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## Ben Maher and Sarena Triumph in \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI 5\*



Ben Maher and Sarena captured the biggest win of the 2016 WEF circuit in the \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI 5\*. © Sportfot

Grand prix action at the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) concluded with an exciting international showdown Saturday night as Great Britain's Ben Maher and Jane Clark's Sarena jumped to victory in the \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI 5\*. The finale grand prix for the winter circuit, Maher and Sarena topped a seven-horse jump-off, with McLain Ward (USA) and HH Azur in second, and Meredith Michaels-Berberbaum (GER) and Fibonacci 17 third.

Forty of the circuit's best horses and riders representing 13 different countries jumped for the winter's top prize competing under the lights in front of a packed house at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) in Wellington, FL. The star-studded competition concluded a fantastic 12-week circuit for the international show jumpers.

Anthony D'Ambrosio (USA) set the courses in the International Ring at PBIEC for the final week of WEF competition. With 40 starters in the grand prix, D'Ambrosio's first round course yielded seven clear for the jump-off, and only one clear over the short course for the win.

Chloe Reid (USA) and Codarco were the first combination to clear the course in round one, but opted not

to continue on to the jump-off to automatically finish seventh. Yann Candele (CAN) and the Watermark Group's First Choice 15 were then the first pair to jump the short course, finishing with 12 faults in 52.31 seconds to place sixth. Jessica Springsteen (USA) and Stone Hill Farm's Cynar Va jumped next, with eight faults in 48.69 seconds to finish fifth.

McLain Ward and HH Azur, owned by Double H Farm and Francois Mathy, jumped off next, finishing with a fast time in 46.10 seconds, but added an unfortunate four faults that left the pair in second place. Meredith Michaels-Berberbaum aimed for a safe clear round aboard Artemis Equestrian Farm's Fibonacci 17, but also dropped a rail along the way, finishing third overall with her time of 51.41 seconds. Maher and Sarena followed, completing the only clear round over the second course for the win with a steady round in 53.72 seconds. Last to go, Todd Minikus (USA) and Two Swans Farm's Babalou 41 had one rail down as well, finishing fourth with their time of 52.63.

Speaking of his winning mount, a ten-year-old Selle Francais mare (Calvaro Z x Damoiseau d'Or), Maher stated, "I have had Serena for just over a year

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## Kodachrome and Russell Frey Win \$50,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby to Conclude the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival



Russell Frey and Kodachrome led from start to finish to win the \$50,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby. © Sportfot

The 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) completed its final day of competition on Sunday with a win for Russell Frey and Nina Koloseike Moore's Kodachrome in the \$50,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby. Held on the beautiful grass field at The Stadium at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC), the final feature of the circuit was presented by Dietrich Insurance and hosted by Tailored Sportsman, and sponsored by Charles Owen, Dover Saddlery, The Clothes Horse and Essex Classics.

The first round of derby competition was held in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring on Saturday, where 45 entries took on the first round course designed by Ken Krome. Two panels of judges scored each round, and riders were awarded extra points for jumping high options.

The top 24 entries then moved on to the derby field for Sunday's handy round, jumping Bobby Murphy's course with natural obstacles on the grass. Two panels of judges once again scored the contestants, awarding bonus points for high options as well as handiness on course. Judges Rick Fancher and Jack Towell scored the rounds on panel

one, and Danny Robertshaw and Jim Clapperton judged the rounds on panel two.

Russell Frey and Kodachrome led the standings heading into Sunday's final round with the high score of 185 in round one. The pair then earned the high score of 200 on Sunday for the winning two-round total of 385.

Kodachrome is an eight-year-old Warmblood gelding that Moore purchased for Frey last year with hopes that the gelding had Derby Finals potential.

"He was doing the 3'3" Performance Hunters starting out, and I just saw him and liked him, and then I tried him and had to have him," Frey stated. "He has learned and come along. This was his first really big derby. This was a different type of class, to show over at the horse show on the grand hunter field, and then to come over here just to do the handy round on the field in a completely different venue for all of the horses. It was a pretty good test for every horse and rider that was out there.

"He was a little nervous in different places on the course, but he seemed to

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now, and it has been a tough ride. She was a horse that was bought to jump these big classes, but she was young when we got her, and it really took a year to get to know her and for her to get to know me. It has been a lot of hard work and patience from Jane Clark, who supported me the whole way through last year, because I had a lot of disappointing rounds. I told her to stick with me, and we worked hard with the whole team at home. This is the first class she has won, but she picked the right time and I hope there will be many more."

Maheer spoke further about how he has gotten to know Sarena more over the last 12 weeks at WEF and really used the circuit to develop their partnership.

"We had a careful plan," he explained. "She did not jump much since November and became pretty consistent over the last few grand prix. The worst she has had is one down since November. I found in the jump-offs, when I try to go quick, she starts to run backwards a little bit and it is not always a nice feeling. She has to get confident and get used to running and jumping.

"The course tonight, I thought she jumped the first round excellent," Maheer continued. "It was the first time under the lights for her, and she did not seem to be affected by that. It was a tough course, but the jump-off really played into my hands. Had McLain's turn pulled off, and had Meredith left the jumps up, I do not know if I could have actually been quick

enough to beat them, so I decided to play it a little safe and leave the jumps up. That is not my nature normally, but I think I played a smart game tonight and put the pressure on Todd. Fortunately for me, it worked out. It could have gone either way."

The cards did not play in Ward's favor this time around, but the rider was happy for Maheer, and felt that HH Azur jumped two great rounds. The ten-year-old Belgian Sport Horse mare (Thunder van de Zuuthoeve x Sir Lui) took a big win in week seven's \$380,000 Suncast® Grand Prix CSI 5\*. Ward gave it everything in this week's jump-off hoping for another victory, but one unlucky rail came down.

"We have been building up towards this trying to get her fit," Ward noted. "Our plan was to try to not totally peak her, but pretty much peak her at this point and then drop back a little, have a little rest, and then aim for Rio. She felt another gear tonight and to be honest, with these guys coming behind me, I was not trying to leave anything on the table. I was kind of trying to put the knife in them. I think her pole was a little bit unlucky to be honest. I do not think she hit it very hard. I maybe started to press to the last line a touch early. The horse performed great, I was happy with the riding, and you have a great winner. Ben is a super, top, world-class rider, one of the best in the world. It is always nice to win, but you can live with being beat by a guy like this."

Michaels-Beerbaum also thought Fibonacci 17 jumped great and just

had an unlucky rail in the jump-off. The 11-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding (For Feeling x Corland) finished the night in third place, and his rider was happy to be in the top three alongside Maheer and Ward.

