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WEEK 4

Rider Spotlight:



Amateurs Shine During WEF 3

One of the best things about the equestrian sport is the equality where amateur riders are able to compete alongside some of the world's top professionals. WEF is a prime example of that unique circumstance and amateur riders certainly stepped into the spotlight during Week 3.

Young amateur talent Lacey Gilbertson (USA) made an impressive mark in the CHF50,000 CSI4*Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 3 in which she bested the field aboard her consistent and successful partner, Karlin van't Vennehof. Vennehof is one of several in Gilbertson's girl-powered string but has proven to be a top mount and together the pair have put forth multiple winning rounds throughout the year.

"I think I have so much confidence in her that when I go in the ring, no matter what happens if I do it half right, we are going to be clear," said Gilbertson. "She's so scopey and she's my type of ride so I'm very comfortable on her. I think that's the main thing that's helped us click and keep the consistency."

Challengers in the event included some of the best riders in the US and across the globe, but Gilbertson's 'conservative' jump-off plan proved to be deceivingly fast and the clock stopped at 41.41 seconds for an unbeatable time.

The mare was formerly a mount of Gilbertson's trainer, professional grand prix rider Shane Sweetnam, but the bond between the two powerhouse women has been strong since day one.

"I have all mares now, not on purpose, but I get along well with them because I don't really try to tell them what to do," Gilbertson elaborated. "I'd say one of my stronger qualities as a rider is just staying out of the horse's way."

Amateur female riders continued to climb to the top of the podium as the weekend *Continued on page 3*

WEF Just Got Sweeter!

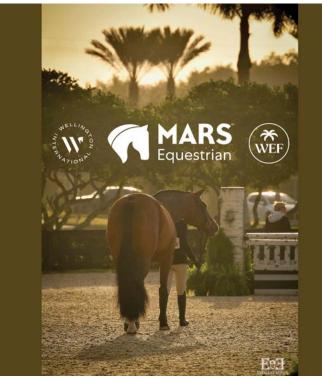
MARS EQUESTRIAN[™] Partners with Wellington International as a Major Sponsor of the 2023 Winter Equestrian Festival

A s part of an ongoing initiative to link Mars, Incorporated's family of brands to the equestrian community, MARS EQUESTRIAN has been named the title sponsor of WEF Week 4. The event runs February 1 through 5 and features CSI4* and CSI2* competition, highlighted by the ^{CHF}216,000 CIS4* Grand Prix, presented by MARS EQUESTRIAN. ETHEL M[®] Chocolates will be recognized as the presenting sponsor of the CSI2* division during WEF Week 7.

"We are proud to become a partner with Wellington International in our collective passion for the equestrian industry," said Bridgett McIntosh, PhD, Director at Mars Equestrian. "Through sharing Mars, Incorporated's diverse portfolio of confectionary, petcare, horsecare, and veterinary products and services, this purposeful partnership affirms our commitment to making enduring positive impacts in the horse community and beyond."

Spreading their support to the hunter divisions, MARS

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Be the Change:

2023 Great Charity Challenge Sponsored by Fidelity Investments' Creates an Impact in Local Community

Aving distributed \$17.7 million to 294 Palm Beach County non-profit organizations to date through the Great Charity Challenge sponsored by Fidelity Investments[®] (GCC), the team at the Wellington International has witnessed how the partnerships created through the iconic event have the power to shape communities and create a genuine impact.

Wellington International is gearing gearing up for an exciting 14th edition of the GCC on Saturday. Blending philanthropy with



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equestrian sport, the exciting show jumping event brings hope to more than 40 Palm Beach County charities every year. With a goal of distributing over \$1 million in one evening, prize money for participating charities ranges from \$100,000 to \$1,000, ensuring that every charity is a winner.

New this year! Charities were randomly selected on the evening of January 7 in the company of donors and sponsors of the 2023 edition. Selected organizations will compete on Saturday, for a chance to win up to \$100,000. Additional smaller grants have also been awarded leading up to event, via a random selection process for nonprofits who pass the GCC's vetting process. These grants range between \$1,000 and \$10,000. Organizations benefiting from the GCC serve and support many different sectors of the Palm Beach Community including veteran aid, animal advocacy and rescue, foster care, senior citizen care, and family support, to name just a few. For a full list of recipients and benefiting charities to date, including their most recent fund use reports, please visit greatcharitychallenge.com.

