

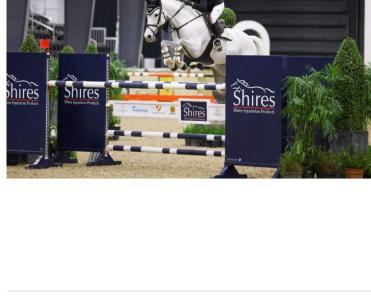
World Equestrian Center Highlights From Ocala Winter Spectacular IV and Wilmington Winter in the **Midwest VII** Luis Sabino Goncalves (POR) and



Bemol des Champs, owned by Sigma Stables LLC, secured victory in the \$100,000 UF Health Grand Prix at WEC - Ocala.

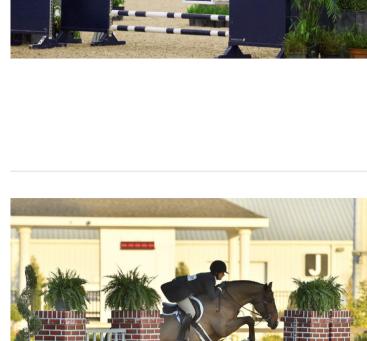
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"I have had him for a few months. He came over from France where he was competing with an amateur in the 1.45m and a few 1.55m. I flew him into LAX in California, and we did a few national shows over there. Then we did the World Cup™ in Fort Worth, TX,



where he was eleventh in the CSI4* Grand Prix."

Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography Megan Bash (USA) and Cleveland Equestrian's FF Dior topped the



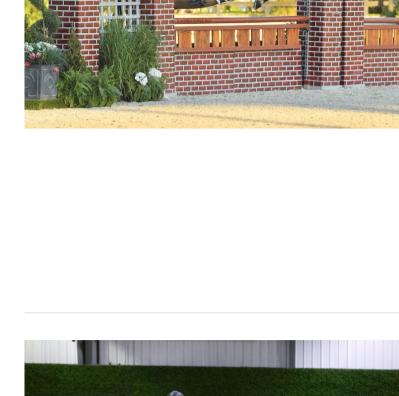
Wilmington Grand Prix. "This is a new horse for me that I don't know very well. I just tried to keep my cool, and she jumped absolutely amazing. This win feels so great. It was unexpected. My other horse [Jackson

podium in the \$30,000 WEC -

VDL] I know so much better. So to win today on FF Dior, I feel like there is so much to come in the future." Photo by Winslow Photography 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 96

and 93.



"The handy was a bit harder than it seemed. The turn right after the trot jump was pretty tight. The birch fence was right there when you landed, and then it was a bit tough to get your horse's eye on the red vertical. Luckily, Lafitte has some experience with that sort of approach and knows what's coming."

Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography Kristjan Good piloted Carano, owned by Alexandra Maletta, to the win in the \$15,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Open at WEC – Wilmington. The pair earned scores of 82 and 90. "I have had Carano since he was three years old and he is eight now. I did him through his 3'6" year last year, and I

showed him in the derbies at home in

Canada. I showed him at the Royal Winter Fair and won a derby with him

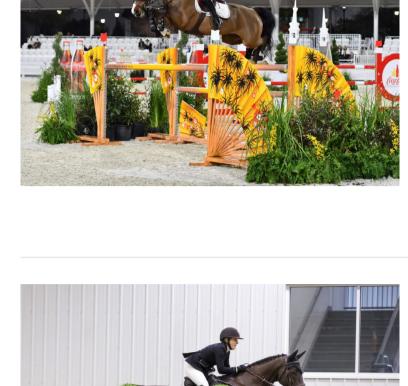
there. He is a really brave dude!"

Photo by Winslow Photography

own Origi Van't Roosaker.

For the second week in a row, Jelmer Hoekstra (DEN) was victorious in the \$15,000 Buckeye Nutrition Futures Prix at WEC - Ocala, this time aboard his

"Origi Van't Roosaker is a nine-year-old Belgian Warmblood. His mentality is unbelievable, and the quality is great.



Every time we go into the ring he's such a fighter and makes my job easy because he takes you to every jump." Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography Campbell Kahn (USA) and her own

Coconut On The Rocks Z won the

Wilmington.

\$10,000 EquiJet Futures Prix at WEC –

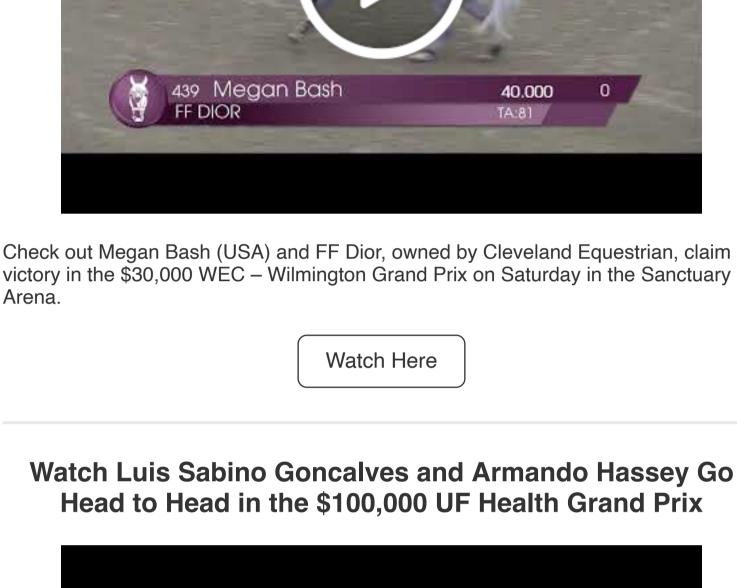
"I got him about a year and a half ago. I