"Fibonacci was in great form tonight; he felt amazing, and he jumped two beautiful rounds," Michaels-Beerbaum stated. "I did not actually expect to knock one down in the jump-off because he was jumping so well, so maybe I took that jump a little casually or underestimated it perhaps. I was delighted with him. I am very pleased to be in the top three. That is always where a rider would like to end up, and with these two in front of me, my Chef d'Equipe Otto Becker will read their names in Germany and know the class was really hard and good, so it works for me."

Maheer spoke of the night's first round track, stating, "I thought it was a great course. For my horse in particular, it started a little bit bold. I knew the water to the double verticals was going to be a difficult ride. It did not feel so comfortable how I got that done, but I got it done. The last line, the horses were tired and it was a big oxer coming out. The Rolex oxer was wide at the end, and for sure a lot of hopes were dashed there. I thought there would be more clears actually. They all jumped well, but it is hard to jump double-clear in these grand prix."

Ward added his thoughts on the course, stating, "I thought Anthony did a great job. He had the right number of clear,

faults all over the place, and it was a very smooth course to ride. The water line was a little tricky, but I thought it gave the riders a fair chance, and was an excellent course."

Commenting on the end to a fantastic evening, Equestrian Sport Productions' CEO Mark Bellissimo added his final thoughts, stating, "I want to commend this group. It is such an international crowd with USA, Great Britain, and Germany represented with all world-class riders. It is exciting to see such great sport here and to end on a very high note. I am pleased that everyone was so spectacular in their performances this evening. I would also like to thank Rolex. This festival took a big transition a number of years ago when Rolex came on board, and it was a transition to four five-star [shows]. It was nice to finish this year on a great five-star and a great class."

Along with the winner's share of \$165,000, Maheer was presented the Dennis D. Dammerman Perpetual Trophy. The trophy was created to honor the contributions to equestrian sport of Dennis D. Dammerman, a longtime owner of horses and founding member of the Wellington Equestrian Partners.

Sarena's groom, Tracey Edge, received the Groom's Initiative Award presented by Mark Bellissimo, managing partner of Wellington Equestrian Partners, to reward her dedication and hard work as an integral member of the winning team. ■ Lauren Fisher

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## Final Results: \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI 5\*

- SARENA:** 2006 Selle Francais mare by Calvaro Z x Damoiseau d'Or  
BEN MAHER (GBR), Jane Clark: 0/0/53.72
- HH AZUR:** 2006 Belgian Sport Horse mare Thunder van de Zuuthoeve x Sir Lui  
MCLAIN WARD (USA), Double H Farm & Francois Mathy: 0/4/46.10
- FIBONACCI 17:** 2005 Swedish Warmblood gelding by For Feeling x Corland  
MEREDITH MICHAELS-BEERBAUM (GER), Artemis Equestrian Farms LLC: 0/4/51.41
- BABALOU 41:** 2005 Oldenburg mare by Balou du Rouet x Silvio I  
TODD MINIKUS (USA), Two Swans Farm: 0/4/52.63
- CYNAR VA:** 2007 Zangersheide gelding by Clarimo x Alcatraz  
JESSICA SPRINGSTEEN (USA), Stone Hill Farm: 0/8/48.69
- FIRST CHOICE 15:** 2003 Hessian Warmblood gelding by For Keeps x Angard  
YANN CANDELE (CAN), Watermark Group: 0/12/52.31
- CODARCO:** 2007 Irish Sport Horse gelding by Darco x Orame  
CHLOE REID (USA), Chloe D Reid LLC: 0/WD
- BALOU DU REVENTON:** 2006 Oldenburg stallion by Cornet Obolensky x Continue  
LIUBOV KOCHETOVA (RUS), Liubov Kochetova: 1/84.37
- ATLANTIS:** 2003 Zangersheide gelding by Andiamo x Royal Bravour L  
SAMUEL PAROT (CHI), Samuel Parot: 4/77.44
- VOYEUR:** 2002 KWPN gelding by Tolano van't Riethof x Goodwill  
KENT FARRINGTON (USA), Amalaya Investments: 4/78.79
- WOKLAHOMA:** 2003 KWPN mare by Sheraton x Calvados  
ROBERTO TERAN, JR. (COL), Ark Partners LLC: 4/79.95
- TRIPPLE X III:** 2002 AES stallion by Namelus R x Cantango  
TIFFANY FOSTER (CAN), Artisan Farms LLC: 4/80.72

## ESP Spring Series Upcoming Events

**SPRING 1 APRIL 6 – 10: PREMIER AA HUNTER COMPETITION AND LEVEL 4 JUMPERS HOSTED AT PBIEC MAIN GROUNDS**

\$5,000 1.35m Classic – Saturday, April 9

\$5,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby – Saturday, April 9

\$25,000 Spring 1 Grand Prix presented by Nutrena – Sunday, April 10

**SPRING 2 APRIL 13 – 17: PREMIER AA HUNTER COMPETITION AND LEVEL 4 JUMPERS HOSTED AT PBIEC MAIN GROUNDS**

\$30,000 Spring 2 Grand Prix presented by Noble Outfitters – Sunday, April 17

\$10,000 Open Welcome Stake presented by Equiline- Thursday, April 14

\$5,000 1.35m Classic – Saturday, April 16

\$5,000 USHJA Hunter Derby – Sunday, April 17

**SPRING 3 APRIL 20 – 24: PREMIER AA HUNTER COMPETITION AND LEVEL 4 JUMPERS HOSTED AT PBIEC MAIN GROUNDS**

\$30,000 Spring 3 Grand Prix presented by Pony Up Horse Treats – Sunday, April 24

\$10,000 Open Welcome Stake presented by Accuhorsemat – Thursday, April 21

\$5,000 1.35m Classic – Saturday, April 23

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**SPRING 4 MAY 6 – 8: NATIONAL “A” HUNTER COMPETITION AND LEVEL 4 JUMPERS HOSTED AT THE STADIUM AT PBIEC**

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\$2,500 NAL Amateur Owner/Junior Jumper Classic – Sunday, May 8 – Van Kampen Covered Arena

\$1,500 M&S Child/Adult Classic – Sunday, May 8 – Van Kampen Covered Arena

**SPRING 5 MAY 14 – 15: REGIONAL HUNTERS AND LEVEL 3 JUMPERS HOSTED AT THE STADIUM AT PBIEC**

\$10,000 Open Welcome Stake – Sunday, May 15 – Van Kampen Covered Arena

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## WEF Hunter Competition Draws to a Close



Garland Alban and Imagine were the Triple Crown Blankets Adult Amateur 36-49 Section A champions at WEF 12. They were also presented with the Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award for week 12. Photo © Sportfot

The last week of WEF saw record high temperatures, but hunter competition persevered despite the sweltering heat. Exhibitors battled it out for the last chance to bring home championship titles and to end circuit on a high note.

