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World Equestrian Center Highlights From Ocala Winter Spectacular XI and Winter in the Midwest XIV



Santiago Lambre (BRA) and his own Chacco Blue II scored victory in the \$75,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix at WEC – Ocala by a two-second lead.

"This was the biggest grand prix yet and the most technical. It was perfect training for next week's grand prix. The course designer did an amazing job making the first course tough enough with a tight time allowed."

Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback Photography</u>



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Richard Rinehart and Vincent, owned by Ron Caraway, captured the top prize in the \$30,000 WEC – Wilmington Grand Prix.

"Vincent is an extremely careful horse, and that paid off for us today. I enjoyed the jump-off, and the final jump was difficult. We slowed down for it, but thankfully we were fast enough earlier in the round so it didn't cost us the win."

Photo by Winslow Photography

Hope Glynn and Financier, owned by **Openingbell Sporthorses, shined under** the lights to win the \$20,000 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby with scores of 95 and 92.

"Yesterday was my first-time riding Financier. The family that owns him are from Texas, and they have become good friends of mine. They invited me to come to Ocala to ride, and I explained that I would really love to because WEC - Ocala is such a magical place."

Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback Photography</u>



Hours dominated the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Open at WEC - Wilmington.

Liz Hutchinson and Robin Owen's After

"He is fresh from Europe. This is his first show in America. He was a jumper in Europe, and he is now fantastic as a hunter!"

Photo by <u>Winslow Photography</u>

Rowan Willis and Peter Moore's Copain were victorious in the \$10,000 Buckeye Nutrition Futures Prix at WEC – Ocala for the second time this season.

"My plan was to be very efficient. He's very quick across the ground and can take tight turns."

Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback Photography</u>

Richard Rinehart earned his first major win of the week in the \$10,000 WEC Futures Prix at WEC – Wilmington aboard his own Captain America.

"He was excited when we started, but he settled in quickly and jumped super for me. The course was evidently harder than it walked. Captain went on to be the only one to jump clean."

Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography











Get a behind-the-scenes look at competition highlights that took place at WEC -Ocala in February.



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Aaron Vale and Boreale de Talma took the blue ribbon in the \$20,000 C. Jarvis Insurance Welcome Prix in Ocala. Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback Photography</u>



Skylar Wireman and Karen! were victorious in the \$10,000 WEC -Wilmington Welcome Stake. Photo by Winslow Photography



Timothy Maddrix and Cypress won the \$15,000 WEC – Ocala 3' Open Hunter Derby. Photo by Andrew Ryback <u>Photography</u>



Amanda Wildauer and Cassano earned their second consecutive win in the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Non-Pro in Wilmington. Photo by Winslow Photography

Memorable Moments From World Equestrian Center

Photos by <u>Andrew Ryback Photography</u> and <u>Winslow Photography</u>









Sunday Spotlights: Rio the Brazilian Warmblood and Will **Baker**



This week's Sunday Spotlight shines on a very special senior gelding. At 27 years young, the beloved Brazilian Warmblood "Rio," or Lanciano as he is known in the show ring, continues to compete. Just this past week, Rio proudly carried 12-year-old Amanda Huard to top ribbons at WEC. We caught up with Rio's owner, Michelle Friedman of Dragonfly Farm in Northville, MI, to chat about her unique horse and the remarkable story of reuniting with a previous rider 23 years later.

Amanda Huard competing Rio at WEC – Wilmington. Photo by Winslow **Photography**

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This week's Ocala Sunday Spotlight shines on Will Baker of West Milford, NJ. In 2018 Will established Coast to Coast Equestrian, a hunter/jumper training, boarding, sales and lesson operation. Coast to Coast Equestrian has been competing at World Equestrian Center – Ocala in the 12week 2022 Winter Spectacular Show Series.

Will Baker and DSH Lord Mydas in the 1.40m Jumper class at WEC – Ocala. Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback Photography</u>



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- along with complimentary beer and wine, courtesy of Stirrups Restaurant. • 2022 Saturday Night Grand Tables are available for individual week purchases.

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World Equestrian Center – Ocala **2022 Winter Spectacular Shows** Winter Spectacular XII: March 23-27 <u>World Equestrian Center – Wilmington</u> 2022 NSBA Show Dates* Winter in the Midwest XV: March 23-27 Winter in the Midwest XVI: March 30-April 3 Winter in the Midwest XVII: April 6-10 *All dates pending USEF approval.

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

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Dedicated to offering great sport and 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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