



World Equestrian Center Highlights

Wilmington Fall III



All eyes were on the \$60,000 [Standlee](#) Grand Prix where a field of 33 internationally acclaimed horse-and-athlete combinations contested FEI Level IV course designer Guilherme Jorge's (BRA) technical first-round track. Tiffany Hammack (USA), riding for Foxwood Farm owned by Roger and Kay Schramm, discovered the quickest path with Verdi O'merveilles.

"He is very fast! He likes to double down and act like a race horse on the back side. It has been a little bit of a learning curve! He jumped three grands prix double clear in a row this summer, and I feel like at the end of that he really understood the job. He helped me out through the double in the jump-off, and it worked out."



In the Young Jumper Championship, riders nominated their five, six, and seven-year-olds into the Young Horse Incentive Program at WEC – Wilmington for the opportunity to compete for a total of \$45,000 worth of prize money.

Faults carried over three classes throughout the week, with all tied fault-free riders returning for a jump-off phase Saturday afternoon to crown each respective winner. Prize money was divided among each age group: the \$5,000 Five-Year-Old Jumper Championship, \$15,000 Six-Year-Old Jumper Championship, and \$25,000 Seven-Year-Old Jumper Championship.

The \$25,000 Seven-Year-Old Jumper Championship had impressive talent, resulting in a four-horse jump-off for the tie breaker. Canada's Paul Halpern was dominant in the field, riding two of the four qualified horses from the three days to claim first and third place with Humble Vm and M, respectively.

"I think the program is fantastic. I can't thank WEC enough for doing it. We can't have grand prix horses if we can't develop them. Especially in North America, it can be quite costly, so offering this affordable way to do it and great prize money is not only rewarding, but it gives owners an incentive to want to do this."



David Cameron emerged victorious in a four-horse jump-off in the \$15,000 Six-Year-Old Championship. Aboard Kristian Watkins's Holsteiner gelding, Counterattack (Casall x Eye Caramba), Cameron produced a clear round each day and a quick jump-off time to earn the victory.

"I like the idea of the championship format. I think it is nice to occasionally put a little bit of pressure on them like they will have later in their career. It's not for every week, but it is great to do, and I think my horse really thrived on that today. At the end of the day, we are trying to produce sport horses to compete at the top level, and I think this really reflected that."



In the \$5,000 Five-Year-Old Jumper Championship, Canada's Shawn Butler piloted BSH Prime Time to three clear rounds. As the only duo to produce clear efforts all week, Butler stood atop the podium to claim the win, paving a bright future ahead for the five-year-old Warmblood stallion.



The \$10,000 [Absorbine](#) Futures Prix stole the spotlight Friday evening at WEC – Wilmington, inviting a field of 32 horse-and-athlete combinations to try their hand at Guilherme Jorge's tracks. As part of a large group of talented professionals and young horses, Claire Austin (USA) notched an impressive win to add to her record aboard her own K T Miel.

"He has such a big stride. Coming off the B element of the butterfly combination, I was able to leave out the stride in that bending line, and no one else did that. He does it so easily, so I think that was where I won it."



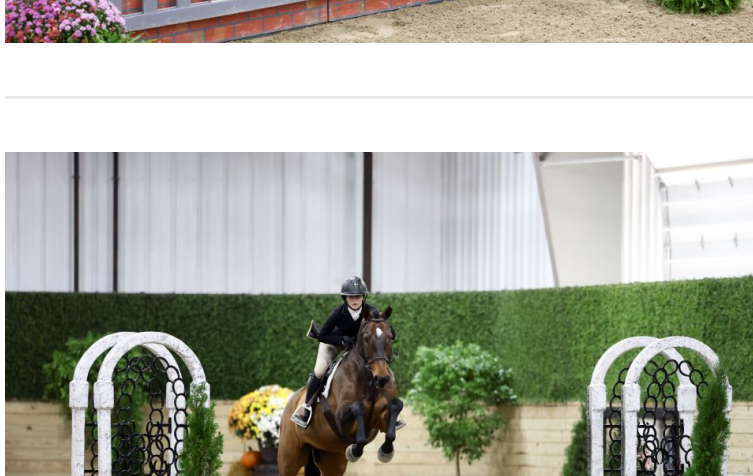
The R+L Annex Arena showcased the \$7,500 WEC Young Hunter Championship 2'9" and the \$5,750 Young Hunter Championship 3' & 3'3" on Friday afternoon. Concluding a year of hard work in the Young Hunter divisions, horse-and-rider combinations were invited back to vie for the win in the Young Hunter Championship classes to cap off the year in a classic format.

The \$5,570 Young Hunter Championship 3' & 3'3" saw Allie McBreen pilot Aidan Mewha's Hartwood to top of the class. McBreen and the six-year-old Westphalian mare by Dreitakt x Querida, secured the lead with two consistent rounds and an overall score of 165.

"We have loved the program this year. It gave us a cost-effective way to show this young horse and really give her a lot of experience at an amazing venue. I feel like she has really been set up for success because she's been able to experience the décor here at WEC and get the exposure at a top, busy show venue."