One of the first championship titles handed out last week was in the Pre-Green Hunter 3' division, which was presented by Antares. Catbird, ridden by Lisa Jacquin, took home the championship tricolor after topping two of the four over fences classes. Jacquin also placed fourth and fifth over fences and earned a fourth place ribbon in the under saddle. Catbird is a six-year-old Warmblood gelding owned by Krysia Nelson.

Reserve honors were awarded to Hemingway and Sandra Ferrell. Hemingway, who is a six-year-old Hanoverian gelding owned by Stephanie Bulger, placed third in the under saddle and earned a first, a second, and a seventh over fences.

Later in the week, the Karina Brez Jewelry Amateur-Owner Hunter 35 & Over 3'3" division crowned Katie Jacobs-Robinson and her mount Cascarillo championship honors. Jacobs-Robinson rode to first, two seconds and eighth place finish over fences aboard the eight-year-old Holsteiner gelding.

Lannie Lipson and her own Winston settled for the reserve title this week, placing seventh in the under saddle and earning first, third, and a fifth place ribbons over fences. Winston is an eight-year-old Westphalian gelding.

Over on "Pony Island," Sophie Gochman rode to a clean sweep of the Visse Wedell, Douglas Elliman-sponsored Small Pony Hunter division. Gochman was crowned

champion on Bit Of Love, a ten-year-old Welsh Pony Cross gelding owned by Dr. Betsee Parker. The pair won three of the four over fences classes and placed fifth in another. Bit Of Love also earned sixth in the under saddle. Gochman and Rico Suave took home the reserve title after placing first, second, third, and fourth over fences. Rico Suave is a 16-year-old Welsh Pony gelding owned by Ponies and Palms Show Stables LLC.

Silver Shine and Hannah Glanzberg took home the final championship title in the Cross Rails Hunter division this week. Silver Shine, a 15-year-old Welsh Pony gelding owned by Glanzberg, dominated the division by topping the under saddle class and both of the over fences classes.

Sophia Masnikoff and Chase Finizio's Winsom's Prada settled for the reserve championship honors. Masnikoff rode the 13-year-old Welsh Pony mare to second in the under saddle and third in both of the over fences classes.

Some of WEF's youngest equitation riders competed for championship honors in the Equitation 11 & Under division. Reilly Gogul came out on top, winning the flat phase and placing second and third over fences with the 13-year-old Welsh Pony gelding Silver Sails, who is owned by Keeley Gogul. Kat Fuqua rode her own Hillcrest Leading Lady to the reserve title. The pair placed third in the flat phase and earned first and fourth over fences. Hillcrest Leading Lady is a 19-year-old Welsh Pony mare.

Equestrian Sport Productions congratulates all of their hunter and equitation competitors for another fantastic season in 2016. ■ Callie Seaman

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Tiffany Foster (above) and Emily Moffitt closed out the final week of the Winter Equestrian Festival by collecting bonus checks in the ever-popular SSG Gloves “Go Clean for the Green” promotion. Both ladies wore SSG ‘Digital’ riding gloves on their way to victory with Foster claiming victory and a \$3,000 bonus in the \$35,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round XII riding Victor, while Moffitt scored her win in the \$10,000 Sleepy P Ranch High Junior Jumper Classic to earn a \$1,000 bonus.

A Canadian Olympian, Foster also earned a \$3,000 bonus during WEF week eight to bring her total bonus won to \$6,000 this season. “I think the promotion is a great idea and I would like to thank SSG Gloves,” said Foster. “We are really appreciative that they do this promotion because the bonus money goes a long way. Plus, with these gloves being so nice to wear, it’s not like doing any extra work at all to win the bonus; I wear them in every class anyway!”



Moffitt (above) of Las Vegas, NV, earned her second consecutive \$1,000 bonus from SSG Gloves to cap off a successful WEF season. “This circuit has been amazing for me,” she said. “To finish with this win, being champion, and earning another SSG Gloves bonus makes it even better.”

The 2016 season marked the sixth year that SSG Gloves has presented the “Go Clean for Green” promotion offering \$60,000 in bonus money to riders throughout the 12-week circuit. Photos © Jump Media



Nick Novak and Dirkie Z are presented with the Week 12 Equis Boutique “Best Presented Horse” Award by Elena Couttenye at WEF 12. Photo © Jump Media



Cosnochta, ridden by Debra Ward for Cinthia Ane-McGreevy, was the Take2 Thoroughbred Jumper champion in week 12 and the WEF Circuit Champion.



Leslie Campbell and E.L. Raymond were the Camping World Adult Amateur 50 & Over champions at WEF 12.

Ki-Juan Minors rode Carrera Z to the Baby Green Hunter championship at WEF 12 for owner Lori Mattiasen.

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**KARINA BREZ JEWELRY AMATEUR-OWNER HUNTER 3'3" 36 & OVER**  
LOYALTY, FASHION FARM,  
GLEN SENK

