



## World Equestrian Center Highlights

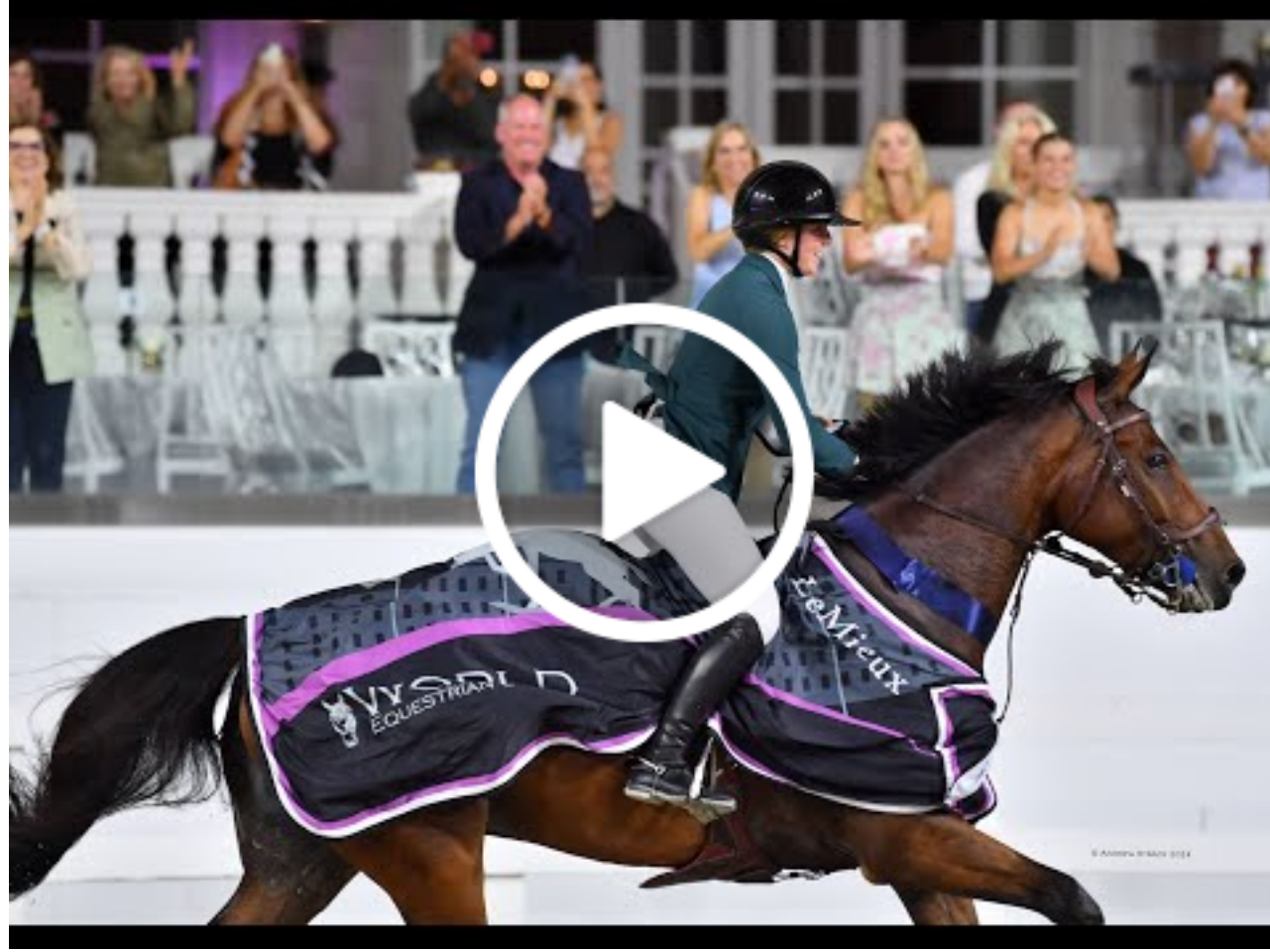
### Ocala Summer I



The \$62,500 [Wheels Up](#) and [5x5 Trading](#) Grand Prix CSI2\* was the highlight event of the week, and Maya Denis (MEX) and her own Callypso De La Hamente Z emerged victorious after a thrilling 12-horse jump-off.

