

# Birthday Blue for Teddy Vlock's Volnay de Boisdeville and Darragh Kenny

Teddy Vlock coined this past Saturday as his "best birthday ever" as he watched his own Volnay de Boisdeville carry Ireland's Darragh Kenny to win the CHF140,000 Southern Arches CSI3\* Grand Prix during the first official "Saturday Night Lights" grand prix of the 2023 WEF season.

"It was a magic night in the end," said Kenny. "Teddy loves this horse...I'm not kidding. He has a tattoo of him on his chest!"

After graduating from Yale
University in 2020 and representing
Israel in the Tokyo Olympic games
in 2021, Vlock took a break from
riding. That break ended the same
week his heart horse delivered him
a birthday win. Vlock is back in the
tack at home and happy to be there.

The trailblazer in the first round of Saturday night's grand prix,

Kenny (IRL) again set the pace in the jump-off with a blistering clear round. His lead would not be breeched as the five challengers to follow all pulled rails.

"He's an incredible horse and he's better when he's fresh," said Kenny of Volnay du Boisdeville, a 2009 Selle Français stallion (Winningmood x Jaisco B). "The cold weather we have been having was a good factor for us because it had him a little fresher than normal.

"Volnay du Boisdeville sits at the helm of Kenny's string and will next focus on the CSI5\* during WEF 7. While the stakes are high for the horse, he's a very simple ride according to Kenny. "He's really simple. He' a stallion but not a stallion at all. You can trust him at the jumps and he's very fast

Continued on page 4



# Jad Dana Keeps It Simple After Eight



hen After Eight came into the string of Jad Dana (LBN), the partnership was one that took some time to build. The former ride of Juan Manuel Bolanos Barrios (ESP), After Eight caught the eye of Dana's trainer, U.S. Olympic team gold medalist Leslie Howard.

When she first saw a video of After Eight, a 13-year-old Swedish Warmblood mare (Diarado x Cardento) owned by Springhill Farm, Howard immediately recognized her raw talent. "The jump was beautiful,

but the results were irregular. It took us a long time to figure her out," said Howard.

Howard and Dana's patience paid big dividends during WEF 1 with a win in the CHF37,000 CaptiveOne Advisors CSI3\* 1.50m Classic.

"That was so fun to ride, and she makes it fun," said Dana of his fiery mare. "She's so special to me; we've been working hard for the last year and a half now.

"She's a very complicated horse in the way she goes, but we have

Continued on page 4

# A Note From Florida Coast Equipment

Exclusive Equipment Provider of WEF

Iorida Coast Equipment is proud to kick off the 2023 season as the official and exclusive equipment provider of WEF. We'll have several of our best-in-class Kubota tractors keeping the riders safe and the grounds in pristine condition all season. Our partnership with Wellington International is one of the most important relationships in the history of our company and we're honored to see that through to the 2026 season.

From our early beginnings in 1985 with one dealership in Boynton Beach, we've grown to 13 locations across Florida. We are now proud to serve West Palm Beach, Davie, Miami, Homestead, Naples, Plant City, Land o' Lakes, Lecanto, Ocala, Mims, Apopka, Kissimmee and Ft. Pierce. Our focus remains the same just as it did back then: to provide superior customer service and unrivaled product support.

"Our team and family are excited to partner with the Winter Equestrian Festival and Equestrian Sport Productions Annual Series," said Todd Bachman, President and CEO of Florida Coast Equipment. "Florida Coast Equipment, Kubota, WEF and Wellington International are all committed to delivering a superior product and experience for all riders, attendees and the entire Wellington community."

Florida Coast is thrilled to be title sponsor of this week's events including Sunday's CHF140,000 Florida Coast Equipment CSI3\* Grand Prix on the grass derby field at Equestrian Village. Keep



your eye out for the Florida Coast Equipment jump.

"We are looking forward to working with Florida Coast Equipment and appreciate their active participation in our continued facility development," remarked David Burton, Chief Operating Officer and Horse Show Manager of Wellington International. "It is our utmost priority to keep the venue safe and competitive for our exhibitors and the addition of Kubota equipment to our crews is a huge benefit to us."

Visit Florida Coast Equipment just down the road here in Palm Beach County, off Southern Boulevard and the Turnpike or visit www.floridacoasteq.com to learn more.



Located off Southern BLVD. near the south bound entrance to the Florida Turnpike





**February 4, 2023** 

13 YEARS \$17.7 MILLION non-profit organizations!

DISTRIBUTED TO 294 **Palm Beach County** 

## THE GCC - A CELEBRATION OF EQUESTRIAN AND LOCAL COMMUNITY GENEROSITY

Through the support of the equestrian and local communities, the Great Charity Challenge sponsored by Fidelity Investments® has acted as a catalyst for charitable giving over the last 13 years.



Join us for a lavish Sunday brunch with friends and family during our 1.50 Grand Prix Jumper Classic Series.