**ADULT HUNTER 18-35 SEC A**  
POETIC JUSTIS, BROOKE COLE

**ADULT HUNTER 18-35 SEC B**  
EYE KANDY, ANGEL DE FILIPPO,  
MARGARET DE FILIPPO

**TRIPLE CROWN BLANKETS ADULT HUNTER 36-50 SEC. A**  
VIZCAYA, DANIELLE BARAN

**ADULT HUNTER 36-50 SEC. B**  
CALERO, SUSANNAH ROSE

**CAMPING WORLD ADULT HUNTER 51 & OLDER SEC A**  
BELVEDERE, LAURIE STEVENS

**CAMPING WORLD ADULT HUNTER 51 & OVER SEC B**  
YORKVILLE, KRISTEN BARAN

**EQUESTRIAN SOTHEBY'S REAL ESTATE SMALL JUNIOR HUNTER 15 & UNDER**  
WISDOM, RIVERS EDGE,  
EMMA KURTZ

**ENTRUST CAPITAL SMALL JUNIOR HUNTER 16-17**  
CHROMEO, MELISSA WIGHT,  
SAMANTHA WIGHT

**LARGE JUNIOR HUNTER 15 & UNDER**  
FREDRICK, DAVID GOCHMAN,  
EMMA KURTZ

**BRUNO DELGRANGE LARGE JUNIOR HUNTER 16-17**  
GREY STREET, VLOCK SHOW  
STABLES, TEDDY VLOCK

**UHEALTH EAR INSTITUTE JUNIOR HUNTER 3'3"**  
MYTHICAL, DAVID GOCHMAN,  
SOPHIE GOCHMAN

**CHILDREN'S HUNTER 14 & UNDER**  
MACTIER, BELLA CRAMER,  
EMMA SEVING

**CHILDREN'S HUNTER 15-17**  
TRUST, RIVERS EDGE,  
CAROLINE RATIGAN

**AUTISM SPEAKS CHILDREN'S PONY HUNTER SMALL & MEDIUM**  
LOOK AT ME, JOE CURRAIS,  
AREIN GENATT

**CHILDREN'S PONY HUNTER LARGE**  
CHERRYBROOK SKYE BLUE,  
AQUITAINE EQUINE,  
STELLA PROPP  
**VISSE WEDELL, DOUGLAS**

**ELLIMAN SMALL PONY HUNTER**  
BIT OF LOVE, DR. BETSEE  
PARKER, SOPHIE GOCHMAN

**SOLIC CAPITAL MEDIUM PONY HUNTER**  
TRULY YOURS, DR. BETSEE  
PARKER, SOPHIE GOCHMAN

**LARGE PONY HUNTER**  
STORYTELLER, FAIR PLAY FARM,  
MIMI GOCHMAN

**SMALL GREEN PONY HUNTER**  
WHOOPOSIDAISY, MICHAEL  
SAVAGE, ZAYNA RIZVI

**MEDIUM GREEN PONY HUNTER**  
LULULEMON, RIVERS EDGE,  
MIMI GOCHMAN

**LARGE GREEN PONY HUNTER**  
BRIGHTON, RIVERS EDGE,  
SOPHIE GOCHMAN

**PALM BEACH RIDING ACADEMY SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER**  
ANAKIN, RICHARD CUNKLE,  
STERLING MALNIK

**GOLD COAST FEED BABY GREEN HUNTER**  
CENTERFOLD, MARY RONALD,  
JIMMY TORANO

**CAROLEX STABLES CROSSRAILS HUNTER YOUNGER**  
SILVER SHINE, HANNAH  
GLANZBERG

**CAROLEX STABLES CROSSRAILS HUNTER OLDER**  
REMINGTON, KIM SCHNEIDER

**THE PARKS & FACILITIES CATALOG WEF OPEN HUNTER 3'**  
SIGNAL HILL, DAPHNE  
RICHARDS, HEATHER CARISTO-  
WILLIAMS

**DERBY GOLD WEF OPEN HUNTER 3'3"**  
WATERFALL, JENNIFER COMBS,  
CAITLIN VENEZIA

**ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTER LOW ADULT HUNTER 2'6" SECTION A**  
BY THE WAY, RUTH KANNER,  
ANNE KANNER

**ARIAT® LOW ADULT HUNTER 2'6" SECTION B**  
BLUE MONDAY, SUZANNE  
SMITH

**ENGEL & VÖLKERS LOW CHILDRENS HUNTER 2'6"**  
MODIGLIANI, JAMIE STRYKER,  
CHLOE JHIN

**LOW HUNTER 2'6"**  
CASSENDRO, JILLIAN GORDON,  
MARIA RASMUSSEN

**LOW HUNTER 2'9"**  
LUCAS, SUSAN MORICONI,  
CHRISTOPHER PAYNE

**WALK/TROT HUNTER**  
KATHERINE WILNER

**TAKE 2 THOROUGHBRED HUNTER**  
LIONS PAW, DANIEL  
ROBERTSHAW, HUNTER KAY

**OVERALL OWNER/RIDER SMALL JUNIOR HUNTER 15 & UNDER**  
KINGPIN, ANNABEL REVERS

**OVERALL OWNER/RIDER LARGE JUNIOR HUNTER 15 & UNDER**  
MTM HANDS DOWN, ANNABEL  
REVERS

**OVERALL OWNER/RIDER SMALL JUNIOR HUNTER 16-17**  
O'RYAN, STELLA STYSLINGER

**OVERALL OWNER/RIDER SMALL PONY HUNTER**  
IPARTY, ALEXA ELLE LIGNELLI

**OVERALL OWNER/RIDER MEDIUM PONY**  
SWINGTOWN, DAVID  
GOCHMAN, SOPHIE GOCHMAN

**OVERALL OWNER/RIDER LARGE PONY HUNTER**  
RIVITING, KATHERINE SIGORINO

**OVERALL OWNER/RIDER JUNIOR HUNTER 3'3"**  
MYTHICAL, SOPHIE GOCHMAN

## EQUITATION

**11 AND UNDER EQUITATION**  
EMMANUELLE GREENBERG

**12-14 EQUITATION**  
CHRISTINA ROGALNY

**ALESSANDRO ALBANESE 15-17 EQUITATION**  
LILLY HIGGINS

**OMEGA ALPHA ADULT EQUITATION**  
TRACEY GORIN-BYRNE

# 2016 WEF CIRCUIT CHAMPIONS

## 2016 TROPHIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

**WEF OSPHOS OVERALL JUMPER OWNER**  
PODEN FARM

**WEF OSPHOS OVERALL JUMPER RIDER**  
LAURA CHAPOT

**WEF OSPHOS OVERALL JUMPER TRAINER**  
MARY CHAPOT

**WEF OSPHOS OVERALL HUNTER OWNER**  
DAVID GOCHMAN

**WEF OSPHOS OVERALL HUNTER RIDER**  
SCOTT STEWART

**WEF OSPHOS OVERALL PONY HUNTER RIDER**  
SOPHIE GOCHMAN

**WEF OSPHOS OVERALL HUNTER TRAINER**  
SCOTT STEWART

**CHRISTY CONARD PERPETUAL TROPHY FOR EQUESTRIAN EXCELLENCE**

*PRESENTED TO THE YOUNG EQUESTRIAN WHO ACCUMULATES THE MOST POINTS IN THE USEF HUNTER SEAT MEDAL, USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH, ASPCA MACLAY, AND WIHS OVERALL CLASSES*  
MADISON GOETZMANN

**SIMBA RUN PERPETUAL TROPHY**  
*OWNER OF THE OPEN JUMPER WHO HAS EARNED THE MOST PRIZE MONEY IN CLASSES OVER 1.45M*  
EQUINIMITY LLC