In the \$7,500 Young Hunter Championship set at 2'9", Tyler Petrie came out on top aboard her own five-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding, Spellcheck, by Checkmate x Two Socks.



In the \$15,000 Standlee USHJA National Hunter Derby, Jenna Drago and her own Sandriano ultimately mastered Bobby Murphy's tracks for victory over a decorated group of hunters.

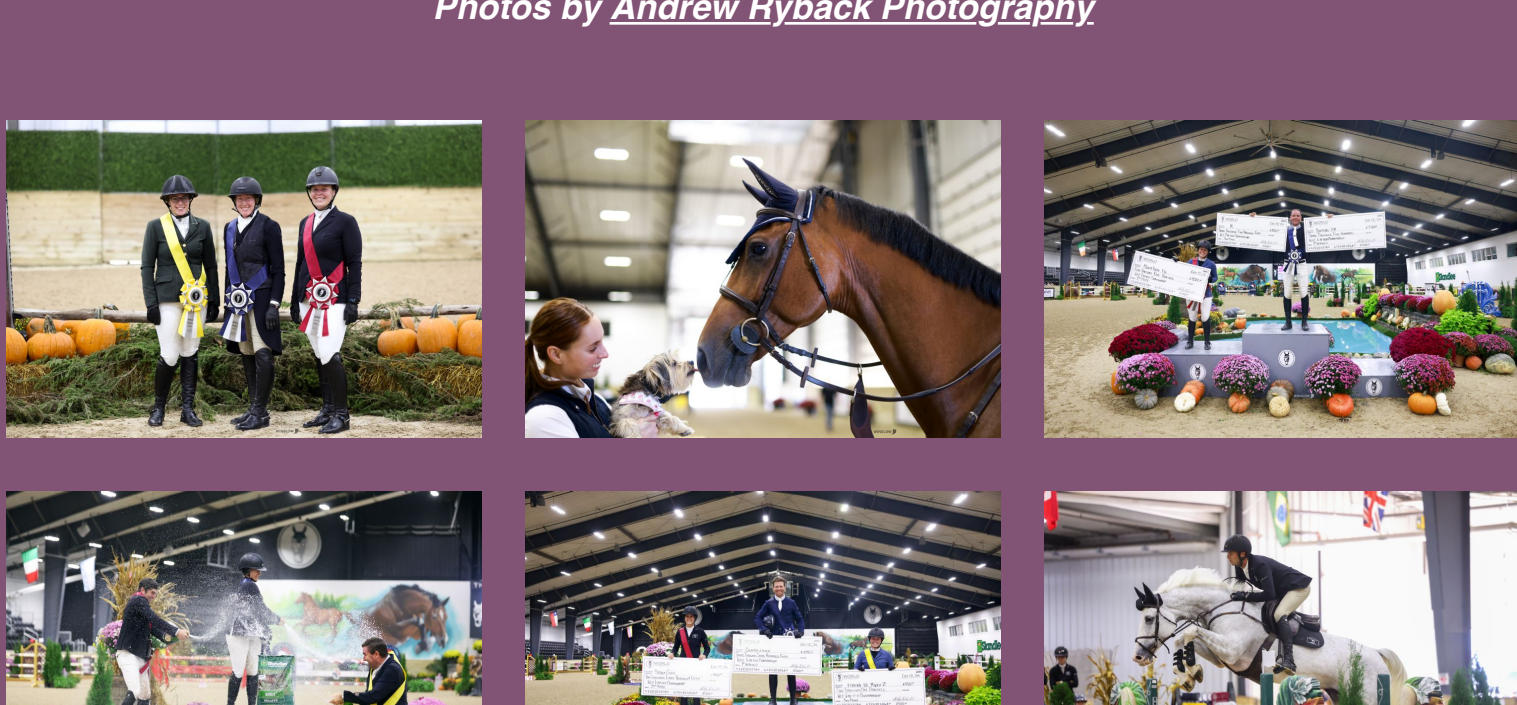
"He typically takes a couple months off. I got him fit and ready specifically for this show because WEC always puts on great derbies."

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Wilmington Fall III Sunday Spotlight



Charlotte Babbitt and Vivianne Blue PS. Photo by [Winslow Photography](#)

This week's Wilmington Sunday Spotlight shines on Charlotte Babbitt. The young professional, riding and managing at Riffle Hitch LLC, comes from a successful international eventing background and recently made the switch to the show jumping ring. With her special mare, Vivianne Blue PS, Babbitt has spent time at both WEC locations honing her skills and working toward the top level of the sport. We caught up with the determined athlete to learn more about her contagious passion for the sport and the horses.

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[2024 November and December Show Series Dates](#)

November I: November 6-10
November II: November 13-17
December I: December 3-8
December II: December 11-15

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[2024 Fall Classic Series Dates](#)

Fall Classic IV: October 16-20, 2024
Fall Classic V: October 23-27, 2024

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Midwest Indoors I: November 13-17
Midwest Indoors II: November 16-17
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