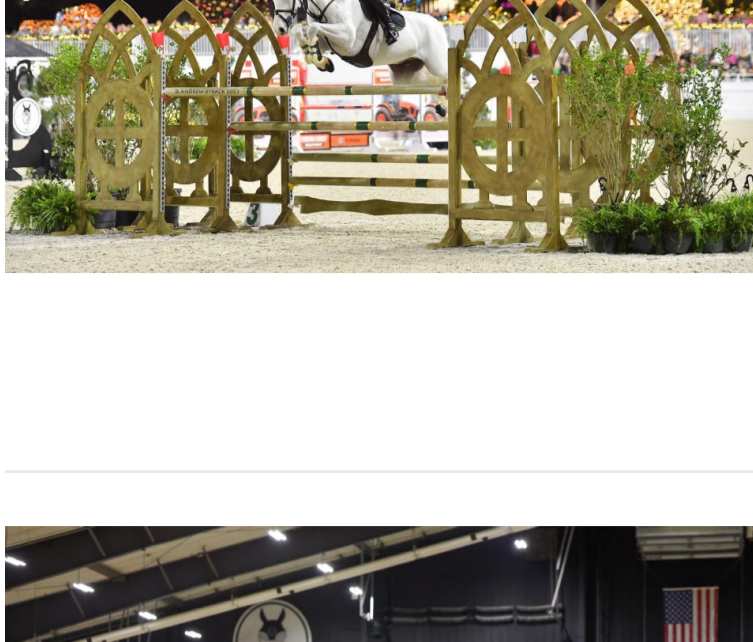


## World Equestrian Center Highlights From Ocala December 1 and Wilmington Winter Classic II



In the \$150,000 **Lugano Diamonds** Grand Prix CSI3\* at WEC – Ocala, Olympian Beat Mändli (SUI) dazzled the crowd with Amiro B Z.

“This is actually our first grand prix jump-off. I came here to get him ready for the winter circuit ahead, and I did not expect to win. He felt amazing tonight and handled the crowd very well. I was surprised to see so many people; it was nice to ride and a really fun evening. I have really high hopes for him in the future.”

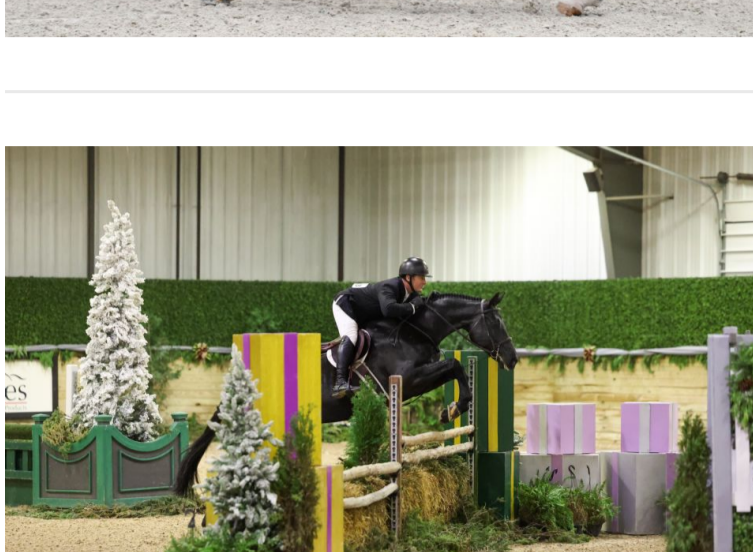
*Photo by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)*



Sam Pegg (CAN) and Gin Tonic 158 won back-to-back grand prix classes in the \$30,000 Grand Prix at WEC – Wilmington.

“He has worked his way up to a barn favorite! He has had a really exceptional year. We got him in the middle of January last year, and he has won eight or 10 grands prix already, including our first FEI Grand Prix together.”