"While the needs of local non-profits are extensive, we are beyond blessed to be surrounded by such a generous community here in Wellington," said Anne Caroline Valtin, Executive Director of the GCC. "Year after year, the event continues to grow and thrive, thanks to our many donors and sponsors who step up, creating a genuine impact for Palm Beach County based organizations and the clients they serve."

Follow the event on Facebook @greatcharitychallenge and Instagram at @great_charity_ challenge. WEF Just Got Sweeter continued from page 1

EQUESTRIAN will present the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby during WEF 7 and the \$5,000 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby during WEF 9. Both of the popular hunter offerings will take place on the stunning grass derby field at Equestrian Village.

"Wellington International is dedicated to bringing mainstream brands and the equestrian community together through longstanding partnerships. We are thrilled to be among the events that has joined the MARS EQUESTRIAN family and we appreciate their support of top horse sport venues, as well as all levels and disciplines of the sport," said Lenore Brown, Director of Sponsorships at Wellington International.

Committed to an enduring equestrian legacy, MARS EQUESTRIAN sponsorship will include the Small Pony Hunter division throughout the season and an inaugural Children's Sportsmanship Award.Additionally, ETHEL M Chocolateshas been coined the Official Chocolate of the International Club and Sunday Brunch Series in the Blue Ribbon Club at Wellington International.

The MARS EQUESTRIAN[™] sponsorship at WEF is only the latest illustration of Mars' multigenerational impact on equestrian sports and the equine industry as a whole. Going back to the 1930s, the founders of Mars, Incorporated, Frank and Ethel V. Mars, established a renowned Thoroughbred breeding and racing stable in Pulaski, Tennessee. They named the property Milky Way Farm, in honor of their best-selling candy bar, and followed up by naming their new SNICKERS® Bar after one of the family's beloved horses. A decade later, their longshot Gallahadion carried the Mars silks into the winner's circle at the 1940 Kentucky Derby. Today, the Mars family and business alike share a passion for horses and equestrian sports.



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rounded out with a win for Brazil's Luciana Lossio in the CHF50,000 Beerbaum Stables CSI2* Grand Prix. The class closed out competition on Sunday and course designer Peter Grant (CAN) produced a substantial and tricky first round for 46 horses and riders. In an impressive performance for any rider, much less a fully-employed amateur, Lossio emerged as the victor of only a five-horse jump-off with her own Lady Louise Jmen.

Lossio, who is a former Minister of the Superior Electoral Court of Brazil, maintained her peak professionalism in the show ring over the weekend to take the featured class in the Beerbaum Stables CSI2* division. Again, amongst a slew of elite professionals and amateurs, Lossio kept her courtroom cool and trusted her long-term partnership with the mare to produce a leading time of 35.01 seconds.

"I was very concentrated on my plan in the jump-off, and I went jump by jump in my mind. I took care of each jump and she was fantastic today. I'm so happy that we got it!"

The magic witnessed in the arena didn't happen overnight for Lossio and her mare. "I've been with Lady Louise Jmen for six years now and I know her very well. She's very calm, and a very intelligent mare. She has a lot of strengths; she can jump whatever you put in front of her. We have a really good relationship. She trusts me and I trust her like no other horse."

The victory is extra sweet for Lossio who previously took a fifteen-year hiatus from the sport to focus on her blossoming career as a lawyer. Once pleased with her place in the profession, she returned to her childhood love and emphasizes a balance between her time in court and in the saddle.









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RING 9 Muddy Paws Ice Cream Nathalie's Cafe

RING 10 Magdalena's Mexican

BARN 4 Anonymous Coffee

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RIDER SPOTLIGHT: ALEXANDRA CROWN

After a fall at home in 2019, Alexandra Crown is at the end of a long road to recovery on which she had to retrain her speech and find the safest way to get back in the saddle. Over the past year, Crown has defied the odds by competing in the Global Champions Tour, taking on her first "Saturday Night Lights" Grand Prix in Wellington, and is now a competitive force the is the CSI2* division.

How did you get into riding?

I'm from New York City. so I had a bit of an unusual start. Basically, my parents lost me at a birthday party and later found me where the pony rides were. I had been having a pony ride for much longer than my turn and refused to get off the pony unless my parents promised to take me to riding lessons. I was at a lesson barn in Connecticut for guite some time. I had no idea what a horse show was until I was eleven. Once I started showing in the hunters. I moved to a barn in New Jersey and guickly ended up moving to Florida to finish out high school and University.

Can you walk us through your thought process for getting back in the saddle after your accident?

