



World Equestrian Center Highlights

Ocala December II



The \$75,000 [MARS Equestrian](#) Grand Prix was won by Tracy Fenney and her fan-favorite partner, MTM Apple, who delivered a nail-biting performance that brought the crowd to its feet. Winning by a three-second lead, Fenney claimed the final grand prix victory of the year.

"When I got back to the ramp, everyone was saying, 'That was three seconds faster!' I didn't even look at the time while I was in the ring — I just saw number one. Apple is amazing. When she's on, she's fast, gives you an incredible feeling and makes it all so much fun."



Watch the winning jump-off ride for Tracy Fenney and MTM Apple



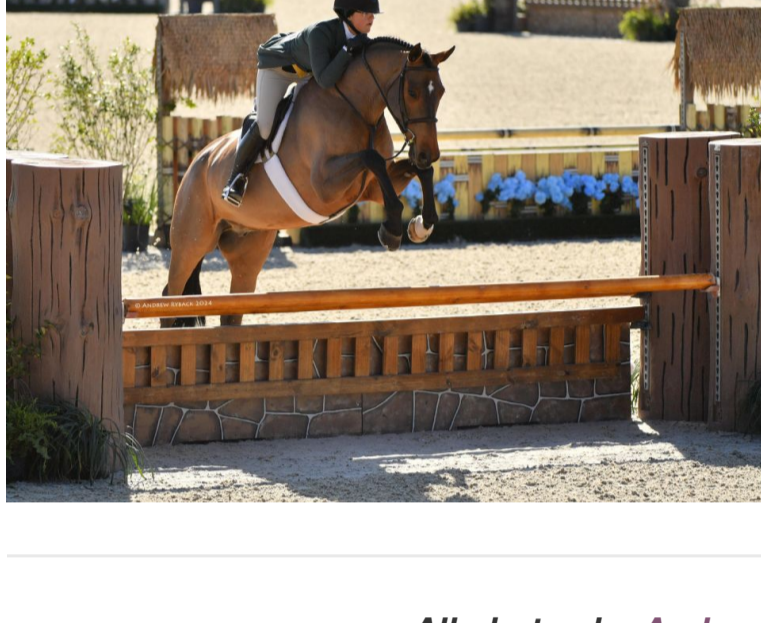
Erica Quinn claimed victory in the the \$12,500 [Golden Ocala](#) 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby aboard Redfield Farm's Magic In The Making after delivering two beautiful performances.

"I can't say enough good things about this horse. He's scopey, brave and has a wonderful personality. He just covers the ground effortlessly and is such a joy to ride. We got him in May, but Augusta Iwasaki usually shows him; while she's in college, I'm lucky enough to ride him here in the derby.



Jennifer Jones once again claimed victory in the \$10,000 [UF Veterinary Hospital](#) USHJA National 3' Open Hunter Derby riding Lincoln, owned by Elle Gibbs, with a standout performance.

"The handy was nice and fun. He explodes over them when they are a little bigger and a bit wider, and he loves anything with a little bit of an atmosphere. He needs to feel like it's a special occasion."



In the \$10,000 USHJA National 3' Jr/Am Hunter Derby, Ava Campbell had a memorable last hurrah with Brady Mitchell's Cellini, claiming the top prize.

"We got him from Germany about four years ago. He's been with me through most of my junior career and has watched me grow up. This is our last year together, so this win is really special for us."

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Wilmington Winter Classic III



Kama Godek led the victory gallop with her own Lady Stakkata in the \$30,000 [Kentucky Performance Products](#) Grand Prix.

"She is a little girl with a big heart. Her mother was an unassuming grand prix horse. She looks like a kid's horse until you see her in the warm-up. Even I look up at the other riders and joke that they are a whole head higher than me. She has gone barefoot since I have had her and goes in a snaffle. She is just so sweet and unassuming. She almost always is the fastest horse."



Of nine partnerships to move onto the jump-off, it was Christopher Schenk that rode the fastest track to top the leaderboard of the \$10,000 Futures Prix, with his own Dominant Z.

"I got 'Dom' when he was a green, broke three-year-old. I have developed him through the young jumper program. We started doing the Futures Prix a little over a year ago, and we won one last year. I went back to the basics and stepped him back a bit this year to rebuild some confidence. He feels like he is better than ever now!"



The \$15,000 [Ohio State Galbreath Equine Center](#) USHJA National Open Hunter Derby was won by Greg Crolick and his superstar addition to the barn, Kingweis WV, owned by Amy Mulrenin.

"It has been a little bit of development getting him used to the hunter ring, but he is on a great trajectory. I hope he will be a future derby horse. I see him being a great contender at Derby Finals."



Lizzie Rinehart, who returned with her winningest mount, Bond, added another derby win to her record in the \$15,000 [USHJA](#) National Non-Pro Hunter Derby.