*Photo by [Winslow Photography](#)*



Samantha Schaefer and In The Know secured a hat trick in the \$12,500 Golden Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby.

“Spyder” gets whatever he wants. He’s a little obnoxious in the barn, but he’s so perfect everyone just lets him do what he wants. He’s super spoiled, but rightfully so. He’s a part of the family, and I still have so much fun every time I ride him.”

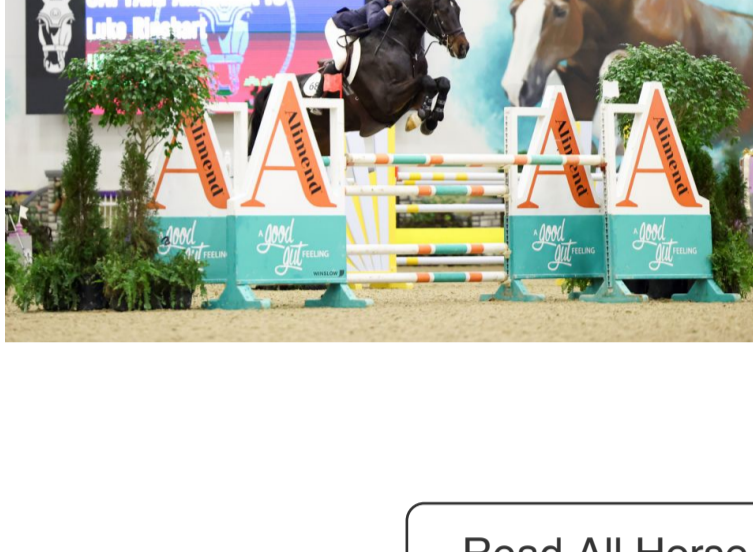
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Greg Crolick was unstoppable among a field of 20 in the \$15,000 USHJA National Open Hunter Derby at WEC – Wilmington with all four of his entered mounts in the top 12, and Douglas De Riverland taking the top spot.

“Doug is a new ride for me. I didn’t know where he was going to go, he did the 3'6" for the first time this week. He went around lovely for me. He is really a pleasant horse to ride and easy to get to the ring. He really shined in the 3'6" and was jumping so well today.”

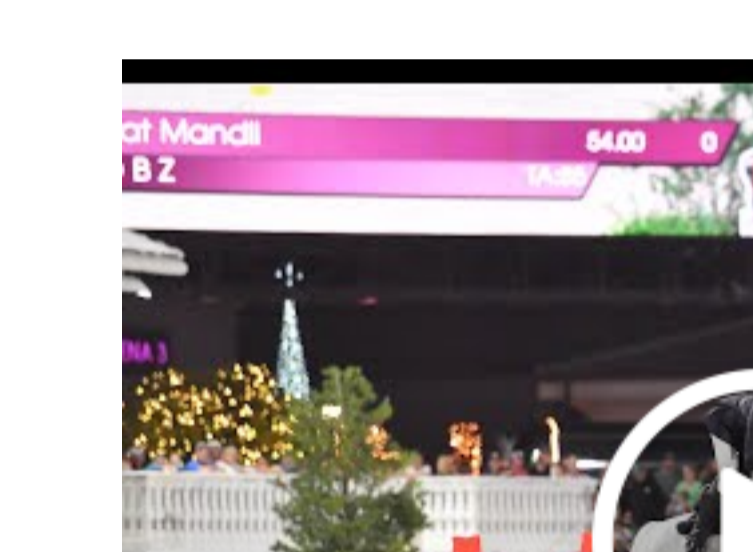
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In the \$15,000 **Buckeye Nutrition** Futures Prix at WEC – Ocala, Katie Eppinger (USA) and her own Chaccos Cherry PS (Chaccos Blue x Gold Cherry) set the pace early in the order and couldn’t be caught.

“We only just started showing her in August. We bought her at the end of June, and I couldn’t be happier with our progress. She’s an amazing mare. She’s game, super sweet, and the kind of horse that will always be there for you.”

