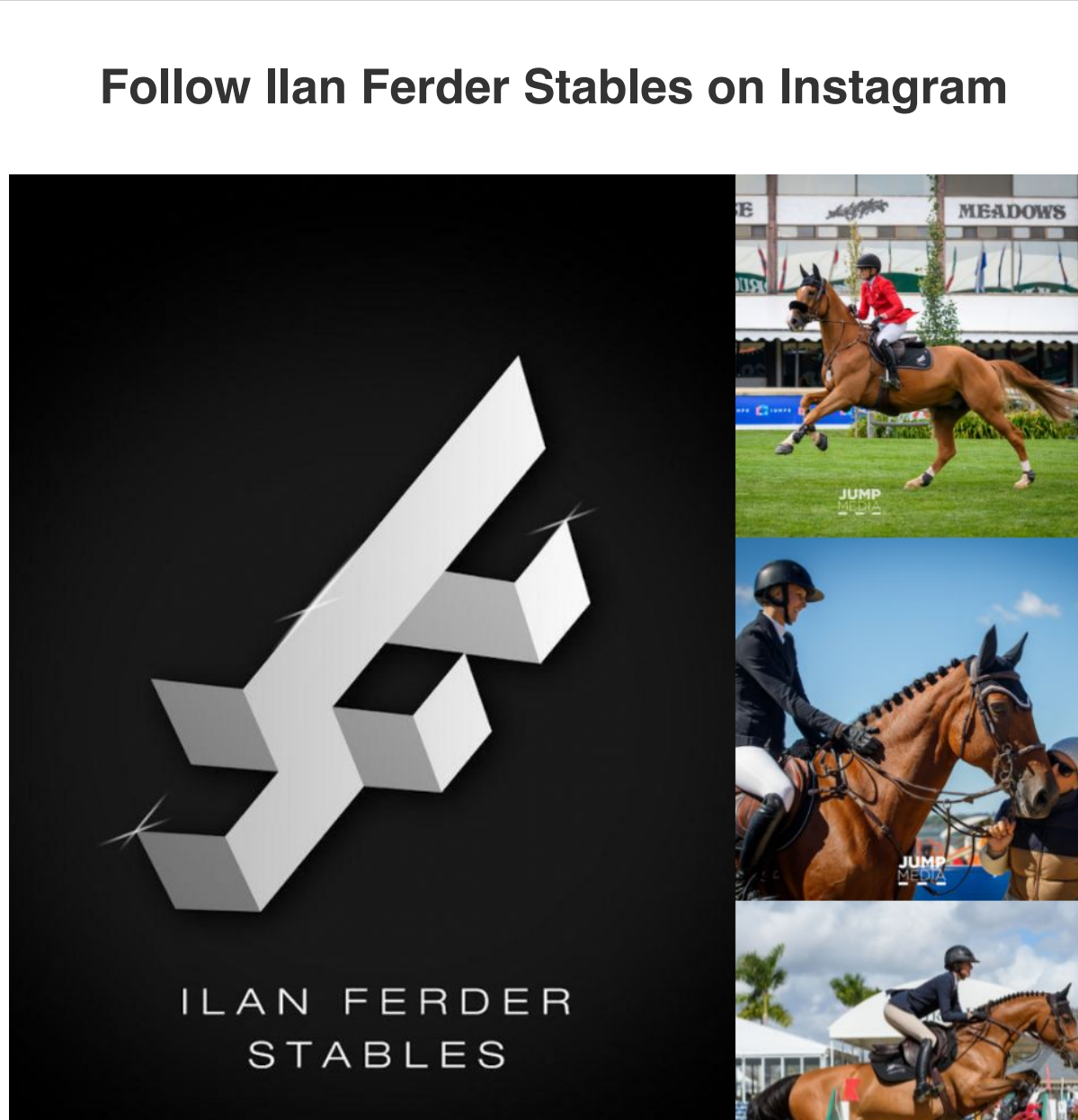
Erynn Ballard: Carrying On the Family Tradition



Inheriting her grandfather and parents' passion for riding at an early age, Canada's Erynn Ballard has always wanted her life to involve horses. Her grandfather, Bob, rode on the Canadian Equestrian Team in the 1940s and '50s while her parents, Sandi and Dave, have run their Looking Back Farm in Tottenham, Ontario, since 1985. It was there that Erynn started riding at five years old. A year later, she entered her first horse show—and hasn't looked back since.

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Ilán Ferder Stables (IFS) is an international show jumping training and sales business based in Wellington, Florida. Owned and operated by Israeli Show Jumping Team veteran Ilán Ferder, IFS offers world-class prospects that are ready to win and has sold numerous riders their next champion. IFS is also home to Canada's Erynn Ballard, one of the top-ranked female show jumping athletes in the world.