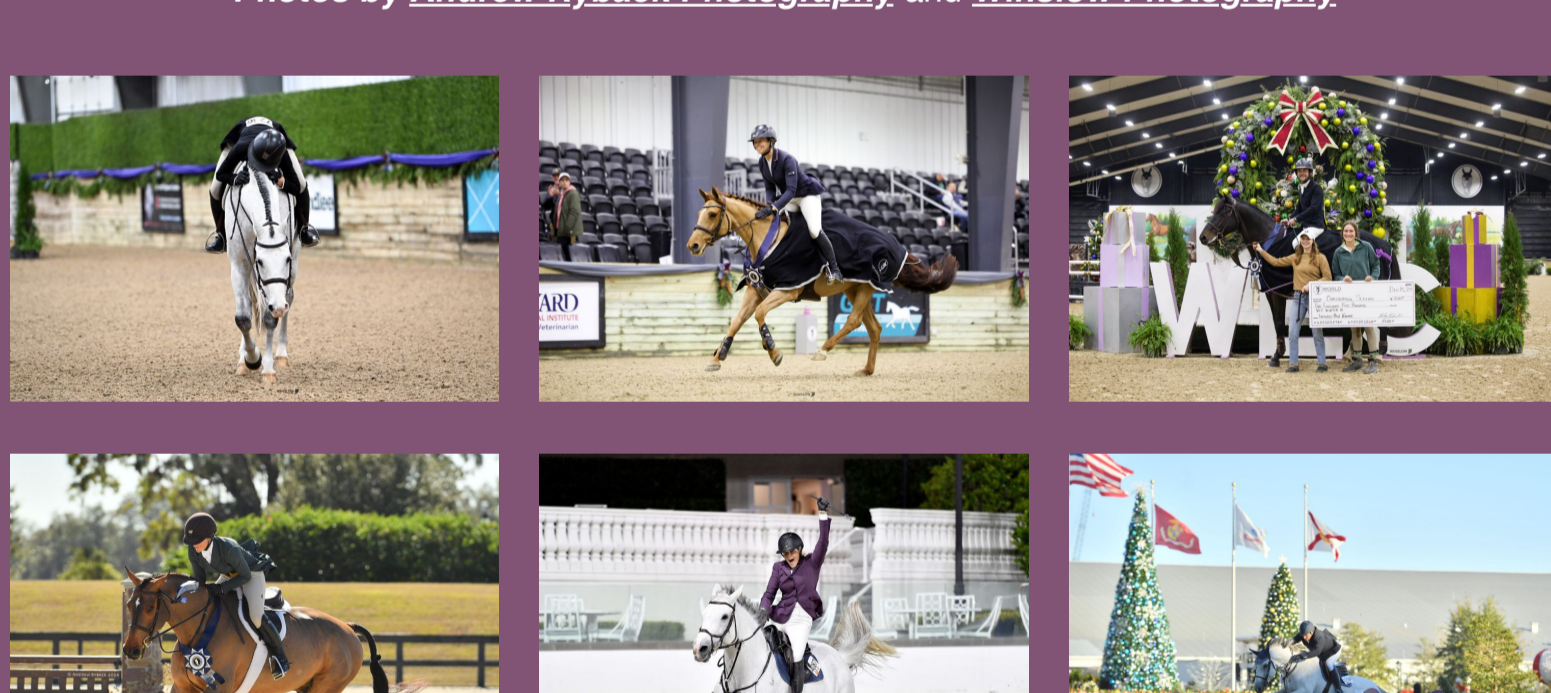
"Based on everyone's scores, I thought they were rewarding people for solid rounds rather than the turns. I was winning by two points, so I just wanted to go in and lay down a smooth round."

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Wilmington Winter Classic III Sunday Spotlight



*Sophia Tabasso and Kensington Hx
Photo by [Winslow Photography](#).*

This week's Wilmington Sunday Spotlight shines on Sophia Tabasso of Newtown Square, PA. An adoration for animals at a young age was what kick-started the now 17-year-old's love for equestrian sport. Tabasso has been in the irons since the age of four and has grown to jump at the top level of all three rings under the guidance of Jonathan Martin at Hunt Hill Farm. We caught up with the vibrant young horsewoman after her Futures Prix debut to learn more about her lifelong journey at Hunt Hill Farm, her horses and her commitment to Oklahoma State University.

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Upcoming Events

World Equestrian Center – Ocala

2025 Winter Spectacular Show Series Dates

- Winter Spectacular I: January 1-5
- Winter Spectacular II: January 7-12
- Winter Spectacular III: January 14-19
- Winter Spectacular IV: January 21-26
- Winter Spectacular V: January 28-February 2: World Champion Hunter Rider Week
- Winter Spectacular VI: February 4-9: WEC Premier Equitation Cup Championship on February 8
- Winter Spectacular VII: February 11-16: CSI5*-W
- Winter Spectacular VIII: February 18-23
- Winter Spectacular IX: February 25-March 2: World Champion Hunter Rider Week
- Winter Spectacular X: March 4-9
- Winter Spectacular XI: March 12-16
- Winter Spectacular XII: March 18-23: CSIO5* Longines League of Nations™

2025 Spring Series Dates

- Ocala Spring I: March 26-30
- Ocala Spring II: April 1-6

World Equestrian Center – Wilmington

2024 Show Dates

*WEC Christmas: December 18-22**

2025 Winter in the Midwest Dates

- USEF Premier/Level 4 Jumpers
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- Winter Classic 5: January 8-12
- Winter Classic 6: January 15-19
- Winter Classic 7: January 22-26*
- Winter Classic 8: January 29-February 2*
- Winter Classic 9: February 5-9
- Winter Classic 10: February 12-16
- Winter Classic 11: February 19-23
- Winter Classic 12: February 26-March 2*
- Winter Spring Forward: March 5-9
- Winter Classic 14: March 12-16
- Winter Classic 15: March 19-23
- Winter Classic 16: March 26-30
- Winter Classic 17: April 2-6

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About World Equestrian Center

Named one of *TIME's* 2024 World's Greatest Places, 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.

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