*Photo by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)*



Captain America 10 jumped to the top of the leaderboard once again, this time with Luke Rinehart (USA) in the irons in the \$10,000 Futures Prix at WEC – Wilmington.

“Our plan changed a lot after we saw the first couple go. In the jump-off, there was an inside turn at the far end of the ring that was riding differently than we thought it would. I changed my plan a bit walking in and I went around, and it worked out well.”

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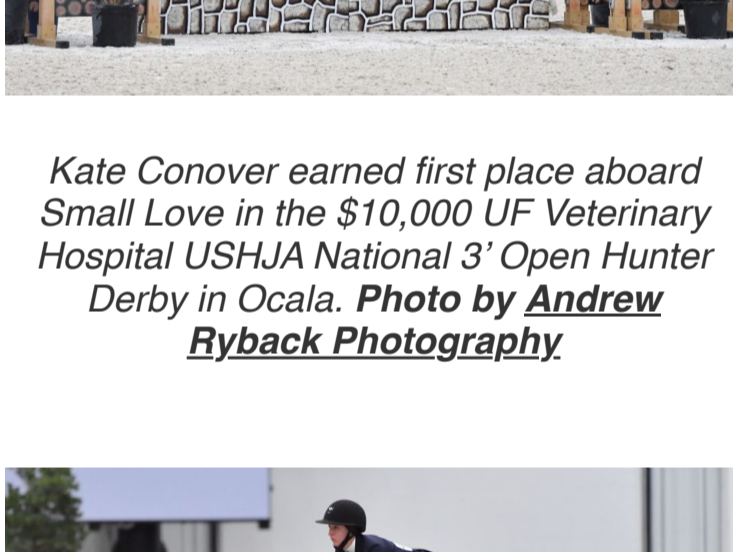
## Watch the Winning Jump-Off Round for Beat Mändli and Amiro B Z in the \$150,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI3\*



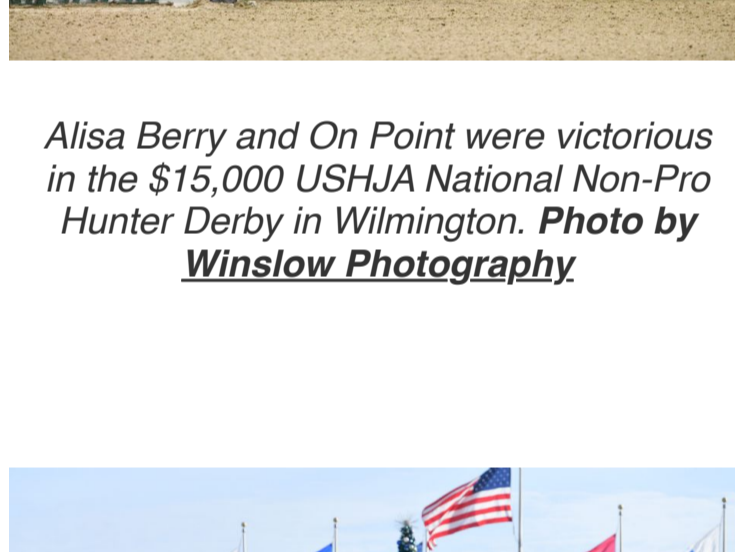
Watch Beat Mändli and Amiro B Z wow the crowds to win the \$150,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI3\* in the WEC Grand Arena on Saturday, December 9.