**LEADING LADY JUMPER RIDER, PRESENTED BY MARTHA JOLICOEUR OF DOUGLAS ELLIMAN TIFFANY FOSTER**

**SUNCAST® 1.50 CHAMPIONSHIP JUMPER SERIES - OVERALL LEADING RIDER**  
SHANE SWEETNAM

**HOWARD A NEWMAN PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY**

*PRESENTED TO OWNER OF THE HORSE WHO WON THE MOST PRIZE MONEY IN THE DON LITTLE MASTERS JUMPERS*  
LIONSWAY FARM

**WENDY W NEWBY MEMORIAL TROPHY**

*HIGH SCORE AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 3'3"*  
ANYTIME (OWNER: SADDLE RIDGE LLC / RIDER: VIVIAN YOWAN)

**JAMES 'JIM' BRUNDAGE MEMORIAL TROPHY**

*HIGH SCORE GREEN PONY HUNTER*  
BRIGHTON (OWNER: RIVERS EDGE / RIDER: SOPHIE GOCHMAN)

**PIN OAK FARM PERPETUAL TROPHY**  
*PRESENTED TO THE JUNIOR JUMPER RIDER WHO EARNED THE MOST PRIZE MONEY*  
EMILY MOFFITT

**OLIVER O'TOOLE PERPETUAL TROPHY AWARDED TO THE GROOM OF THE HORSE WHO HAS EARNED THE MOST MONEY IN THE WEEKLY GRAND PRIX CLASSES.**

*Established in 2006, the Ollie O'Toole Perpetual Memorial Trophy is presented on Saturday evening in fond remembrance of our dear friend Ollie, whom we lost 10 years ago. The dedication grooms like Ollie and those recipients of his memorial trophy give to their horses through good and bad, day and night, at home and in competition provides the foundation for horse and rider's competitive success and happiness outside the show ring. To commemorate the tenth anniversary of the award, the winning groom this year will receive an increased prize of \$5,000 and their name engraved on the custom bronze trophy.*  
HECTOR PAZ & RICARDO PIMENTEL

**KENYA PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY**

*HIGH SCORE HORSE IN THE ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER 51 & OVER BELVEDERE* (OWNER / RIDER: LAURIE STEVENS)

**THE HARRISON CUP PERPETUAL TROPHY**  
*AWARDED TO THE OWNER WHOSE HORSES WIN THE MOST JUMPER MONEY IN ALL OPEN JUMPER CLASSES*  
ARTISAN FARMS

**THE JAY MATTER MEMORIAL TROPHY**

*AWARD TO THE HORSE WITH THE MOST POINTS IN THE HIGH PERFORMANCE HUNTERS*  
CAMEO (OWNER: DR BETSEE PARKER / RIDER: SCOTT STEWART)

**POTCREEK MEADOW FARM JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY**

*PRESENTED TO THE JUNIOR RIDER THAT CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATES OUTSTANDING CONDUCT, HORSEMANSHIP, ATTITUDE, AND COURTESY APPROPRIATE FOR A COMPETITOR AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF OUR SPORT*  
MCKAYLA LANGMEIER

**THE RAMBLEWOOD PERPETUAL TROPHY**

*RECOGNIZES SUPERIOR EXHIBITOR/ MANAGEMENT RELATIONS. THE TROPHY ACKNOWLEDGES ONE INDIVIDUAL'S UNIQUE DEDICATION AND KINDNESS TO EXHIBITORS OF WEF BY ANY MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT TEAM*  
JENNIFER GLOSSON

**HERMÈS TALENTED YOUNG RIDER AWARD**  
JESSICA SPRINGSTEEN

**BEVAL PALM BEACH MEDAL SERIES WINNER**  
MAGGIE SAVOIE

**CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE OVERALL JUMPER STYLE WINNER**  
CYKLON 1082 (OWNER: SPY COAST FARM / RIDER: SHANE SWEETNAM)

**CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE OVERALL HUNTER STYLE WINNER**  
BREEZE (OWNER: JOHN YOZELL / RIDER: HAVENS SCHATT AND JOHN YOZELL)

**RUBY ET VIOLETTE WEF CHALLENGE CUP SERIES**  
CYLANA (OWNER: KESSLER SHOW STABLES / RIDER: REED KESSLER)



Scott Stewart was named the WEF Osphos Overall Hunter Rider and Trainer. © Sportfot



The WEF Osphos Overall Hunter Owner Award went to David Gochman, pictured here with his team, Becky, Sophie, and Mimi Gochman.



Laura Chapot, pictured here in her Illustrated Properties 1.40m Jumper presentation with Shooting Star, was the WEF Osphos Overall Jumper Rider and Mary Chapot was the WEF Osphos Overall Jumper Trainer.



Carrabis Z's grooms, Hector Paz and Ricardo Pimentel, were presented with the Oliver O'Toole Perpetual Memorial Trophy, which is awarded to the groom of the horse who has earned the most money in the grand prix jumper classes. Established in 2006, the Ollie O'Toole Perpetual Memorial Trophy is presented on Saturday evening in fond remembrance of our dear friend Ollie, whom we lost 10 years ago. The dedication grooms like Ollie and those recipients of his memorial trophy give to their horses through good and bad, day and night, at home and in competition provides the foundation for horse and rider's competitive success and happiness outside the show ring. To commemorate the tenth anniversary of the award, the winning groom this year will receive an increased prize of \$5,000 and their name engraved on the custom bronze trophy. Equinimity LLC, owners of Carrabis Z, were presented the Simba Run Perpetual Trophy as the owner of the open jumper who has earned the most prize money in classes held at 1.45m or more during the 2016 WEF.



A group of riders rode their talented mounts to clear rounds and blue ribbons in the \$10,000 Gut Einhaus 5 Year Old Young Jumper Classic.



Ireland's Shane Sweetnam and owner Lisa Lourie accepted the Overall Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award for Spy Coast Farm's Cyklon 1083, as the jumper whose style best exemplifies a show jumper based on scope, rideability, technique and competitive spirit presented by Laura Fetterman.



The Champion Equine Insurance Overall Hunter Style Winner was Breeze, owned by John Yozell and ridden by Havens Schatt presented by Laura Fetterman.



Maggie Savoie and Ksenyio were the Beval Palm Beach Adult Medal Series winners.



Artisan Farms, represented by Tiffany Foster, was presented with The Harrison Cup Perpetual Trophy, which is awarded to the owner whose horses won the most jumper money in all of the open jumper classes held throughout the circuit by ringmaster Christian Craig and Hunter Harrison.



