

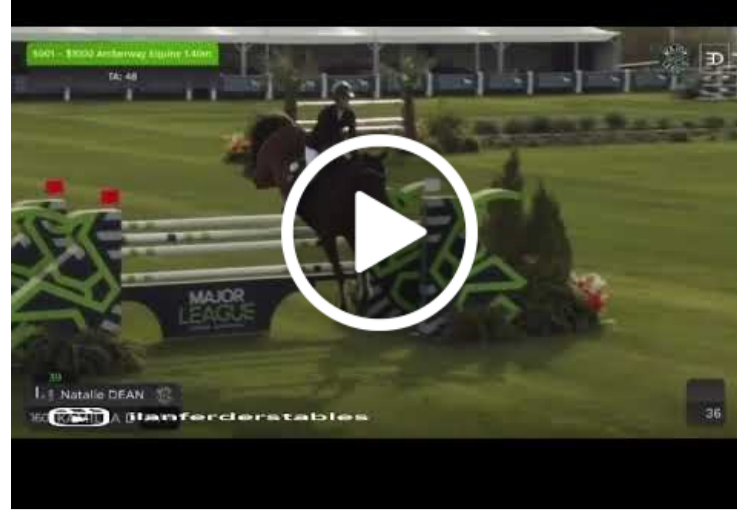


December Competition Highlights



Erynn Ballard and Nikias Ligie V.V. produced a terrific clear round to finish sixth in the CSI2* \$37,000 Gillibrand 1.45m during Major League Show Jumping (MLSJ) at the Desert International Horse Park in La Quinta, CA.

Photo by [Kim Gaudry Photography](#)



Natalie Dean rode Kamilla D to third-place honors in the CSI5* Amberway Equine 1.40m at MLSJ at the Desert International Horse Park in La Quinta, CA.

Video courtesy of [Ilan Ferder Stables](#)



Ashlee Bond and Ilan Ferder's Chill Ma scored second place in the CSI2* \$40,000 La Quinta Resort Grand Prix during MLSJ at the Desert International Horse Park in La Quinta, CA.

Photo courtesy of [Ashlee Bond](#)



Erynn Ballard and Gakhir were fast and clear to help Team Lugano earn second place in the CSI5* MLSJ Team Competition at MLSJ at the Desert International Horse Park in La Quinta, CA.

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Natalie Dean and Cocolina navigated a quick and clear round for Team Lugano to finish second in the CSI5* MLSJ Team Competition during MLSJ at the Desert International Horse Park in La Quinta, CA.

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Erynn Ballard and Quilana Denfer claimed third place in the CSI5* Morningstar Sport Horses 1.45m at MLSJ at the Desert International Horse Park in La Quinta, CA.

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Erynn Ballard and Narcotique v/h Dingenshof were unbeatable to win the CSI5* \$74,000 Cabana Coast 1.50m Winning Round during MLSJ at the Desert International Horse Park in La Quinta, CA.

Photo by [Desert International Horse Park](#)



Erynn Ballard and Narcotique v/h Dingenshof continued their winning ways to earn the top prize in the \$40,000 BetHorseSports.com 1.45m at the CSI4*-W Fort Worth International Horse Show in Fort Worth, TX.

Photo by [Split Rock Jumping Tour/Four Oaks Creative](#)



Erynn Ballard piloted Gakhir to an impressive third place in the \$250,000 Longines FEI World Cup™ Fort Worth, during the CSI4*-W Fort Worth International Horse Show in Fort Worth, TX.

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Six Questions With the Ilan Ferder Stables Team

Meet Gakhir, owned by Ilan Ferder and Esperanza Imports and ridden by Erynn Ballard

Where is your favorite place to show?

This year I thought the 2022 ECCO FEI World Championships in Herning, Denmark, was pretty great! It's the most important place I have competed at so far. I also really loved Longines Global Champions Tour in New York, Spruce Meadows, and MLSJ at Monterrey. I thought Fort Worth International was really fun as well. It was my first indoor show with Erynn!



Erynn Ballard and Gakhir finished their 2022 season with a third place in the \$250,000 Longines FEI World Cup™ Fort Worth, presented by Lugano Diamonds, during the CSI4*-W Fort Worth International Horse Show.

Photo by [Shannon Brinkman Photography](#)

What do you enjoy most about showing?

I always get a lot of attention but when I show I get even more, and I love that. I really enjoy the magnetic blanket, getting my hair braided, and all the treats and pats I get from Erynn and my groom Alyssa when I finish a round. I used to get a bit anxious during show time, but I think I've really grown up in 2022. I'm so ready for 2023!

What is your favorite treat?

I love all treats. I'm actually obsessed with getting treats, especially oranges and bananas – peels included. I'm a citrus boy.

Would you rather show indoors or outdoors?

