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World Equestrian Center Highlights

Ocala Summer III



Erynn Ballard (CAN), recently selected to represent Canada at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, soared to the top of the \$62,500 [Fresh From Florida](#) Grand Prix CSI2* aboard Della White's Gucci.

"I was pretty motivated this morning. Right off the bat, I left one stride out in the first line. I did a left-lead approach to give me an inside track where I could do the leave out. It all ends up being a game of lines, speed and angles; you just have to do what suits your horse best."

Photo by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)



[See Erynn Ballard fly to the win with Gucci](#)



Aaron Vale (USA) emerged victorious with Thinklikeahorse's Gray's Inn in the horse's first-ever international win in the \$182,000 [Florida Coast Equipment](#) Grand Prix CSI4* over four others in the jump-off.

"He's my wife's horse, so I don't get on him very often. I know the horse and see him every day, but she does 95 percent of the riding. He had a great night on Thursday, so I felt pretty good heading into the class tonight."

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In the \$12,500 [Golden Ocala](#) 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby, the competition was fierce with scores reaching into the 90s, but it was Maria Rasmussen and Sunset View Farm LLC's Worthy who topped them all.

"I wanted to take advantage of the fact that my horse is so handy, and the more I turned the higher he would start jumping. If I am able to really aim for the track he knows exactly where we're going, and he just gets higher and higher."

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In a thrilling seven-horse jump-off, Andres Soto (DOM) was last to go and claimed the winning title aboard his own Optimus Blue in the \$62,500 Grand Prix Qualifier CSI4*.

"I debuted this horse back in 2021 right here in this ring. We had great results together, and then he went to compete with a client. I got him back two years ago. We've been to the Pan American Games, and he is an incredible athlete. He's an experienced horse, and tonight was the night for him."

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Summer III Winners



Great Britain's Amanda Derbyshire claimed victory aboard her longtime partner Cornwall BH owned by Gochman Sport Horse LLC, in the \$31,500 Grand Prix Qualifier CSI2*. *Photo by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)*



Michael Murphy took home top honors in the \$10,000 [UF Veterinary Hospital](#) USHJA National 3' Open Hunter Derby aboard Wellington Equestrian Center LLC's Viloubet with two impressive scores of 94 and 92. *Photo by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)*



Kristen Vanderveen (USA) took an early lead aboard Bull Run Jumpers Five LLC's Bull Run's Faustin De Tili and held it to win the \$31,500 1.45m Speed CSI4. *Photo by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)*



Mary Beth McGee aboard her own Cellestino captured the win in the \$10,000 USHJA National 3' Jr/Am Hunter Derby. *Photo by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)*

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[World Equestrian Center – Ocala](#)

[2024 Summer Series Dates](#)

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

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[2024 Spring/Summer Series Dates](#)

Summer I: July 10-14
Summer II: July 17-21
Summer III: 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.

These exclusive facilities comprise state-of-the-art arenas, expansive stadiums, versatile outdoor space, sporting fields and well-appointed exposition centers. An abundance of lodging options and luxury accommodations are conveniently located on-site, along with shopping and dining throughout each property.

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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