## Week 12 Jumper Classic winners:

\$15,000 MAYBACH – ICONS OF LUXURY SJHOF High Amateur-Owner Jumpers – Bretton Chad and Cornishman

\$10,000 Sleepy P Ranch SJHOF High Junior Jumpers – Emily Moffitt and Thalys de la Roque

\$10,000 Animo USA Medium Amateur-Owner Jumpers – Schaefer Raposa and Nea Forlani 2

\$10,000 Martha Jolicœur, Douglas Elliman Low Amateur-Owner Jumpers – Elizabeth Kirby and Balotan

\$10,000 Rosenbaum Mollengarten PLLC Adult Jumpers 18-35 – Dean Dignelli and Redefin

\$10,000 Engel & Völkers Adult Jumpers 36-49 – Lesley Martin and Hermelien

\$10,000 Maria Mendelsohn, Douglas Elliman Low Junior Jumpers – Annabella Sanchez and Zersina

\$10,000 Hollow Creek Farm Medium Junior Jumpers – Charlise Casas and Carona 7

\$10,000 Horseware Ireland Don Little Masters – Donna Gumbin and Affier

## Week 12 Jumper Champions:

Palm Beach International Academy Children's Jumper 14 & Under – Sydney Berube and VDL Dundee

Equis Children's Jumper 15-17 – Eliza Fauntleroy and Baby Guinness

Griffis Residential Children's Modified Jumpers – Rosalie Biedron and Will Wimble

FarmVet Adult Modified Jumpers – Alissa Kinsey and Capella 37

Equiline Low Adult Jumper 18-35 – Stephanie Ann Cook and More Candy

Pegasus Builders Low Adult Jumper 36 & Over – Lori Sawyer-Lyons and La Scala

Tucci by Newstar Low Children's Jumper – Mackenzie Martin and Con-Air



Rodolfo Franco and Mia won the \$15,000 Adequan® 6-Year-Old Young Jumper Classic. Photos © Sportfot



The \$20,000 Adequan® 7-Year-Old Young Jumper Classic saw a win for Erynn Ballard and Easy. Ballard and Easy were also the week 12 Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award winners.

Week twelve of the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), sponsored by Rolex, began Wednesday morning at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) in Wellington, FL, with a win for Brazil's Doda de Miranda aboard AD Nouvelle Europe Z in the \$35,000 Douglas Elliman 1.45m Jumper Classic.

Third from the end, Doda de Miranda and AD Nouvelle Europe Z took the win with the fastest time of 61.06 seconds. Richie Moloney (IRL) immediately followed with the second place round in 62.05 seconds aboard Equinimity LLC's Slieveanorra. Up until that point, Conor Swail (IRL) had led most of the class with Susan and Ariel Grange's Cita, but settled for third place with his time of 62.21 seconds.

Also competing in the International Ring on Wednesday, the \$6,000 1.40m speed, sponsored by Illustrated Properties, was held with a win for Laura Chapot and Bradberry. The \$1,500 Adequan® Seven-Year-Old Young Jumper speed class was also held in the morning with a one-two finish for Julie Welles. Welles guided Poden Farm's Escada to first place honors and also finished second aboard Poden Farm's Ereina.

Week continued on Thursday with two featured FEI world ranking classes in the International Ring. Tiffany Foster (CAN) and Victor won the \$35,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round 12 in the afternoon, and Conor Swail (IRL) and Grafton took top honors in the \$35,000 Illustrated Properties 1.45m Jumper Classic in the morning.

Anthony D'Ambrosio (USA) set the track for 38 entries in the final edition of the Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Series on Thursday. Ten combinations went clear to advance to the jump-off, where eight continued on, and four completed double clear rounds. The win went to Tiffany Foster of Canada aboard Artisan Farms and Torrey Pines Stable's Victor in a time of 40.22 seconds.

Chile's Samuel Parot and Atlantis finished second in 42.22 seconds. Great Britain's Ben Maher and Jane Clark's Sarena clocked the third place time of 45.91 seconds, and USA's Lauren Hough guided Paris Sellon's Cornet 39 to fourth place honors in a time of 46.51 seconds.

D'Ambrosio began Thursday morning with 68 entries over his speed track in the \$35,000 Illustrated Properties 1.45m Jumper Classic and 12 clear rounds. The winning time belonged to Conor Swail (IRL) aboard Ariel and Susan Grange's Grafton in 67.28 seconds.

Victoria Colvin (USA) and Take the High Road LLC's Austria 2 finished second in 68.12 seconds. Cian O'Connor (IRL) and Ronnoco Jump Ltd.'s Crespo PKZ placed third in 69.29 seconds, and McLain Ward (USA) aboard Double H Farm's HH Carlos Z finished fourth in a time of 69.93.

Also competing in the International Ring on Thursday, David Beisel and Harlow Investment Enterprises' For Sunday jumped to victory in the \$500 Adequan® Young Jumper Six-Year-Old Power and Speed.

The young jumpers took to the International Ring at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) on Friday to compete in their final classes of the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF). Erynn Ballard (CAN) and Easy were victorious in the \$20,000 Adequan® Young Jumper Seven-Year-Old Final, Adolpho Franco (BRA) and Mia won the \$15,000 Adequan® Young Jumper Six-Year-Old Final, and 13 horse and rider combinations jumped clear in the \$10,000 Gut Einhaus Young Jumper Five-Year-Old Final to earn prizes, rewarding clear rounds from the circuit's youngest horses.

In the Adequan® Young Jumper Seven-Year-Old Final, Laura Kraut jumped a faster round in 38.95 seconds with Poden Farm's Cicero's Electric, but settled for second place in the end. Katie Dinan jumped into third place with Grant Road Partners' Chiara M in a time of 39.45 seconds. Erynn Ballard and Javier Salvador Stables' Easy were next to clear the course, shaving over three seconds off of the leading time to win it in 35.42 seconds.

The \$15,000 Adequan® Young Jumper Six-Year-Old Final was held in the International Ring Friday morning with a win for Adolpho Franco aboard Beth Franco's Mia. Franco jumped at the end of the class and returned for his jump-off last to go with Mia, clocking the winning time of 33.98 seconds.

The pair finished well ahead of second place finishers Ronan McGuigan and Blythe Masters' Maximus, who jumped off immediately after their earlier round in a time of 36.26 seconds. David Beisel and Harlow Investment Enterprises' For Sunday also jumped off at the end with a time of 37.14 seconds to finish third.

