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# World Equestrian Center Highlights From Ocala Winter Spectacular II and Wilmington Winter in the **Midwest V**



Aaron Vale (USA) and I Adermie R 4, owned by Lori Osterstock, secured victory in the \$100,000 Coca-Cola Beverages Florida Grand Prix at WEC – Ocala.

"[I Adermie R 4] has been very consistent. She was second here last week, won a grand prix over the summer and won a class last winter. She never lets me down and always comes out to play."

#### Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback Photography</u>



Rebecca Gutstein (USA) and her own Harley David topped the podium in the \$30,000 WEC - Wilmington Grand Prix.

"I can't even believe it. I am so thankful to my parents for letting me come here and show in this. I am so thankful to Amelia [McArdle] for being the most amazing trainer. Most importantly, I am so thankful to 'Harley' for taking care of me and always being as game as I am."

#### Photo by <u>Winslow Photography</u>



Amanda Steege and Lafitte De Muze, owned by Cheryl Olsten, earned the top prize in the \$20,000 Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby at WEC – Ocala. The duo received impressive scores of 93 and 94.

"Lafitte has always been amazing, but today, I could really tell how much he has matured from last year. We have been working on a lot of things at home to improve our scores, and today it showed how much he absorbed. He has developed such a fun crowd following, and even people that aren't familiar with the sport get excited when they see him jump."

#### Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

Jason Berry earned his second consecutive win in the \$15,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Open at WEC - Wilmington, this time aboard Rock Point, owned by Alisa Berry.

"This horse had such a big score going into the handy that I knew I could play it safe. I was a little bit worried about the airy vertical in the handy, but he is such a good jumper that when he gets his eye on something he jumps it amazing."

Photo by Winslow Photography



Alexanne Thibault (CAN) and her own Cidanos Z were victorious in the \$15,000 Buckeye Nutrition Futures Prix at WEC – Ocala.

"I think I made up the time to the double combination. When I was watching other competitors many of them slowed down to the combination. I just let him go in his normal gallop, and he backed himself off the jump to balance. That's where I think I had the class."

Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback Photography</u>



Kenna Labeau (USA) and Beth Lebeau's Ingleton Quasimodo Van Heist won the \$10,000 Futures Prix at WEC – Wilmington.

"I imported him as a six-year-old two years ago. We moved up to the 1.30m last year and recently jumped our first 1.40m. He was actually my first jumper, and he is a great teacher. He goes in to win just as much as you do. We will go to Florida next week and I am hoping to jump my first grand prix with him there."

#### Photo by <u>Winslow Photography</u>

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### Watch Aaron Vale and Jacqueline Ruyle Go Head to Head in the \$100,000 Coca-Cola Beverages Florida Grand Prix



Aaron Vale (USA) and Jacqueline Ruyle (USA) competed for the top prize on Saturday night under the lights during the \$100,000 Coca-Cola Beverages Florida Grand Prix at World Equestrian Center – Ocala. In the end, Vale and I Adermie R 4 were unbeatable.

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### **World Equestrian Center Winners**





Paul Halpern (CAN) and Esra were victorious in the \$10,000 WEC -Wilmington Welcome Stake. Photo by Winslow Photography



Timothy Maddrix rode Cypress to victory in the \$15,000 UF Health Veterinary Hospital 3' Open Hunter Derby at WEC – Ocala. Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography



Sophia Tabasso and Solitude earned the win in the \$15,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Non-Pro in Wilmington. Photo by <u>Winslow Photography</u>

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### Sunday Spotlights: Rebecca Gutstein and Katalena Prusso



Rebecca Gutstein and Harley David competing at WEC – Wilmington. Photo by Winslow Photography

This week's Wilmington Sunday Spotlight shines on 15-year-old Rebecca Gutstein of Glencoe, IL. The accomplished junior athlete trains out of Old Barrington Farm and has established herself as a promising talent with her two incredible jumpers. Gutstein stole the spotlight during the Winter Classic Week V with a win in the \$30,000 WEC – Wilmington Grand Prix and two second-place finishes in the \$10,000 Welcome Stake and \$10,000 Futures Prix. We caught up with Gutstein to learn more about her riding career, her string of horses and her future plans.

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Katalena Prusso and Gatsby's Green Light competing at WEC – Ocala. Photo by

This week's Ocala Sunday Spotlight shines on 15-year-old Katalena Prusso of Woodstock, GA. This talented young equestrian is seen in every ring: hunters, jumpers and equitation. Not only does Prusso dominate the hunter ring, but she recently competed in her first-ever grand prix riding in the \$100,000 Coors Light Grand Prix at WEC – Ocala. We caught up with the up-and-coming athlete to learn more about her junior career and some of the horses in her string.

Andrew Ryback Photography

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## **Upcoming Events**

#### World Equestrian Center – Ocala

2023 Winter Spectacular

Winter Spectacular III: January 18-22 Winter Spectacular IV: January 25-29 Winter Spectacular V: February 1-5 Winter Spectacular VI: February 8-12 Winter Spectacular VII: February 15-19 Winter Spectacular VIII: February 22-26 Winter Spectacular IX: February 28-March 5 Winter Spectacular X: March 8-12 Winter Spectacular XI: March 15-19 Winter Spectacular XII: March 22-26

#### <u>World Equestrian Center –</u> Wilmington

2023 Winter in the Midwest

Winter Classic VI: January 18-22 Winter Classic VII: January. 25-29 Winter Classic VIII: February 1-5 Winter Classic IX: February 8-12 Winter Classic X: February 15-19 Winter Classic XI: February 22-26 Winter Classic XII: March 1-5 Winter Classic Spring Forward: March 8-12 Winter Classic XIV: March 15-19 Winter Classic XV: March 22-26 Winter Classic XVI: March 29-April 2 Winter Classic XVII: April 12-16

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World Equestrian Center features two premier equestrian and multidisciplinary venues in Ocala, Florida, and Wilmington, Ohio.

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Dedicated to offering great sport and good fun in a family-friendly environment, World Equestrian Center promises an unparalleled experience for exhibitors, spectators, vendors, sponsors and retailers built on three core values: Quality. Class. Distinction.

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