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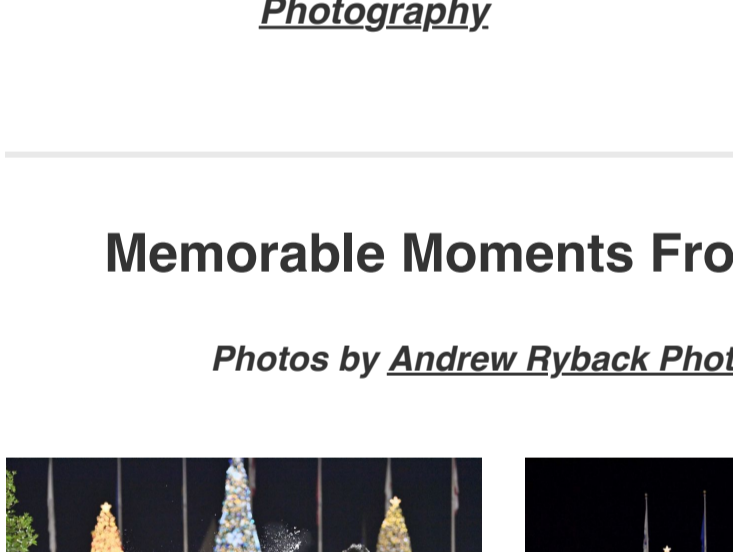
## World Equestrian Center Winners



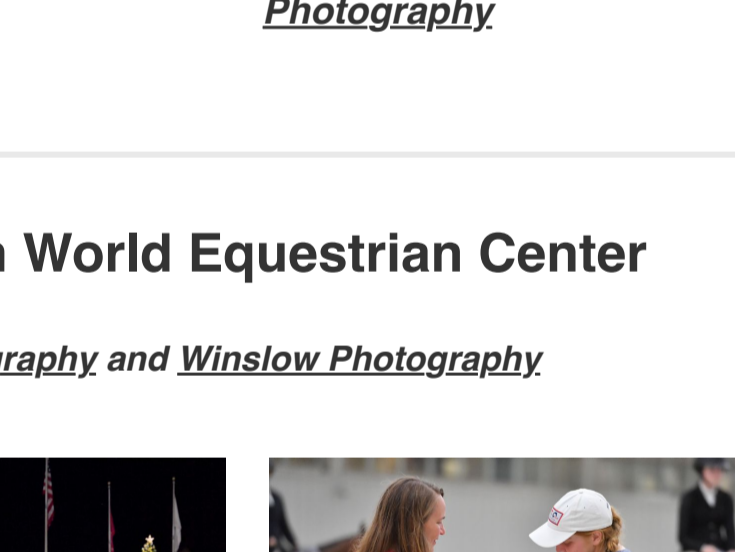
*Samantha Schaefer (USA) and Frasier won the \$40,000 1.45m Two Phase Special CSI3\* in Ocala. [Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography](#)*



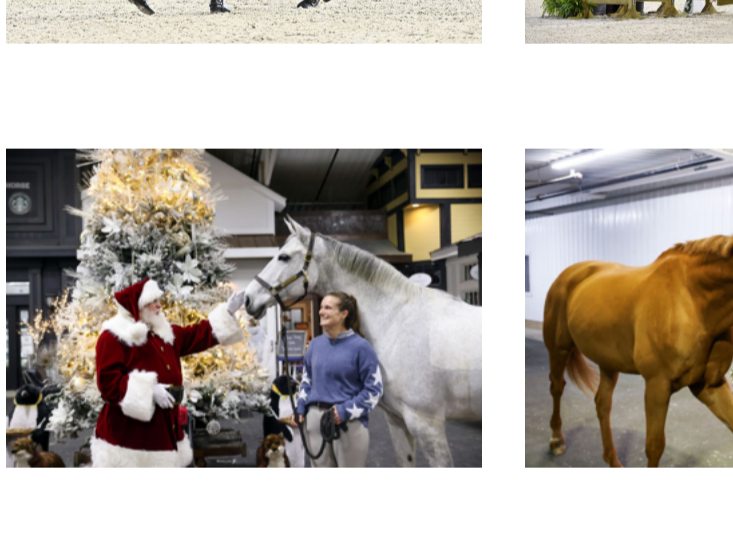
*Richard Rinehart (USA) and Captain America 10 set the tone for show jumping competition with a win in the \$10,000 CWD Welcome Stake in Wilmington. [Photo by Winslow Photography](#)*