Concluding the day in the International Ring on Friday, Alonso Valdez Prado and Chichester 3 won the \$2,500 MAYBACH – ICONS OF LUXURY High Amateur-Owner Jumper power and speed.

Competing in the International Ring on Saturday, Bretton Chad and Stone Ridge Farms' Cornishman won the \$15,000 MAYBACH – ICONS OF LUXURY SJHOF High Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic.

Wrapping up jumper competition in the International Ring on Sunday, Emily Moffitt and Poden Farm's Thalys de la Roque topped the \$10,000 Sleepy P Ranch SJHOF High Junior Jumper Classic. Elizabeth Kirby and E.K. Equestrian's Balotan won the \$10,000 Martha Jolicœur, Douglas Elliman Low Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic. ■

## Faces of WEF: Russell Frey

Russell Frey is no stranger to show ring success, whether on the back of a horse himself or standing at the in-gate as a trainer. But, he saved one of his greatest moments for later in life. During Week 12 of WEF, Frey jumped to his first International Derby win in the \$50,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby after leading both rounds aboard Kodachrome, owned by Nina Koloseike Moore.

In the tack since he was nine, Frey has dabbled in all areas of riding and horse care; a double-sided craft he carries with him wherever he goes. This winter, he finds himself riding full-time for Larry Glefke and Kelley Farmer in order to spend the winter with his daughter Lydia.



Longtime professional rider Russell Frey won his first International Hunter Derby last week at WEF. © Lindsay Brock

### HERE'S A CLOSER LOOK AT RUSSELL FREY:

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR YOU TO WIN YOUR FIRST INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY?**

A lot. I'm relieved that we finally won one. I got good ribbons consistently in the derbies, but I've never won one, let alone led the first round. I've come back second and third. There's pressure on both sides, just a different kind. One is to protect your lead. You have to be careful and not do anything crazy; by the same token it's never free.

**HOW DID YOU GET YOUR START IN THE HORSE BUSINESS?**

I went to work for Don Stewart for eight years doing every form of it from mucking out, to driving the truck, to teaching and riding – whatever it took. Then I went out on my own.

**WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU BE DOING IF YOU WEREN'T INVOLVED WITH HORSES?**

The greeter at Walmart is always an option. I've done horses all my life. I even started teaching when I was 17. So, I don't really know what I would do.

**YOU WORKED HARD TO CREATE YOUR OWN BUSINESS AND NOW RIDE. WHO DO YOU CREDIT YOUR DRIVE TO?**

I have to give my work ethic credit to my father [Harold]. We were brought up where we had to work. I didn't ride with the big stables when I was a kid, but my parents did what they could. I have three brothers and sister who didn't ride to the extent that I did. I had to take care of my own horses, braid, the whole nine yards. If you're going to be a professional in this business, you have to have that work ethic.

**WHAT CAN WE FIND YOU DOING WHEN YOU'RE NOT RIDING OR COMPETING?**

My daughter would tell you I'm on Facebook when I'm not riding, but I really love to fish. I also love to tinker with old furniture – stripping it and spending time in the shop.

**WHO WERE YOUR RIDING IDOLS WHEN YOU WERE GROWING UP?**

There were so many great riders, but Rodney Jenkins for sure, Katie Monahan Prudent, and Conrad Homfeld. But, also when I worked for Don Stewart he taught me so much about riding and horsemanship, which is half the battle. ■

## Congratulations to Our Series Winners!



**MARTHA W. JOLICOEUR**  
FARMS & ESTATES - WELLINGTON, FL



Leading Lady Jumper Rider, presented by Martha Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman – Tiffany Foster (CAN)



**HERMÈS**  
SEILLIER  
PARIS

The Hermès Talented Young Rider Award – Jessica Springsteen (USA)



**SUNCAST**

Shane Sweetnam (IRL) took home a Land Rover Discovery Sport for being the SunCast® 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic Series winner, pictured here with Tom and Jeannie Tisbo of SunCast®.

## McLain Ward and HH Carlos Z Capture \$130,000 Suncast® 1.50m Championship Jumper Series Final; Shane Sweetnam Leads 2016 Series Overall



McLain Ward and HH Carlos Z were the \$130,000 Suncast® 1.50m Final winners. Photos © Sportfot

The \$130,000 Suncast® 1.50m Championship Jumper Series Final concluded on Saturday with a win for McLain Ward (USA) and HH Carlos Z. The competition saw 62 entries over Anthony D'Ambrosio's (USA) first round course during the day, with 18 clear rounds to advance to the jump-off in the evening, presented by SOVARO®.

Out of 18 in the jump-off, only seven were able to clear the short course without fault. Ward and Double H Farm's HH Carlos Z won in the fastest time of 43.92 seconds. Eric Lamaze (CAN) and Artisan Farms and Torrey Pines Stable's Rosana du Park finished second in 44.96 seconds.

Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA) guided Citizenguard Cadjanine Z, owned by Pessoa and Alain van Campenhoudt, to third place honors in a time of 45.46 seconds. Jessica Springsteen (USA) and Stone Hill Farm's Tiger Lily placed fourth in 45.74 seconds. Pessoa also took fifth place honors aboard his own and Caroline Lloyd's Sans Soucis Z in 48.24 seconds. USA's Beezie Madden and Abigail Wexner's Quister finished sixth in 49.43 seconds, and Germany's Meredith Michaels-Berrbaum jumped the

final clear round in 50.59 seconds aboard Artemis Equestrian Farm's Apsara to take the seventh place prize.

HH Carlos Z has been an incredibly successful mount for Ward, even winning last year's \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI 5\*, among many top accolades. Once again, the 14-year-old Zangersheide gelding (Chellano Z x Voltaire) did not disappoint with his victory in the 1.50m final.

"For Double H Farm, and myself, he is an ATM machine," Ward stated. "He can do any class at this show, as everyone has seen. He has been in great form, so we are thrilled with him. He is a super careful horse. He fights and digs his way to win some very big classes."

Speaking of the track and the unique format of the class, Ward remarked, "I was very surprised by the first round. I thought the course walked very difficult. The lines were very tricky. He (D'Ambrosio) has a height limit in that class, so the verticals can go up to 1.55m, but it is tough. It is the end of the circuit, and you have a lot of horses in form. With only 40 in the grand prix, people were trying to get some gas money to go home. It is a pretty competitive class always, and it is

an interesting test. You have the afternoon round early in the day. It was very hot today, and I think that was a factor. Then the horses are put away and come back at night, and I think you saw some problems up the first line, and to me that was a lot to do with that."

