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World Equestrian Center Highlights From Ocala Winter Spectacular XI and Wilmington Winter **Classic XIV** Aaron Vale (USA) and Prescott, owned



by Thinkslikeahorse, secured a repeat victory in the \$100,000 Wheels Up Grand Prix CSI3* at WEC – Ocala. "Daniel [Coyle] is a very fast rider. Even

though he decided to do eight [strides] up that last line, it was going to be tough to beat because he was really quick after." Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

Izzy Beisel (USA) and her own Diaz Barbotiere earned the win in the



\$30,000 Grand Prix at WEC -Wilmington. "It was a challenging course but I think we are getting in the groove and figuring it out. 'Diaz' is definitely getting

bigger jumps. I was trying to have a nice jump-off round. I already know my horse is fast, and I like to think that I am a pretty quick rider. I just wanted to go in and have a little fun." Photo by Winslow Photography Amanda Steege and Lafitte de Muze,

a lot more experience backing off the

owned by Cheryl Olsten, topped the podium in the \$20,000 Golden Ocala



Hunter Derby at WEC - Ocala. The duo received excellent scores of 96 and 90.5. "Lafitte was the first equine ambassador for the Equus Foundation. His owner Cheryl Olsten generously donates his prize money to their foundation, where it gets distributed to

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various rescues, therapeutic riding centers and to horses in need. It makes it feel that much more special when he wins a class with significant prize money because I know it's going to a good cause." Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography For the second week in a row, Melissa Donnelly captured the win in the

\$15,000 GGT-Footing USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Open at WEC -

Wilmington, this time aboard Cinda,

owned by Elizabeth Becker.



"Cinda is 18 years old now, and she has been doing the derbies for a while. She is a ton of fun out there. We stick to the low options just to protect her and not risk anything. She was able to follow and flow today so nicely through

all the turns and options. It was

definitely fun for her!"

the ground."

Photo by Winslow Photography Adeline Rohrbach (USA) and Bengtsson, owned by Lisa Goldman-Smolen, were victorious in the \$15,000 Buckeye Nutrition Futures Prix at WEC Ocala.

"I had a simple plan to not touch the

reins and let him do what he does best: go fast. He's the fastest horse I have ever ridden, and he's so trusting. I was able to just stay tidy and let him cover



Prix at WEC – Wilmington.

Sam Pegg (CAN) and his own Claas won the \$10,000 GGT-Footing Futures

"He is very easy and like having a big pony in the barn. I think by the end of the circuit here we can jump him in

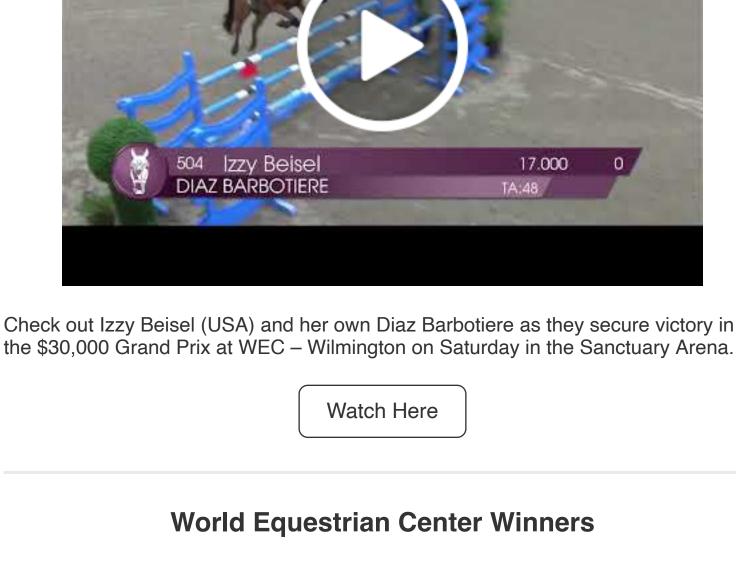


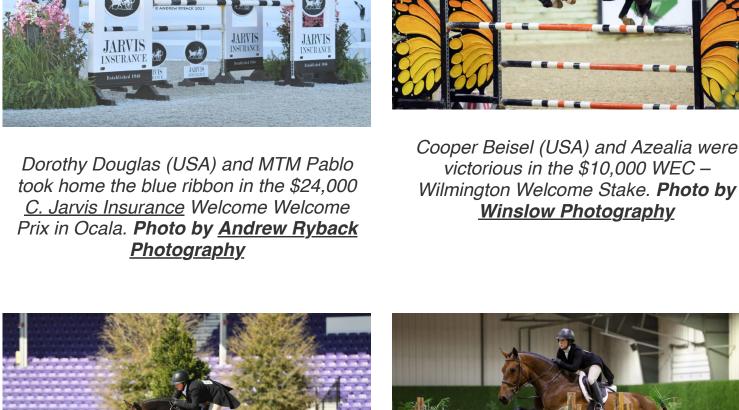
some 1.40m classes. Hopefully, by the end of summer and into the fall he can move up to the 1.45m because he is just eight this year."

Photo by Winslow Photography Read All Horse Show Coverage Watch the Winning Jump-Off Round for Izzy Beisel and

Diaz Barbotiere in the \$30,000 Grand Prix







Katie Finley and Co-Pilot earned the win in the \$15,000 USHJA National Hunter

Derby 3' Non-Pro in Wilmington. Photo

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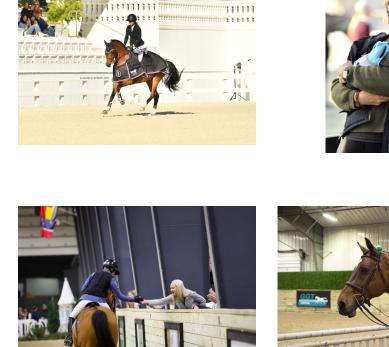
Kate Conover rode Small Love to victory

in the \$15,000 UF Health Veterinary

Hospital 3' Open Hunter Derby at WEC -

Ocala. Photo by Andrew Ryback

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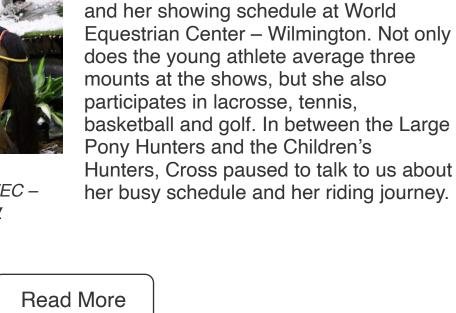


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WEC – Ocala. Photo by Winslow **Photography**



Sunday Spotlight: Stella Cross and Faith Conroy



This week's Wilmington Sunday Spotlight

shines on Stella Cross of Malvern, PA.

This week's Sunday Spotlight shines on Faith Conroy, a talented amateur rider

from Rumson, NJ. Conroy took a chance

on a six-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding in 2020, and now they are a

competitive pair taking home ribbons in the Adult Amateur Hunter divisions. We caught up with Conroy to learn more about her career and how she came across Salsa Night. Faith Conroy and Salsa Night competing at

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