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World Equestrian Center Highlights From Ocala Summer X and Wilmington Summer III



Todd Minikus (USA) and Amex Z, owned by Bit By Bit Group, scored the victory in the \$100,000 Alltech National Grand Prix at WEC – Ocala.

"Amex Z has been a great partner for a long time. She was really on the job tonight. She has been knocking on the door for a few weeks now, and tonight she went in with her head on her shoulders."

Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography



Izzy Beisel (USA) earned her first grand prix win aboard her own Diaz Barbotiere in the \$30,000 WEC -Wilmington Grand Prix.

"I want to thank everyone for their help and the opportunities to ride such amazing horses. I love this horse in particular. He has been a blast to ride. I take him for bareback rides all of the time and we even jump bareback. He is so kind, so much fun and very fast!"

Photo by <u>Winslow Photography</u>



Josh Dolan and Belle Rolfe's Ipanema earned top scores to win the \$12,500 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby. The duo earned scores of 86 and 89.

"The course rode really well. I was able to ride the lines in the smaller derby earlier today so I had a nice feel for it. There were a few more interesting jumps like the hay bale with the coppertopped standards. It was perfect for the last derby."

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



Samantha Cooper and Nandino, owned by Ellen Malson, dominated the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Open at WEC – Wilmington with scores of 91 and 94.

"I've ridden 'Turtle' for 10 years. He's like an old friend to me. We know each other very well. The course was so fun and there were many challenges that you could choose to take. I just went for it and was happy that I didn't secondguess myself like I thought I would. We took the harder options, rode more direct and it paid off."

Photo by Winslow Photography



Luis Sabino Goncalves (POR) and Amstrong De Moyon, owned by Sigma Stables LLC, were victorious in the \$10,000 <u>Buckeye Nutrition</u> Futures Prix at WEC - Ocala.

"I wanted to win. He is so careful and brave. I knew I could take a few risks because I trust him. He's a very competitive horse that wants to win with you."

Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography



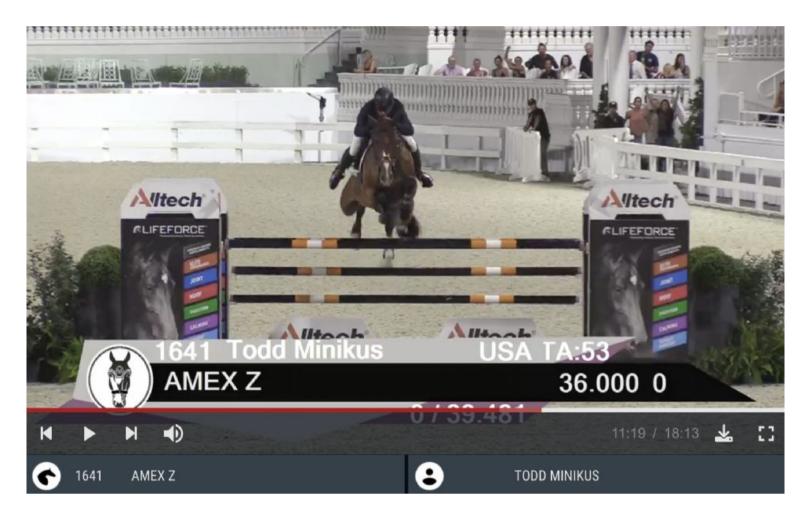
Richard Rinehart (USA) and his own Captain America won the \$10,000 WEC Futures Prix at WEC -Wilmington.

"I've owned this horse since he was only a few months old, so it is guite special to win and be successful with him. Our first round came up differently than I had hoped. We rubbed a rail pretty bad early on in the course. The jump-off went wonderfully and there was no slowing down once we knocked the dust off."

Photo by Winslow Photography

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Watch the Winning Round for Todd Minikus and Amex Z



Watch Todd Minikus (USA) and Amex Z best an international field of 53 riders to take the victory in the \$100,000 Alltech National Grand Prix on Saturday night under the lights at World Equestrian Center - Ocala.

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Santiago Lambre and Dingeman took home the blue ribbon in the \$30,000 C. Jarvis Insurance Welcome Prix in Ocala. Photo by <u>Andrew Ryback</u> **Photography**



Darby Pease and Carel Van Donderen were victorious in the \$10,000 WEC -Wilmington Welcome Stake. Photo by Winslow Photography





Harold Chopping rode Light My Fire MD to victory in the \$10,000 WEC – Ocala 3' Open Hunter Derby. Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

Nicole Lyvere and Haribo earned the win in the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Non-Pro in Wilmington. Photo by Winslow Photography

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Sunday Spotlights: Leigha Schrader and Lauren Hough



This week's Wilmington Sunday Spotlight shines on Leigha Schrader of Woodbine, MD. Leigha began volunteering at Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR) when she was just 12 years old. After spending years learning the ropes and earning thousands of volunteer hours, she rose through the ranks and now works as an assistant trainer within the organization. Her role consists of training rehabilitation horses and preparing them for adoption, advocating for the DEFHR rescue horses on social media and traveling to performances with Vinni the Mini, the DEFHR spokespony.

Photo by Winslow Photography

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This week's Ocala Sunday Spotlight shines on three-time Pan American medalist and U.S. Olympic rider Lauren Hough. Hough's extended list of successes began early, earning numerous championships in the hunter, jumper and equitation rings as a junior rider. From then on, she represented the U.S. at seven FEI World Cup Finals, the Olympics in Sydney, Australia, over 40 Nations Cup appearances and won three medals at the Pan American Games. We got the chance to sit down with Hough and learn more about her astonishing career.

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

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<u>World Equestrian Center –</u> Wilmington	<u>World Equestrian Center – Ocala</u>
	2022 USEF Fall Show Series Dates
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Fall I: September 28-October 2	Neversher Chevy Carias II, Neversher 10
Fall II: October 5-9	November Show Series II: November 16- 20
Fall III: October 12-16	December Show Series I: December 7- 11
Fall IV: October 19-23	December Show Series II: December 14- 18
Fall V: October 26-30	

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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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