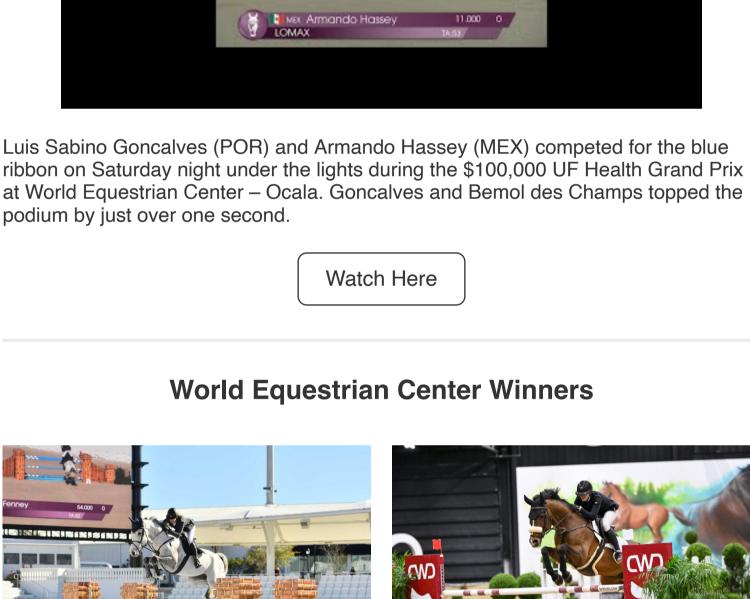
have been moving up the ranks with him. We just moved up to the Medium

Photo by <u>Winslow Photography</u>

Junior Jumpers. 'Coconut' is the best horse I have ever owned."







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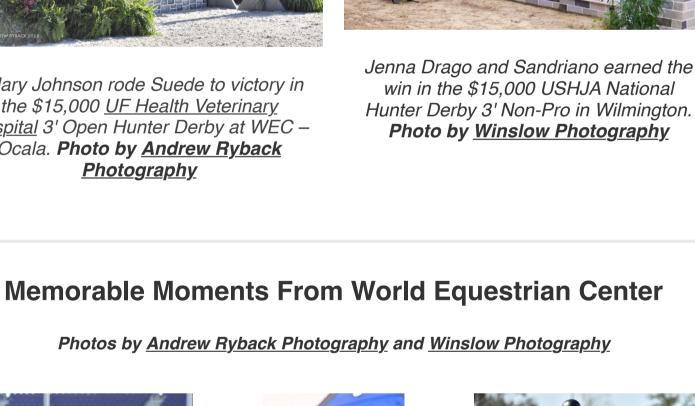


Tracy Fenney (USA) and MTM Hachi

took home the blue ribbon in the \$24,000

C. Jarvis Insurance Welcome Prix in

Ocala. Photo by Andrew Ryback **Photography**

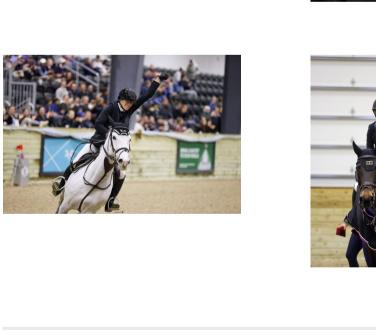


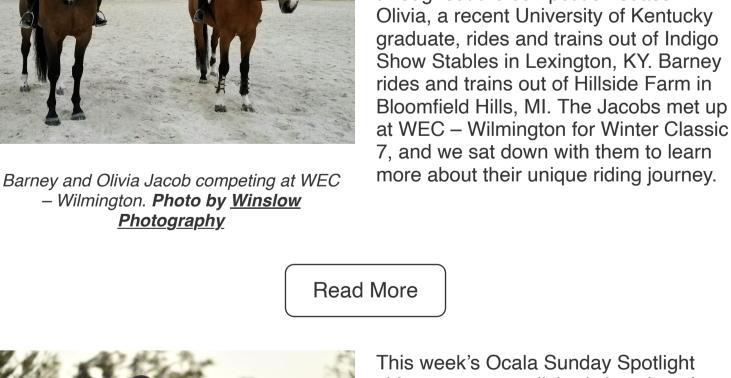
Darby Pease (USA) and Carel Van

Donderen were victorious in the \$10,000

WEC - Wilmington Welcome Stake.

Photo by Winslow Photography





Sunday Spotlight: Barney and Olivia Jacob and Samantha Schaefer This week's Wilmington Sunday Spotlight shines on the father-daughter amateur duo, Barney and Olivia Jacob. The Jacobs, originally from Lake Angelus, MI, share a growing love for the sport and continue to show alongside each other throughout the competition season.

and hunter rider Samantha Schaefer of

impressive titles at premier shows across

dominated the sport since she was a junior rider taking home numerous

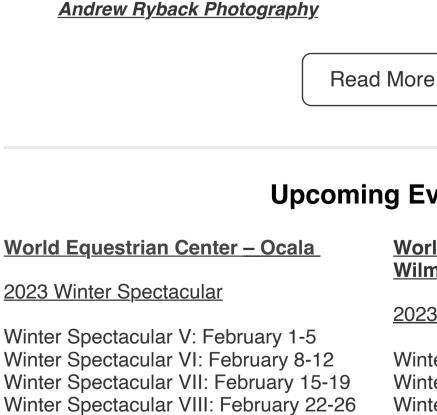
incredible career and three of her top

Westminster, MD. Schaefer has

the continent. We caught up with Schaefer to learn more about her

Wilmington. Photo by <u>Winslow</u> **Photography** This week's Ocala Sunday Spotlight shines on accomplished show jumping

mounts.



Samantha Schaefer and In the Know competing at WEC - Ocala. Photo by

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