I am comfortable showing everywhere, but after I did so well in the smaller ring at Fort Worth International they told me I might get to go to World Cup Finals™. That would be so cool!



Erynn Ballard and Gakhir competing at Spruce Meadows in Calgary, Canada.

Photo by [Jump Media](#)

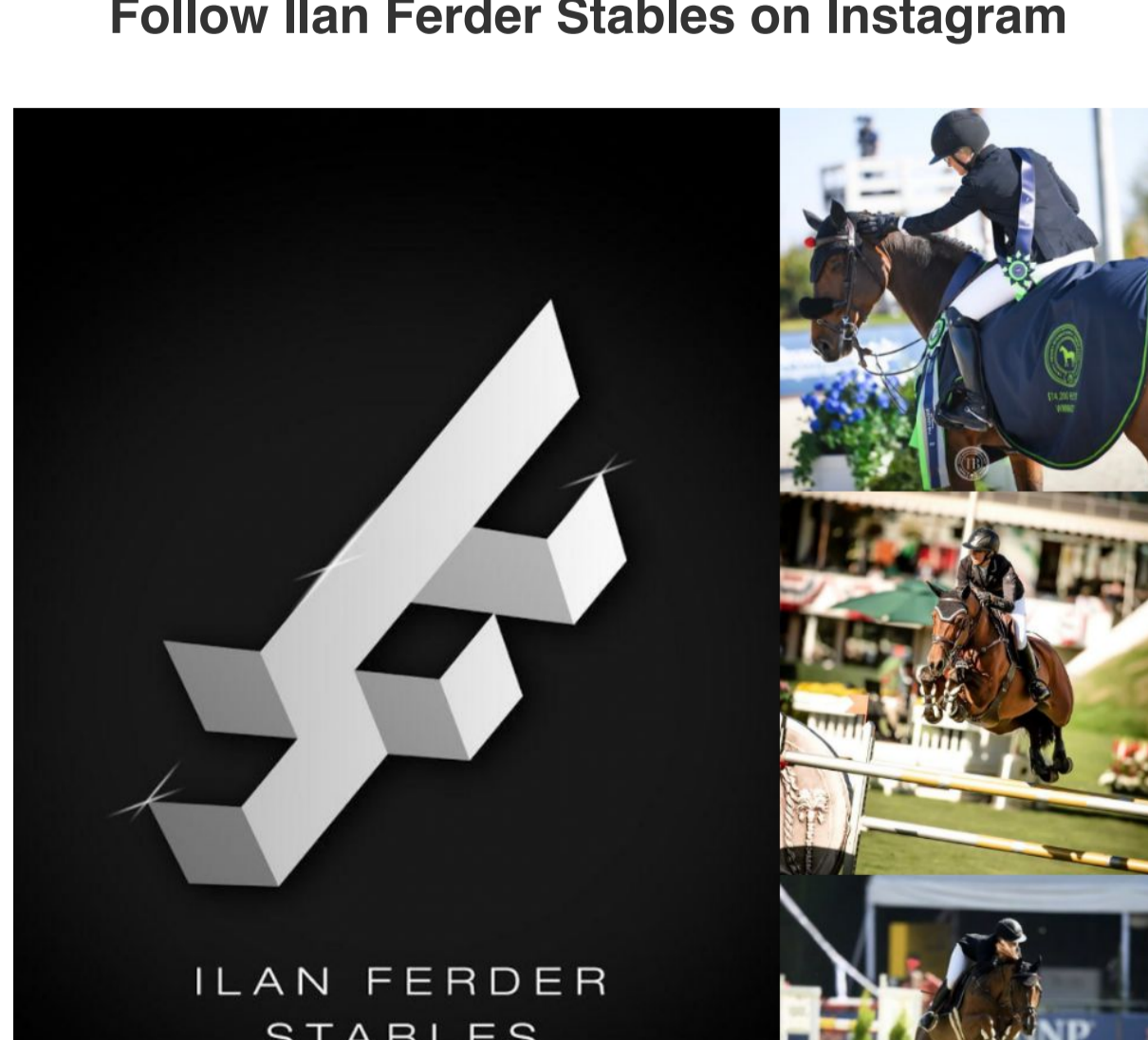
What is your pre-competition routine?

My routine changed a lot this year because I spent so much time in Europe where only Erynn rode me. Since coming back to the U.S., Ilan jumps me a little before big classes, which is the best way for me to relax. Erynn always spends time with me on the lunge as well. Of course, my routine also includes a lot of pampering!

What is your favorite pastime when not competing?

I spend pretty much all my time with Alyssa. She walks me, and grooms me. "Narco" is my best friend. We are now both on a break from showing so we get to spend our afternoons in the paddocks beside each other. During breaks, I also enjoy trail riding down the canals and going to the nature preserve.

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About Ilan Ferder Stables

Ilan 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 Ilan 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.