"This is a big ask for him. He delivers every time, and he's such a good boy. We've really only stepped up to the international level last month, so I am thrilled. To kick off his international career, especially as an eight-year-old so strong, I couldn't be happier. I want to take my time with him and really let him grow with the levels."

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



[Watch the winning jump-off ride for Maya Denis](#)



The \$12,500 [Golden Ocala](#) 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby was the highlight event of the afternoon where a field of elite hunter combinations competed for top honors. Victoria Colvin reigned supreme, earning first, second and third place with Southland, Dicoblue PS and Remington, respectively.

Colvin had the same plan for all three of her mounts heading into the handy round, where she was sitting in fourth with Remington, second aboard Dicoblue PS and first aboard Southland. "My plan was the same for the most part with all three. I wanted to do all of the turns. But with Southland, I had to give him a little more room to the big oxers, so I didn't stay as tidy. They all jumped great, and I am so happy they succeeded!"

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Fresh off a successful European tour, Aaron Vale (USA) came back to Ocala in top form, clinching the the \$32,500 Grand Prix Qualifier CSI2\* with Thinkslikeahorse's Prescott over 45 entries from 11 different nations.

Vale is listed on the U.S. Jumping Team Olympic Short List and has been competing across Europe in Nations Cup™ events and the Longines League of Nations™ series. His efforts contributed to a podium finish for the U.S. in the second leg of the Longines League of Nations at World Equestrian Center – Ocala in March.

Reflecting on his experiences, Vale remarked, "Every show feels like the Super Bowl with great crowds, great competition and incredible horses. Traveling to incredible places like Rome and La Baule has been wonderful, and I am so grateful to be to compete at such amazing venues."

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In the \$10,000 [UF Veterinary Hospital](#) USHJA National 3' Open Hunter Derby, Victoria Colvin emerged victorious after a stellar handy around aboard Pine Castle Farms' Playwright.

"I had a few points to make up, so I knew I had to be really handy. He's very easy to turn. All you do is look, and he's right there."

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



Paul O'Shea (IRL) stole the spotlight riding Team Eye Candy's Hellcat in the \$30,000 [Golden Ocala](#) National Grand Prix, as the sole double-clear effort and the fastest time.

"She's a very quick mare. I always have to slow down at the end, so normally there should have been eight strides straight to the last, but I did nine because sometimes she gets a little too quick. I still had the speed, but was able to ease off to the last, and luckily it was enough."

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In the \$10,000 USHJA National 3' Junior/Amateur Hunter Derby, 20 horse-and-rider combinations put forth their best efforts, but it was Lily Epstein who piloted Greta Heimbald-Gilpin's Chando W to victory.

"I was able to jump school him a couple of days ago, but this was my first time competing with him. He was really good in the first round, and I knew for the second round he was going to be just as great. I was able to take one inside turn and stay smooth to the rest."

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## Upcoming Events

### [World Equestrian Center – Ocala](#)

#### [2024 Summer Series Dates](#)

Summer Series II CSI3\*: June 18-23  
Summer Series III CSI4\*/2\*: June 25-30  
Summer Series IV: July 2-7  
Summer Series V: July 10-14  
Summer Series VI: July 17-21  
Summer Series VII: July 24-28  
Summer Series VIII: July 31-August 4  
Summer Series IX: August 7-11

### [World Equestrian Center – Wilmington](#)

#### [2024 Spring/Summer Series Dates](#)

Summer 1: July 10-14  
Summer 2: July 17-21  
Summer 3: August 7-11

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## About World Equestrian Center

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

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