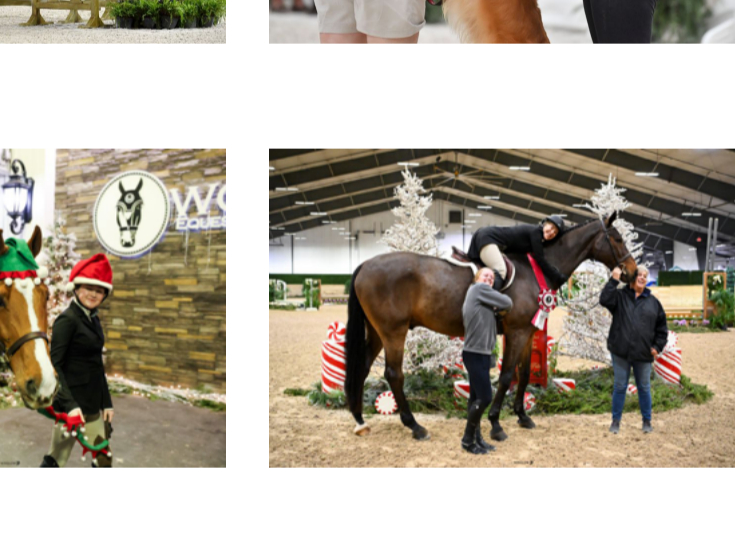
*Grace Debney (GBR) captured the first international victory of the series in the \$40,000 1.45m Speed CSI3\* with Zarina De Vidau in Ocala. [Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography](#)*



*Luis Larrazabal (VEN) snagged the win in the \$50,000 UF Health Grand Prix Qualifier CSI3\* aboard Belle De Muze in Ocala. [Photo by Winslow Photography](#)*



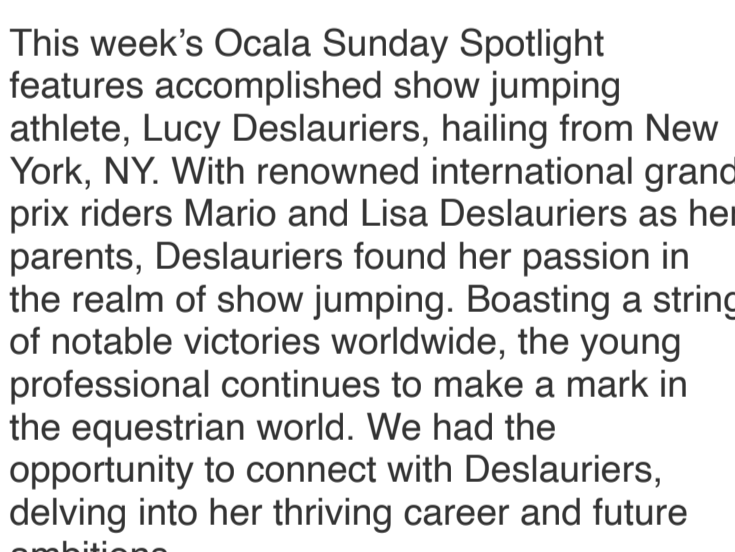
*Kate Conover earned first place aboard Small Love in the \$10,000 UF Veterinary Hospital USHJA National 3' Open Hunter Derby in Ocala. [Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography](#)*



*Alisa Berry and On Point were victorious in the \$15,000 USHJA National Non-Pro Hunter Derby in Wilmington. [Photo by Winslow Photography](#)*