As soon as I was conscious and knew what was going on, I asked when I could get back in the saddle. It was never a thought to stop riding, it was my whole life. My parents were understandably concerned after my accident, so I made sure to investigate the latest helmet safety and do my research. Coming back into the riding, they saw that I was doing my best to prevent something like this from happening again. The part that I could control was protecting my head.

You've welcomed young horses to your team and even bred some of your own horses over the years. Is breeding something you want to get more involved in in the future?

Definitely! This year I had my first home-bred foal from my retired mare. Verona. I also had plans to breed my mare Von Cim. who was the most special horse to me, but she sadly passed away before we could breed her. I reached out to her breeder, and they actually had two of her grandchildren and one three-year-old

from her line, so I ended up buying them, having a piece of her with me means the world.

In this sport it's hard to buy horses at the top level, so if any of these foals end up being competitive in the sport, I'll be very happy. I'm lucky to have a fiancé who is also a professional, so he will most likely work with the young ones until they are five or six and then I will take over. It's an exciting journey to build them up and see where they go in the sport."

I have an exciting six-year-old, Ribero, that just moved up to the young horse classes, so I am excited to gain experience in producing a younger horse and can hopefully jump the 6-Year-Old Final during week 10!

What advice would you give to those facing their own fears in the sport and to those working on rebuilding their confidence?

The biggest part is to not give up. There was a period in my career when I couldn't even get around the low's; I was terrified of jumping the 1.20m and it was embarrassing to admit that at one point my goal was to jump a

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Nations Cup. You must surround yourself with a supportive team, and more importantly a team that you trust. Knowing that someone has vour best interests in mind makes a world of a difference. My trainer Maggie McAlary has been life changing for me.

I would also say it's important to take your own time. It's extremely easy in this sport to feel rushed or feel like you're falling behind other people. There's always going to be young superstars on the rise, but everyone does this sport at their own pace. It might take some longer than others but it's about the process of reaching your goals. Be confident in your plan.

A piece of advice I give to anyone in the sport is to always wear a helmet! I truly owe my helmet my life.

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Friday, February 3

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Saturday, February 4

^{CHF}10,000 Helgstrand Jewellery 1.40m CSI2* at EV[‡]

CHF216.000 Mars Equestrian Grand Prix CSI4* at EV[‡] Great Charity Challenge sponsored by Fidelity Investments® at Wellington International

Sunday, February 5

^{CHE}75,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic CSI4* at EV[‡] CHF50,000 Helgstrand Jewellery Grand Prix CSI2* at EV[‡]

WEF GIVES BACK

Great Charity Challenge sponsored by Fidelity Investments® returns to Wellington International on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. Admission is FREE and free parking will be located at 13500 South Shore Blvd., Wellington, FL 33414, home to the Adeguan Global Dressage Festival show grounds. Learn more at greatcharitychallenge.com.

WEF SPORT HORSE AUCTION.

WEF is thrilled to once again host the WEF Sport Horse Auction. on Thursday, March 2, at Equestrian Village. A curated collection features horses from the distinguished VDL Stud, the official Nr. 1 KWPN breeder of Grand Prix horses. Marking its 11th anniversary in Wellington, the 2023 WEF Sport Horse Auction presents a rare opportunity for athletes and investors to view and bid on a worldclass selection of show jumping superstars, all in one place. Learn more at wefsporthorseauction.com.

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Anastasia El Chaer expertly piloted Charline Manciaise around the Low Child/Adult Amateur Training division to take the champion spot



Cantina and Lily Barnard were the big winners of the Horseware Ireland Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35 division.



The Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award was presented to Greg Crolick and Testify, owned by John Cotton during WEF 3 after they won the handy in the Wellington Regional Medical Center High Performance Conformation Hunter division.



Congratulations Carriage Hill from Delray Beach, Florida, on winning the WEF 3 VitaFlex Tack Room Award. Pictured (left to right): Arly Golombek, Meredith Gallagher, owner/trainer Jane Fennessy, Hayley lannotti and Marlon Alvarez.



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lannah Beall riding her own Catogi earned the Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award as well as the win in the Horseware reland Medium Amateur Jumper Classic during WEF 3.



Winning groom and Dallas Vegas Batilly's caretaker Derren Lake was honored with the \$500 Grooms Award, presented by Double H Farm, by Quentin Judge, Cayce Harrison and Rhodes Harrison Judge, after the the ^{CHF}216,000 NetJets CIS4* Grand Prix during WEF 3.



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