Ward detailed the second round further, stating, "I lost my footing a little bit rolling back on the wall, but he was good to me. Then everything showed up so well that I decided to take the around option. I knew I was fast. I left a little room, but luckily the rest made mistakes."

Following the completion of the final class, Suncast® once again presented the leading rider of the 1.50m Series a fantastic prize. As the most consistent competitor in the 2016 series overall, Ireland's Shane Sweetnam received a pre-paid one-year lease on a beautiful new 2016 Land Rover Discovery Sport, as well as a SOVARO® Cooler. In 2016, the series offered a total purse of \$699,000 with 10 FEI world ranking classes. Sweetnam won week four's \$35,000 1.50m class aboard The Blue Buckle Group's Buckle Up and also had top ribbons with four other mounts throughout the series.

On winning the award, Sweetnam

stated, "It is fantastic. It shows consistency over the whole circuit. It is not just one horse. Between my oldest horse and my youngest horse, they all played a part in it.

"I had an eight-year-old named Main Road that was placed twice, and they were his first 1.50m classes," Sweetnam detailed. "Cyklon 1083, who is 15 years old, was placed in two of the \$84,000 classes. It is great to see the range of my old guys coming through and then the younger guys coming up. Buckle Up is only ten years old, and he jumped an important clear today to finalize it, and he won one also."

In total, Sweetnam had five different horses competing in the series throughout the 12-week circuit. Along with Main Road, Buckle Up, and Cyklon 1083, he also had consistent finishes aboard his experienced mount Eregast van't Kiezelhof, as well as Cobolt, a ten-year-old gelding sired by Cyklon.

Speaking of the special prize, a pre-paid one-year lease on a 2016 Land Rover Discovery Sport, Sweetnam acknowledged, "It is brilliant. It is a reward for all of your hard work as a rider, and it is a great thing to be getting. I am very happy." ■ Lauren Fisher

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handle everything okay," Frey continued. "The jumps were not the issue, it was just a little bit of his anxiety and settling in. I thought he finished up the last half of the course really confident and that is always a nice way to end, so I was very happy with him."

Speaking of Kodachrome's winning style, Frey detailed, "He jumps in very correct style. He uses all of his parts. His front end comes up, his back gets high, and he has great follow through. The overall context of the jump from take-off to landing is very correct. He is pretty fearless when it comes to the jumps. I had never jumped him over the bank, and I have no idea whether he ever has in the past, and he jumped right up on the bank like he had been doing it all his life. Pretty much anything you point him at, he is okay with. He is an attractive horse, and he goes across the ground nicely. He gallops along nicely with a great rhythm, and he is appealing when you look at him."

This was Frey's first international hunter derby win and a momentous occasion in his career.

"It means a lot," the rider stated. "I am relieved that we finally won one. I have gotten good ribbons consistently in the derbies, but I have never won one, much less won the first round. I have come back second and third, but there is pressure on both sides. One is to try to protect your lead. You have to be a little bit careful and not do anything too crazy, but by the same token it is never free."

Samantha Schaefer and her own Classified sat second coming into Sunday's round with a score of 184 carrying over from their first round. The pair then earned a score of 190 for their handy course, finishing second overall with a total score of 374. The 11-year-old Hanoverian stallion is Schaefer's amateur hunter and this was only their third derby together.

"I thought he was great," Schaefer stated. "I was a little bit spookier at the course than I think he was. Looking back, I think that in order to really win these classes in the future, you have to go for it and jump the high options and take some risks. Sometimes it pays off and sometimes it does not. Today, I feel like we did exactly what we planned when we walked the course. After I watched ten or so not do it successfully, I just had to walk away and remember that I know my horse, and I could not be worried about what everyone else was doing. I just had to ride what I was capable of. He was great. He is an awesome horse, and I had a lot of fun out there."

"I have had this horse a year and a half, and I think it was kind of meant to be for me to have him," Schaefer detailed. "It took a lot of people to put it together for me to be able to have him. He has been an important horse for my career because I was in college, and as a junior I had a lot of horses to ride and was really in it and showing all of the time. Then

when you are not doing it as much, it makes it really hard to come here and really feel like you have a shot. He has kind of been that horse for me to make me feel like I can be competitive again, and I can go in there and compete with the best. He has definitely been a big part of my career looking forward, so I am very lucky to have him."

Amanda Steege and Susan Darragh's Zidane made a big jump to finish third overall. The pair came into Sunday's final round in 14th place with a first round score of 166, but a fantastic score of 197 over the handy track shot the pair up 11 spots in the final standings.

Steege and the 12-year-old Royal Dutch Warmblood gelding also jumped in last year's derby at the end of the 2015 WEF circuit, and Steege came into this year's class confident in her mount.

"I came back in 14th place today and moved up to third, but I think last year I came back even lower than that and I remember being a little nervous because we do not see venues like this very often, but he was so good last year," Steege explained. "This year I felt very confident in the horse. I went out there knowing that I could do all of the high options and make as many turns as I could find to do out there. I was only in 14th place, so unlike Russell, I did not have anything to lose. I just thought the whole thing was a lot of fun, and I felt like my horse felt that way too. He was not nervous at all."

"He sort of eats up the atmosphere, and he certainly loves the grass," Steege continued. "It feels like he has an extra little push out there. He can jump a little higher, and a little wider, and I do not have to ride careful to the jumps. I can gallop right up to them, and he sort of sets himself. I had a great time. I was looking forward to coming here, and it was as fun as I hoped it was going to be."

One special thing about Zidane is that the horse also competes in the Pre-Adult Hunters with his owner, Susan Darragh.

"Susan works for me to be able support me, and Zidane, and for us to be able to go to the derbies," Steege noted. "She imported Zidane as a two-year-old, and he is twelve now. She shows him herself in the Pre-Adult Hunters, which I do not think there are too many horses that can compete in hunter derbies and do the Pre-Adults. It keeps him on his toes. He is never sure if the jumps are going to be 4'3" or 2'3"! I think that is pretty remarkable."

Jennifer Bliss and Harris Hill Farm LLC's Poker Face finished fourth with scores of 171 and 185 for a 356-point total. Peter Wyld and Dana Tourville's Candor 15 placed fifth, also with a 356-point total, carrying over a 173 from round one and receiving 183 in round two. Scores from judging panel two broke the tie for sixth place. Louise Serio and Autumn Janesky's Temptation rounded out the top six with scores of 173.5 and 182 for a 355 total. ■ Lauren Fisher