



World Equestrian Center Highlights

Ocala Summer V



In the \$75,000 [MARS Equestrian Grand Prix](#), Rodrigo Lambre (BRA) stole the show riding Ilan Ferder's J'adore Van Het Klinkhof and secured his first WEC – Ocala grand prix victory.

"I know the mare very well. We have been in many jump-offs together, so I knew I didn't have to go crazy to get the time, but be fast enough. I rode off my eye for most of the jump-off because she can just land and go. The last oxer was a bit tricky, so I wanted to be a little square so she could step right, and she was perfect."

Photo by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)

Watch the Winning Jump-Off Round for Rodrigo Lambre and J'adore Van Het Klinkhof in the \$75,000 MARS Equestrian Grand Prix



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In the \$12,500 [Golden Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby](#), Daniel Geitner and Lexy Reed both scored an impressive 181 overall. However, it was Reed's base scores that ultimately secured her the blue ribbon aboard Kate Sieveking's RSH Kalman.

"We got 'Pretzel' six months ago from Bibby Farmer of Derby Lane Farms. We bought him as a junior hunter for one of our kids, and he did so great in the Performance Hunters this week that we decided to enter him in the derby because of the great prize money."

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Wilmington Summer I



Fresh off their win in the \$7,500 Welcome Stake, M. Michael Meller's Fire Fly returned in top form with Kelly Soleau-Millar (USA) in the irons to claim their second blue ribbon of the week in the \$25,000 Grand Prix.

"I feel unbelievable actually! I have never done this before; I haven't won the open class and the grand prix in the same week. I feel very fortunate to have such a good mare. Fire Fly is one of my favorites. The last grand prix that I won was on a mare that was very similar to her named Itty Bitty, and they are both little bays, fast and careful mares. Apparently, I have a type!"

Photo by [Winslow Photography](#)



A rainy classic round did not stop Nicole Lyvere and her own Lugatti from rising to the occasion to win the \$10,000 Shoo-fly USHJA National Hunter Derby.

"I wanted to be a bit more conservative than I ended up being. Going in sitting in second, I just wanted to rely on my good first-round score and just lay down another solid one to carry me through. I didn't want to go inside the standard after jump one, but that was how it worked out! I went for it, and it paid off."

Photo by [Winslow Photography](#)



Ireland's Kevin Gallagher returned with his mount Ninja BF to defend his win in the \$7,500 Futures Prix at Spring II.

"He is a six-year-old by Chacoon Blue that I have had in the barn since January. He won the six-year-old final in Wellington and then came here and won his first time in the Futures Prix a few weeks ago. He is unbelievably consistent."

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World Equestrian Center Winners



*Kelly Soleau-Millar (USA) and M. Michael Meller's Fire Fly surpassed the field for the win in the \$7,500 Welcome Stake. **Photo by [Winslow Photography](#)***



*Tracy Fenney stole the spotlight in the \$10,000 [UF Veterinary Hospital USHJA National 3' Open Hunter Derby](#), claiming both first and second place with her talented young mounts, MTM Chic Flick and MTM Knock out, both owned by MTM Farm. **Photo by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)***



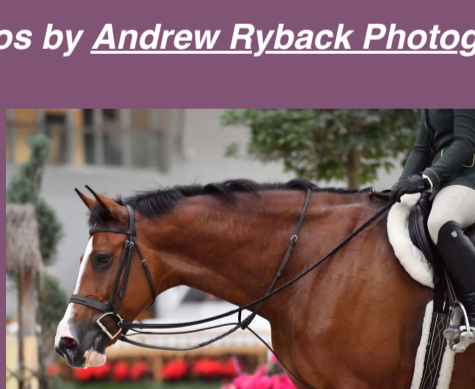
*The top placings in the \$24,000 [C. Jarvis Insurance Welcome Prix](#) were separated by mere tenths of a second, but ultimately it was Sharn Wordley (NZL) who clinched victory aboard his new partner Hagelin, owned by Della Wordley. **Photo by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)***



*Thirty-two talented junior and amateur athletes competed in the \$10,000 USHJA National 3' Jr/Am Hunter Derby, but it was Kalli Core who triumphed with two consistent scores riding Donna Rosman's Karakter. **Photo by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)***

Memorable Moments From Ocala

Photos by [Andrew Ryback Photography](#)



Wilmington Sunday Spotlight



This week's Wilmington Sunday Spotlight shines on Sarah Sturges' eight-year-old American Warmblood gelding, Labyrinth (Warone x Zirocco Blue VDL). Born on her family farm in Sunbury, OH, Sturges has developed her talented homebred gelding from his first rides to his debut in WEC – Wilmington's Welcome Stake and Futures Prix.

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*Sarah Sturges and Labyrinth. **Photo by [Winslow Photography](#)***

Upcoming Events

World Equestrian Center – Ocala

2024 Summer Show Series Dates

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 Summer Show Series Dates

Summer II: July 17-21
Summer III: August 7-11

[2024 Summer Schooling Show Series Dates](#)

July 26-28
August 23-25
August 30-September 1

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