Doors open at 10:30am.







FREE

General

**Admission** 





code for ticket

WEEK 2 JANUARY 18-22, 2023 WEEK 2 JANUARY 18-22, 2023

#### **Birthday Blue**

continued from page 1

in jump-offs," continued Kenny. "I knew it was a competitive jumpoff, so I just tried to go as quick as I could and hope that the jumps staved up."

Concluding the first "Saturday

Night Lights" grand prix of the season, Quentin Judge, Cayce Harrison and Caitlin Creel gave the \$500 Grooms Award, presented by Double H Farm to Vlock Show Stables groom Alejandro Suarez.



### Jada Dana Keeps It Simple After Eight continued from page 1

figured her out and our program at home is extremely simple," continued Dana, who has now set his sights on a CSI4\* with After Eight. "She's an incredible jumper; she has her own way of going and we don't actually try to change her, we work with her."

Dana recalls the first time he sat on After Eight, saying he was always checking the brakes.

"The first time I showed After Eight, I remember walking the course going over and over the numbers," he said. "Leslie told me, 'you can go over the numbers a hundred times but you're going to go in there and you're going to ride everything off your eye because she doesn't have a stride like any other horse."

Together, Dana and Howard

have set After Eight up for success in the show ring with avery simple program at home. "Your immediate thought with any horse is to get them riding better on the flat with a lot of dressage and flatwork. That never worked with her," said Howard. "I tried different things, but we found that hacking is her program. We don't put any pressure on her on the flat, and she gets her jumping fitness in the show ring."

After Eight's low-maintenance routine and Dana's will to win have made them fierce competitors. According to Howard, After Eight gets more scope by the day and Dana becomes more competitive by letting her do her thing. "In terms of desire, they'll jump anything!"

Watch for Jad Dana and After Eight in the upcoming NetJets CSI4\* at WEF.

# Moments from the WEF Photography Collective



Photo by Shelby Phillips Photography



Photo by Kate at the In Gate

Photo by Ashley Neuhof Photography



Photo by MoKenn Media



Photo by Nicole Schultz Photography



#### THE DOCTORS ARE IN AT WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL

SHOWMDs is a ring side medical clinic at Wellington International Rings 9 & 10.

#### HEALTHCARE THAT WILL CHANGE THE WAY YOU SHOW.

### **VISIT THE** SHOWMDS CLINIC

- ILLNESS AND INJURY
- I.V. HYDRATION - METABOLIC THERAPY
- BOTOX & BEAUTY - MEDICATION REFILLS
- LAB SERVICES



# **ASK ABOUT OUR** VIP SERVICES

We have created a VIP suite of services for hose of you who prefer Concierge medical care

## THERE ARE 2 **ATHLETES ON** YOUR TEAM

Equestrians are fantastic at giving their horses exceptional care, then change that. ShowMDs ~ Health care that will change the way you show.

The ShowMDs mission is to provide Health Care that is accessible to everyone in our horse show community



561-247-2373 SHOWMDSLLC@GMAIL.COM

# HUNGRY?

## Places to eat at Wellington International

Chik Monk

Nathalie's Café

Tiki Hut

Magdalena's Mexican

Harry's Lemonade

**Anonymous Coffee** 

Loopy's Crepes

Florida Snow

Oasis Café

Silva's Mexican

Muddy Paws Ice Cream

Island Kitchen





Photo by KS Photography

WEEK 2 WEEK 2 JANUARY 18-22, 2023 JANUARY 18-22, 2023

# VENDOR VILLAGE ActivoMed Anne Gittins Photography Charles Ancona NY CM Hadfields Saddlery Inc. **CWD Custom Saddles** Danny & Ron's Dog Rescue Der Dau Custom Boots **Equestrian Team Apparel** Equiline Equine Tack & Nutritionals **Equis LLC ES Equine Photography Eyes of Wellington** F.LLI. Fabbri Inc. Fab Finds by Sarah Four Oaks Creative Jods Equestrian Apparel Kingsland Equestrian Kocher Tack Shop Miki Saddlery Parlanti **Personalized Products** Ride Equisafe Röwer & Rüb Running Fox Equestrian Sofie's Boutique Stephex Horse Box Susan J. Stickle Photography Tack n Rider Tony Hanley Horse Supplements Vogel Voltaire Design Fine Saddlery



Hermès



RING 6

Kind Media

Mobile

**HUNTER HILL** 

Calvert Collection

Enise Jewelry

**FARM STAND** 

Bustle & Brew

Pop-Up Markets

Akuma

The In Gate

Antarès Sellier France

Chloe's of Middleburg Style

Elegant Equis Photography

**Gladiator Therapeutics** 

The Shop at Farm Stand

Meraki Juice Kitchen

RING 11 (Pony Island)

