

2023 THE FEI WORLD CUP™ FINALS—Omaha, Nebraska

The FEI World Cup™ Finals Omaha 2023 took place at the CHI Health Center Omaha in Omaha, Nebraska, April 4–8, and featured world-class competition in dressage, jumping and vaulting.

Jessica von Bredow-Werndl, from Germany, was a strong favorite in the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final, presented by Havensafe Farm, and did not disappoint, delivering a dazzling performance to hoist the winning trophy for the second year in a row. Highest-placed American athlete **Steffen Peters** finished in fourth after a captivating freestyle aboard **Suppenkasper**, while **Anna Buffini** also delighted the crowd with her “Top Gun Maverick” freestyle and **Alice Tarjan** finished positively in her FEI World Cup™ Finals debut.

Jumping riders had everyone on the edge of their seats through each phase of the competition, with many stand-out performances across the challenging tracks set by FEI Level 4 Course Designer **Bernardo Costa Cabral** (POR). Though it was **Henrik von Eckermann** of Sweden and **King Edward** that were crowned victorious, **Hunter Holloway** made her mark for the U.S. contingent, finishing on the podium in third place. Her success was especially meaningful as a Midwest native, basing just a few hours away in Kansas.

It was the first time that the Burlington Capital FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final was held in the United States, and the vaulters were excited to showcase their sport on the international stage. The Germans dominated all three categories, taking the top spots in the female, male, and pas de deux competitions, but U.S. athletes **Daniel Janes** and **Kimberly Palmer** also put in impressive routines in front of the home crowd.



1. **Nicholas Dello Joio, Devin Ryan, McLain Ward, Aaron Vale, Natalie Dean, Ailish Cuniffe, Simonne Berg, Elisa Broz** and **Hunter Holloway** represented Team USA in the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final Omaha 2023. 2. **Hunter Holloway** and **Pepita Con Spita** celebrated their third-place finish in the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final Omaha 2023. 3. **Anna Buffini** and **FRH Davinia la Douce**. 4. **Steffen Peters** celebrated with **Suppenkasper**. 5. **Kimberly Palmer** was electric aboard **Romeo** with help from lunger **Christoph Lensing**. 6. **Alice Tarjan, Anna Buffini** and **Steffen Peters** made up the U.S. contingent in the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final Omaha 2023, presented by Havensafe Farm. 7. **Nicholas Dello Joio** and **Cornet's Cambridge**. 8. **Steffen Peters, Hunter Holloway** and **Aaron Vale** had some fun at the autograph signing session. 9. Thumbs up for **Devin Ryan** and **Eddie Blue**. 10. **McLain Ward** and **Callas**. All photos by Jump Media

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