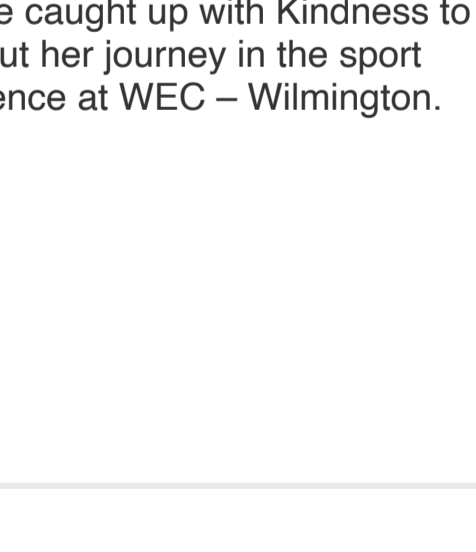
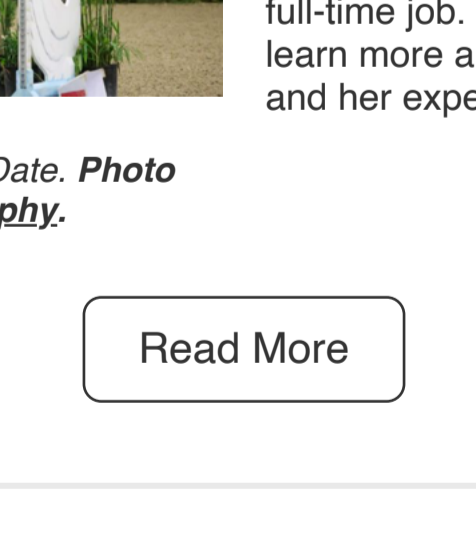
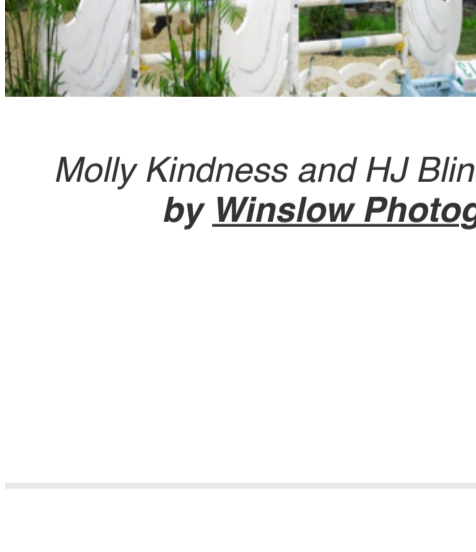
*Isabelle Ehman piloted her new partner Charlie Brown to victory in the \$10,000 USHJA National 3' Jr/Am Hunter Derby in Ocala. [Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography](#)*



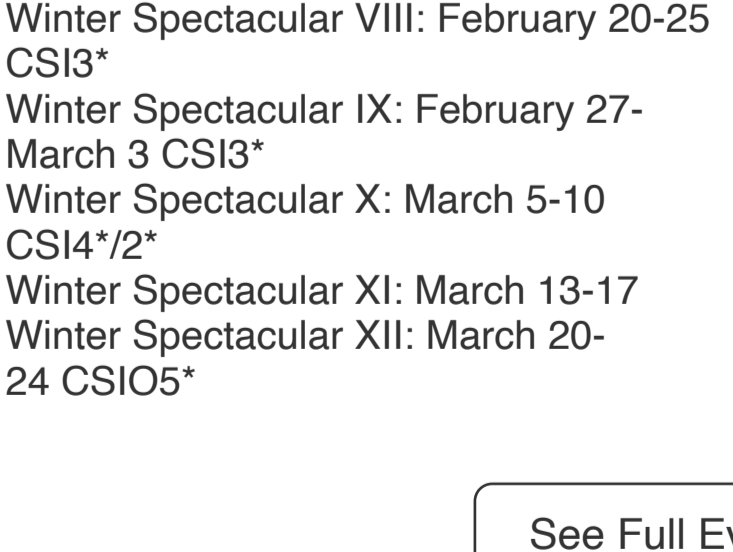
*Tracy Fenney (USA) and MTM Apple claimed the top position in the \$50,000 Lugano Diamonds National Grand Prix in Ocala. [Photo by Winslow Photography](#)*