**PLACES TO EAT** 

**VENDOR VILLAGE** 

Harry's Lemonade Loopy's Crepes

Muddy Paws Ice Cream

Magdalena's Mexican

**Anonymous Coffee** 

**PONY ISLAND** 

Florida Snow

Silva's Mexican

**SOUTH BARNS** 

Island Kitchen

7

Chik Monk

Oasis Cafe

Nathalie's Cafe

RING 9

RING 10

BARN 4

Tiki Hut

Palm Beach Int'l Academy

**INTERNATIONAL ARENA** 

**Wellington Antiques** 

6 WEEK 2 JANUARY 18-22, 2023 JANUARY 18-22, 2023 WEEK 2

# RIDER SPOTLIGHT

#### **SAYRE HAPPY**

Rider, coach, and long-time WEF competitor Sayre Happy was born into a horse-centric family. She caught the riding bug at an early



age and never lost it. After working for Stephex and Evergate Stables, Sayre began to make her mark in the show jumping arena, competing internationally before, most recently, starting her own training program. We caught up with Sayre at WEF:

# What is the number-one piece of advice you give to your students?

Confidence is key. I do my best to make sure everyone keeps their confidence. I remind my students that if you and your horse are ten percent better every week, then you're heading in the right direction. There are no quick fixes for anything, and you'll have to work hard no matter what.

#### Tell us about your top horse, Vinci De Beaufor?

He's truly the best. Devon Macneil, who's living in London right now, owns him. I'm really lucky to be able to ride him. I started riding Vinci last year, getting to know him a bit, and then when I started showing him again this year, it just clicked, and we were right back into our rhythm. He's fourteen years old, so he knows his job. He's one of the best horses I've ever ridden, and he always tries!

# How does working with younger horses bring deeper meaning to success in the ring?

Having horses that you bring from a lower level to a higher level is always really gratifying because you see what you started with and the improvements the horses have made. If they exceed your expectations, it's the best feeling in the world. I'm lucky to work with all types of horses, and we have a couple that have exceeded beyond the level we expected, which is amazing. We also have a few sale horses, and I learn something from them every day that not only helps me be a better rider but also a better trainer.

#### What are your plans for WEF 2023?

I am going to jump Vinci in some three and four-star classes. I'll also compete with one of my client's sale horses, that's a very competitive two and three-star horse, which I'm really excited about! In terms of my clients, we will work around their schedules and have the horses ready for them when it comes time to compete. During WEF, it works out great for my team because the horses can stay and train in one place while our clients come in and out.

# The simple solution for your complex divorce.

Fisher Potter Hodas

Fisher Potter Hodas, PL, is a law firm that concentrates its practice on complex, high-stakes divorce cases involving corporate executives, closely held businesses, professional athletes, celebrities, and wealthy families.

Visit our website to find out about our qualifications.



# FISHER | POTTER | HODAS

fisherpotterhodas.com | 561.832.1005 West Palm Beach

# G GOLD COAST FEED

# When Speed Counts

Delivering daily to Winter Equestrian Festival & Adequan<sup>®</sup> Global Dressage Festival (AGDF)

Call to schedule your order today 561.793.4607

Learn more at gcfo.coth.com

# Captive One

#### ADVISORS\*\*

1.50M CHAMPIONSHIP JUMPER CLASSIC SERIES

# **CURRENT STANDINGS**

- 1. Luis Larrazabal (VEN)
- 2. Richard Vogel (GER)
- 3. Molly Ashe Cawley (USA)
- 4. Jad Dana (LBN)
- 5. Shane Sweetnam (IRL)



WEEK 2 JANUARY 18-22, 2023 JANUARY 18-22, 2023 WEEK 2

# **WEEK 1 • PARADE OF CHAMPIONS**



A very aptly named Pal O' Mine was champion of the Younger Crossrail Hunter division with Sabrina Hammerschlag.



Mario was champion of the Rein Family 3'6" Performance Hunters with Hunter Kay.



Everwood, champion of the TH1 Walk/Trot division with Delphina Grady in the irons.



Miss Bermuda, piloted by Amelia Emison, was champion of the Younger Crossrail division.



Latoya, champion of the Vogel Adult Amateur Hunters 36-49 (Sec B), and Julie Hogan.



Lauren Bialy and Garcia earned a tri-color in the BrainJuice Low Adult Jumpers 18-35.



Rachael Chandley and Clarina, champions of the Kingsland Adult Amateur Jumpers 18-35.



LIVE, PHONE & ONLINE BIDDING!

www.wefsporthorseauction.com







**10** WEEK 2 JANUARY 18-22, 2023 JANUARY 18-22, 2023 WEEK 2 **1** 



Explore the Latest
Performance Analytics
Dynamically Search to
Find Your Edge
Discover The World's
Top Equestrian Athletes
All From One App

Download **JUMPR** for iOS Now ——Visit **JumprApp.co** for More Details