## Memorable Moments From World Equestrian Center

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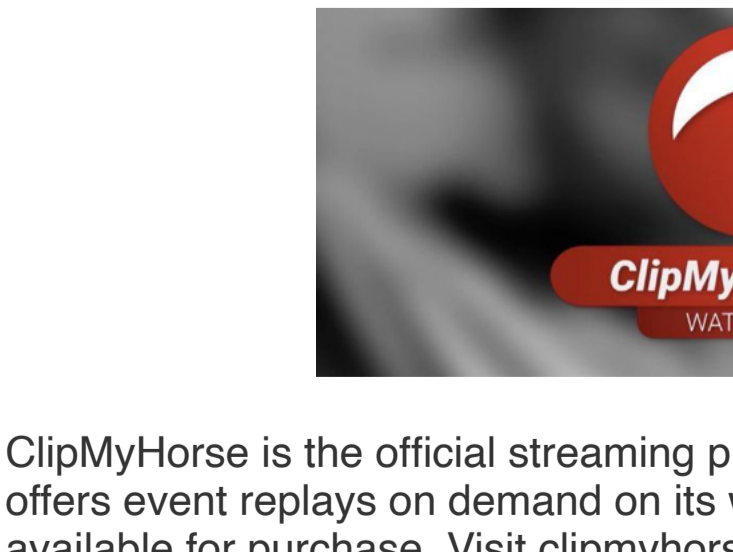
## Sunday Spotlight: Lucy Deslauriers and Molly Kindness



*Lucy Deslauriers and Joevaro N showing in the \$150,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI3\*. [Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography](#)*

This week’s Ocala Sunday Spotlight features accomplished show jumping athlete, Lucy Deslauriers, hailing from New York, NY. With renowned international grand prix riders Mario and Lisa Deslauriers as her parents, Deslauriers found her passion in the realm of show jumping. Boasting a string of notable victories worldwide, the young professional continues to make a mark in the equestrian world. We had the opportunity to connect with Deslauriers, delving into her thriving career and future ambitions.

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*Molly Kindness and HJ Blind Date. [Photo by Winslow Photography](#)*

This week’s Wilmington Sunday Spotlight shines on professional Molly Kindness. The athlete of Cincinnati, OH, has been a frequent competitor at World Equestrian Center – Wilmington with her string of young horses, including her top mares HJ Blind Date and HJ Komara. When she is not in the barn bringing along the babies, Kindness can be found working her other full-time job. We caught up with Kindness to learn more about her journey in the sport and her experience at WEC – Wilmington.

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### World Equestrian Center – Ocala

#### 2023 December Show Series

December II: December 12-17

#### 2024 Winter Spectacular Show Series Dates

Winter Spectacular I: January 3-7  
Winter Spectacular II: January 10-14  
Winter Spectacular III: January 17-21  
Winter Spectacular IV: January 24-28  
Winter Spectacular V: January 31-February 4  
Winter Spectacular VI: February 7-11  
Winter Spectacular VII: February 13-18 CSI3\*  
Winter Spectacular VIII: February 20-25 CSI3\*  
Winter Spectacular IX: February 27-March 3 CSI3\*  
Winter Spectacular X: March 5-10 CSI4\*/2\*  
Winter Spectacular XI: March 13-17  
Winter Spectacular XII: March 20-24 CSI05\*

### World Equestrian Center – Wilmington

#### 2024 Winter in the Midwest Dates

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Winter Classic Spring Forward: March 6-10  
Winter Classic XIV: March 13-17  
Winter Classic XV: March 20-24  
Winter Classic XVII: April 3-7  
Winter Classic XVIII: April 12-16

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